Information Note on financial support for civil society participants

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 Africa 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 and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) which covers food, accommodation and fares to and from the meeting venue for the duration of the meeting. Civil society representatives that are interested in applying for this assistance should express their interest in the attached Form to request accreditation for the meeting and apply for financial support.

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

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

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 Regional Meeting for Africa on the International Decade for People of African Descent.

The deadline for receiving applications is prolonged till 31 August 2019. 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. Those who are selected will be requested to submit all the requested documentation urgently. 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