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| **Regional consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation  of the right to participate in public affairs**  **Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  **6 and 7 September 2017**  FINAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS | | | |
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| Welcome, introduction and opening remarks | | | |
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| **Session 1: The right to participate in public affairs: Scope, content, and related guidance at the international, regional and national levels.** | | | |
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| Session 2: Ensuring an enabling environment for the effective exercise of the right to participate in public affairs: pre-requisites | | | |
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| Session 3: Enjoyment of the equal right to participate in public affairs by all: overcoming challenges, creating opportunities and sharing good practices | | | |
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| Session 4: Various forms and levels of participation, including emerging new forms | | | |
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| Session 5: The right to participate at the regional and international level, including within international organizations | | | |
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