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| **Regional consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs****Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)Addis Ababa, Ethiopia****6 and 7 September 2017**FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS |
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| Welcome, introduction and opening remarks |
| Opening remarks by **Mr Anand Chand**, Officer in Charge**,** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for East Africa Opening remarks by **Ms Nathalie Prouvez**, Chief, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) |
| **Session 1: The right to participate in public affairs: Scope, content, and related guidance at the international, regional and national levels.**  |
| **Mr Christof Heyns** (South Africa) | Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Pretoria and Member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. |
| Session 2: Ensuring an enabling environment for the effective exercise of the right to participate in public affairs: pre-requisites |
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| Session 3: Enjoyment of the equal right to participate in public affairs by all: overcoming challenges, creating opportunities and sharing good practices  |
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| Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms |
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| Session 5: The right to participate at the regional and international level, including within international organizations |
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