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## Regional Consultations on the Roles and Contributions of Youth to Peace and Security in Africa

### **\*\*CALL FOR APPLICATIONS\*\***

**Deadline to Apply: 23rd March 2019**

The African Union Commission, through its Youth for Peace (Y4P) Africa Program of the Peace and Security Department will convene Five Regional Consultations on the 'Roles and Contributions of Youth to Peace and Security in Africa.' This is in line with the decision of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) via the communiqué of its 807th meeting of 8th November 2018 on Youth, Peace and Security, in which the Council requested the Commission to undertake a study on the role and contributions of youth in the promotion of peace and security in Africa and to submit the findings for consideration and appropriate action.

The overall goal of the proposed regional youth consultations is to provide a collaborative, open and inclusive space for young peace builders to contribute towards the creation of a prosperous and peaceful Africa in line with Aspirations 4 and 6 of the AU Agenda 2063. The consultations will consider the roles and contributions of youth to peace and security in Africa via Conflict Prevention; Crisis/Conflict Management and Resolution; Peace Support Operations; Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development; Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration as well as critical crosscutting issues such as gender, humanitarian action, climate change, transnational organized crime; piracy and maritime security, violent extremism, amongst others. It is expected that the consultations will also provide the platform to interrogate factors inhibiting meaningful youth participation in peace and security as well as propose actionable recommendations to address them.

Applications are hereby invited from interested youth – individuals and organizations - working in the broad areas of peace and security to take part in the proposed regional consultations to be held between March and May 2019, in each of Africa's five regions.

## Eligibility Criteria:

In order to participate in the Regional Consultations, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be an African citizen between 15 and 35 years old;
- Must belong to a youth-led group or initiative that is actively involved in any of the thematic issues in the area of peace and security in Africa, as identified above; and,
- Verifiable Documentation (narrative or video) of interventions in any of the aforementioned areas of peace and security.

Please carefully review the eligibility criteria before applying.

Successful applicants will be notified by email. The African Union Commission will cover all expenses of successful applicants, including travel and accommodation, to participate in the regional consultations.

## Further Information:

The African Union Commission is committed to ensuring an equitable and inclusive process that actively engages with youth from rural and urban communities, different socio-economic backgrounds, youth living with disabilities, young refugees and displaced persons and young women.

Applications containing the under listed required documentation should be sent to: [youth4peaceafrica@africa-union.org](mailto:youth4peaceafrica@africa-union.org) and [situationroom@africa-union.org](mailto:situationroom@africa-union.org) on or before **12:00am (Addis Ababa time) on 23rd March 2019**.

## Required Documentation:

TYPE OF DOCUMENT	CRITERIA
<b>Official Identification</b>	Passport with a minimum validity of 6 months
<b>Contact Details</b>	First and Last Name; Country; Name of Organization; Telephone numbers and email; Website and Social Media profile details
<b>Type of Participation</b>	The applicant must provide an official letter of introduction from the represented organization
<b>Organization Profile</b>	Summary of activities aimed at enhancing either Conflict Prevention; Crisis/Conflict Management and Resolution; Peace Support Operations; Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development; Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration as well as critical crosscutting issues such as gender mainstreaming, humanitarian action, climate change, transnational organized crime; piracy and maritime security, or violent extremism, amongst others..

<b>Statement of Motivation</b>	<p>Explanation of motivation and interest in participating in this consultation and why your youth initiative should be selected to participate. This can be done through various formats:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Letter (maximum length: 2 pages) or</li><li>2. Video (Maximum duration: 5 mins). If producing Video: Video must address challenges for peaceful co-existence in your community as well as opportunities for generating lasting peace. The video can be recorded in any of the AU languages i.e. English, French, Arabic, Portuguese and Swahili). Videos in your local language can also be accepted. If candidates do not have a camera they can use their phones. The video proposal is the responsibility of the author and must not have been previously published. Failure to comply with this will result in the disqualification of the candidate.</li></ol>
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