

How to participate in the WGEPAD 26th session Regional Meetings with civil society

You may take part in the virtual regional meetings by registering as a speaker in the meeting for your region or by feeding into the discussion via comments and questions on social media while listening to the webcast or audio link of the session. *For each meeting, interpretation will be provided in the specified languages only.* Unfortunately, due to the format, comments and questions can be made via social media platforms or be sent to the mandate email Africandescent@ohchr.org only. It will not be possible for those viewing or listening to the session to take the floor and speak. The Secretariat regrets these constraints, and participants are also invited to send written contributions which will be placed on the WGEPAD 26th session webpage as received.

Option 1. Register as a speaker on the Interprefy platform

To register as a speaker at the regional meetings please select which of the regional meetings you would like to participate in and send your statement to the following email address by 19 November 2020: africandescent@ohchr.org. The statement should not exceed 3 mins (4 mins for joint statements) and the email should indicate for which meeting the intervention is intended. The content of the statement should follow the guiding questions contained in the Concept note.

Please note that the constraints of the virtual platform with interpretation means that speaking slots are extremely limited. Only pre-arranged speakers will be able to speak in the sessions. Given these constraints, the Working Group will select speakers on the basis of content; regional relevance; organisational expertise and experience. Joint statements will receive preference. All speakers will receive confirmation of their presence on the speakers list and the modalities of the discussion prior to the regional meeting. All Statements, whether from speakers or others, will be posted on the webpage as received.

Option 2. Remote participation via Webcast and live audio stream and social media platforms

To make the Regional meetings as accessible as possible, they will be webcast. Interested stakeholders are welcome to follow the meetings [live webcast](#) on UN Web TV and Twitter or via **Live audio stream**. Participants may **send questions or comments during the meeting** via Twitter using the hashtags **#WGEPAD #Africandescent #Fightracism** or via the mandate email address: africandescent@ohchr.org. These comments and questions will be immediately provided to the speakers and members of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent for discussions during the meeting.

Option 3. Send in a written submission

Civil society are also invited to submit written responses to the guiding questions outlined in the concept note. **Written responses should not exceed 3300 words and should be submitted electronically** via email to africandescent@ohchr.org by **25 November 2020**. All written submissions received will be posted on the webpage for the 26th session.