



ECOSOCC CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR BY ELECTIONS INTO THE 2ND ECOSOCC PERMANENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 26th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union adopted Decision EX. CL Dec 869 (XXVI) on the 2nd ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly. That Decision requested ECOSOCC and the Commission to continue with organizing by-elections for vacant positions in the ECOSOCC General Assembly to ensure the widest representation of Member States of the Union within ECOSOCC. Following this, the 1st Session of the 2nd Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC, held in Cairo, Egypt from 26 February – 1 March 2015 directed the Secretariat in CIDO to re-open the application Process for elections into the 2nd Permanent General Assembly from 9 March 2015 for those Member States where elections have not been held.

These Member States includes: Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda and Sao Tome & Principe, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe

The following Member States are also encouraged to submit candidatures since they were under represented: Seychelles, Madagascar, Guinea, Libya, Tanzania and South Sudan.

Accordingly, and in order to allow for greater representation of CSO from the fifty four (54) member States of the Union, the Commission has now re-opened the ECOSOCC election process for a period of ten months until 31 December 2015. Applications will continue to be screened by the Inter- Departmental Committee on Verification and Eligibility of candidates and elections will be conducted for qualified candidates on quarterly basis until 31 December 2015.

The Commission hereby calls on the African civil society community to organize itself to take advantage of the new deadline by participating actively in the electoral process.

ECOSOCC applications forms can be downloaded from <http://www.au.int/en> or <http://pages.au.int/ECOSOCC>.

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Completed application forms with all relevant documents should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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