



MEETING FOR EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA ON THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 November 2017

Information Note

Support for civil society to attend the Regional Meeting

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will be able to assist selected civil society representatives to participate in the Meeting for Europe, Central Asia and North America on the International Decade for 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 attached **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:**

- They must represent people of African descent and/or work to protect the human rights of people of African descent.
- They must be able to demonstrate that they have worked to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
- They must be able to show how they have followed-up on the implementation of the International Decade for people of African descent or the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Candidates based outside the regions of the meeting (Europe, Central Asia and North America), or who have a permanent presence in Geneva will not be considered for assistance. The **deadline for receiving applications is 8 October 2017.** Please note that according to UN rules at least 30 days are required to process travel and applications received after the deadline cannot be processed. Candidates are encouraged to send their completed applications by email: decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org

When completing the application form, candidates are requested to pay particular attention to ensuring that copies of all the required documentation are included, as incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. 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

Only selected candidates will be contacted. Due to limited budget available 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 Meeting for Europe, Central Asia and North America on the International Decade for People of African Descent.