



PERMANENT FORUM OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is pleased to announce that **the first session of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent will take place from 5 to 8 December 2022 in Palais des Nations of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.**

In August 2021, the General Assembly adopted resolution [75/314](#), which operationalized the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as “a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders” and “as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent.” The Permanent Forum also operates as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in line with the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and in coordination with existing UN mechanisms promoting action to combat racism against people of African descent.

This year’s session will focus on strategies to combat systemic racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

Registration to participate in the Forum

All stakeholders advancing the rights of people of African descent are welcome to participate in the Permanent Forum session. Member States, United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, national human rights institutions, equality bodies, civil society representatives and organizations of people of African descent are especially invited to attend and contribute to the discussions.

All individuals must register in advance to participate.

Please register on this page: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000570/>.

Application for financial assistance

OHCHR is in a position to provide financial assistance to a selected number of civil society representatives planning to participate in the Permanent Forum’s first session. This assistance will take the form of a pre-paid, return airline ticket in economy class and daily subsistence allowance, which covers food, accommodation, and ground transportation expenses in Geneva. Civil society representatives who wish to apply for this support are requested to send the documents below, in a single e-mail, to pfpfad@un.org, by **10 October 2022** at 11:59 p.m. CET.

- Application form [enclosed]– completed and signed
- Copy of passport
- Copy of bank details (please indicate if you do not have a bank account)

Applicants will be selected on the basis of their work representing people of African descent or advocating to protect and promote the human rights of people of African descent. The selection committee will consider the potential of applicants to contribute to specific discussions on the agenda of the Permanent Forum’s first session. Due regard will also be made to considerations of geographic and gender diversity.

Please note that OHCHR will only be in a position to contact the applicants who are selected to notify them about the outcome. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be processed. Due to the limited number of financial assistance packages available, participants registering for the Permanent Forum are encouraged to simultaneously pursue additional sources of funding.