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

**OHCHR – FELLOWS PARTNERSHIPS**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2020**

*(Open throughout the year –* ***Updated 7 may 2020****)*

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.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the OHCHR/ARDS welcomes projects and initiatives that aim at addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 and of the preventive measures taken against it on the human rights of people of African descent, including monitoring and advocacy activities.

**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 *(the duration can be shortened for activity that does not require travel).*
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).
5. Please also indicate how the activity will be implemented in case of prolonged lockdown and other restrictive measures implemented to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Application modalities**

To apply for financial support, please submit your concept note at least **12 weeks prior to the date of the event/initiative** *(duration can be shortened if the activity does not require travel arrangement)* 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):
* Alternative arrangement in case of prolonged lockdown and other restrictive measures implemented to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 and an agreement in writing about the modalities and conditions of the support will then be established.