



MEETING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Hosted by the Government of Brazil

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Travel support for NGOs to attend the Regional Meeting

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will be able to provide assistance to selected civil society representatives to participate in the Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean 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 accommodation for the duration of the meeting**. Those civil society organizations that are interested in applying for this assistance should express their interest in the attached accreditation **form (para. 6)**.

The selection of NGOs that will receive this assistance will be done in a way to ensure a representation of each country from the region (one organization per country). The selection will reflect gender balance. **NGOs that are eligible to apply for assistance must meet the following criteria:**

- The NGO must represent people of African descent.
- The NGO must be able to show how it has followed-up upon the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and/or the objectives of the International Decade.

NGOs based outside the region, or that have a permanent presence in Brasilia, Geneva or New York will not be considered for assistance. The **deadline for receiving applications is 5 November 2015**. NGOs are encouraged to send their completed applications by email: decadepadbrasil@ohchr.org

When completing the application form, NGOs 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: decadepadbrasil@ohchr.org

A letter informing the selected NGOs **only** will be sent out by 13 November 2015 and they will be contacted directly. 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 NGOs will facilitate the valuable contribution of NGOs to the Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean on the International Decade for People of African Descent.