

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE CABINET SECRETARY

CALL FOR PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON THE HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN AFRICA

The AU Assembly (Assembly/AU/Dec. 676 (XXX) of January 2016, adopted the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa. This Protocol was necessitated by the realities that the rights of older persons have been neglected for too long in Africa. Given the unique challenges facing older persons in Africa, it is of urgent interest for Kenya to join other AU member countries in signing and ratifying the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Older Persons.

The protocol falls within the scope of instruments requiring ratification under the provision of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act No. 45 of 2012 Section 7. According to the Act, the Cabinet Secretary shall submit to the Cabinet the treaty together with a memorandum, outlining several specific aspects in the said provision including the views of the public on the ratification of the treaty, for consideration by the Cabinet.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection therefore, notifies the public of the Government's intention to ratify the Protocol and calls to the public to send their views. The Protocol can be accessed through the State Department's website www.socialprotection.go.ke or the African Union's website <https://au.int/en/treaties/protocol-african-charter-human-and-peoples-rights-rights-older-persons>.

Written comments should be sent to the Office of the Principle Secretary, State Department for Social Protection, NSSF Building, Block A Eastern Wing 6th floor, email: ps@socialprotection.go.ke with a copy to, Director for Social Development, NSSF Building, Block A Eastern Wing 13th floor, email: social.directoroffice@yahoo.com on or before **15th August, 2019**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ukur Yatani', written over a horizontal line.

HON. (AMB) UKUR YATANI
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