



CONSULTATION ON THE PERMANENT FORUM ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

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Information Note

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is organizing a one-day consultation on the permanent forum on people of African descent to be held on 29 March 2019.

Civil society representatives who are interested in participating in the consultation are requested to submit a complete **accreditation/application form** and relevant documents in one single e-mail to decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org. The **deadline for receiving applications is 1 March 2019**.

Support for civil society to attend the consultation on the permanent forum on people of African descent: The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will be able to assist a selected number of civil society representatives to participate in the consultation on the permanent forum on people of African descent. This assistance will take the form of **pre-paid return airline tickets for one representative of selected civil society organizations in economy class by the most direct available route and DSA/accommodation for the duration of the meeting**. Civil society representatives that are interested in applying for this assistance should express their interest in the **accreditation/application form**.

The selection of civil society representatives who will receive assistance will be done to ensure diverse representation of the countries from the regions and will reflect gender balance. **Civil Society candidates that are eligible to apply for assistance must meet the following criteria:**

- ✓ Must represent people of African descent and/or organizations, and/or work to protect the human rights of people of African descent.
- ✓ Must demonstrate ability to contribute to the consultations and have concrete suggestions to share on the Permanent Forum on people of African descent.

Please note that according to UN rules at least 25 days are required to process travel. Therefore, applications received after the deadline cannot be processed.

Due to limited budget availability, only a selected number of civil society representatives will receive financial assistance, therefore you are encouraged to look for additional sources of funding. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights hopes that the assistance it is able to provide to selected civil society representatives will facilitate the valuable contribution of civil society to the consultation.

If you have any questions regarding the assistance to be provided or on how to fill out the application form, please contact us at the following email address: decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org