AFRICAN CHARTER ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD

ARTICLE 1
All countries that have signed the ACRWC must respect the rights in the ACRWC

ARTICLE 2
A child is a person below the age of 18 years

ARTICLE 3
Every child in Africa has these rights

ARTICLE 4
All people should do what is best for every child

ARTICLE 5
Every child has the right to live, and the government is responsible for protecting and promoting every child’s rights

ARTICLE 6
Every child has the right to a name and identity

ARTICLE 7
Every child has the right to express their views; adults must listen to every child’s views and take them seriously

ARTICLE 8
Every child has the right to form connections with friends and gather with others as allowed by the law

ARTICLE 9
Every child has the right to choose their religion

ARTICLE 10
Every child has the right to privacy

ARTICLE 11
Every child has the right to an education

ARTICLE 12
Every child has the right to rest, play and take part in arts and cultural activities

ARTICLE 13
Every child has the right to special education and care if they live with a disability

ARTICLE 14
Every child has the right to good physical and mental health

ARTICLE 15
Every child has the right to protection from work that is bad for their health or education

ARTICLE 16
Every child has the right to be safe from being hurt or mistreated

ARTICLE 17
Every child has the right to be treated with respect when they are in trouble with the law

ARTICLE 18
Every child’s family is to be protected as their most basic need

ARTICLE 19
Every child has the right to be raised by their parent(s) or others who love them

ARTICLE 20
Parents or guardians are responsible for caring for every child in the best way they can

ARTICLE 21
Every child has the right to be protected against harmful practices, including being married if they are less than 10 years old

ARTICLE 22
Every child has the right to be protected from war and not be forced to participate in war

ARTICLE 23
Every child has the right to be cared for in a good place if they do not live with their birth parent(s)

ARTICLE 24
Every child has the right to protection and assistance to return to their family or be cared for by other adults if they do not have a family

ARTICLE 25
Every child has the right to get help from the government if their country is in a situation where people are being treated differently due to their race or religion

ARTICLE 26
Every child has the right to be free from sexual abuse

ARTICLE 27
Every child has the right to be protected from harmful drugs and the drug trade

ARTICLE 28
Every child has the right to protection from kidnapping and trafficking

ARTICLE 29
Every child has the right to special protection if they are in trouble with the law

ARTICLE 30
Pregnant women and mothers with young children have the right to special protection if they are in trouble with the law

ARTICLE 31
Every child has the responsibility to help their family, respect their parents, serve their country well, support their African culture, and contribute to their country’s development