**OHCHR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

**OHCHR – FELLOWS PARTNERSHIPS**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2020**

*(Open throughout the year)*

In 2020, OHCHR/ARDS will support events and initiatives from alumni of the Fellowship Programme for People of African Descent that aim at promoting and protecting human rights of people of African descent and combating racism and racial discrimination through partnerships. As a partner, OHCHR/ARDS will provide financial and substantive support to the implementation of the event or initiative.

**Eligibility criteria**

The event/initiative should meet the following criteria:

1. Event or initiative is organised by a non-governmental organisation in which a former fellow is involved. The former fellow is the main focal point for the organisation of the event or initiative.
2. The scope and objective of the event or initiative aimed at combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
3. A concept note is submitted at least 12 weeks prior to the date of the event or initiative.
4. The concept note includes title, background/rationale for organising the event (reference to international, regional and/or national ongoing activities, recent news, etc.), objective, agenda, list of speakers, date, venue, target audience and expected attendance, provisional budget, planned follow up activities (if any).

**Application modalities**

To apply for financial support, please submit your concept note at least **12 weeks prior to the date of the event/initiative** by email to africandescentfellowship@ohchr.org and cfioroni@ohchr.org.

The concept note should include the following elements:

* Title of the event/initiative:
* Background/rationale for organising the event (reference to international, regional and/or national ongoing activities, recent news, etc.),
* Objective of the event/initiative (what do you aim to achieve):
* Draft agenda:
* List of speakers:
* Date:
* Venue
* Target audience and expected attendance:
* Provisional budget:
* Planned follow up activities (if any):

**Financial support modalities**

Financial support may cover the following expenses: travel of speakers, travel of ARDS staff to participate in the event, facility rental, interpretation cost and printing costs. Expenses such as catering, speakers’ fees and staff’s fees cannot be covered by OHCHR.

The funds are managed directly by OHCHR. This means that OHCHR makes travel arrangements of invited speakers and that invoices for expenses covered by OHCHR shall be addressed directly at OHCHR.

**Selection process**

The financial support is allocated on a “first come, first serve” basis for events or initiatives that meet the eligibility criteria. In addition, due consideration will be given to geographic balance.

**Modalities of the partnership**

OHCHR/ARDS will notify successful applicants. The partners will agree in writing about the modalities and conditions of the support.