



Permanent Mission of Chad
to the United Nations




Permanent Mission of
Costa Rica to the United Nations

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Dear Sir and dear Madam

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/237 of 31 December 2020, entitled, “A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”, the President of the General Assembly appointed H.E. Ms. Ammo Aziza Baroud, Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations in New York and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo A. Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York, as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process to define the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent.

In accordance with resolution 75/237, which decided “that the modalities, format and substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum will be concluded by Member States and observer States, with further consultations with people of African descent”; also directed by General Assembly resolution A/RES/69/16, which calls to “ensure the inclusive participation of all States Members of the United Nations, United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, civil society organizations of people of African descent and all other relevant stakeholders”; and furthermore committed to uphold transparency, participation and inclusivity, the co-facilitators wish to extend you an invitation to a one-day virtual informal consultation which will be conducted from New York on 9 April 2021, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (EST).

The purpose of the event is to allow Member States and civil society organizations to mutually convey their concepts regarding the draft outline on the main aspects of the Permanent Forum on people of African descent, including its mandate, substantive objectives, procedural aspects, structure, format and reporting modalities. Detailed agenda and requirements for participation imposed by remote meetings (including technical specifications, pre-registration and communication of interest to make a statement) are presented in the attached concept note 

The co-facilitators acknowledge that this is a tight schedule. However, they wish to make transparent their goal to submit the outcome of this process to the President of the General Assembly before the debate on the midterm review of the International Decade for People of African Descent, in the second part of May 2021.

Finally, the important and meaningful participation experienced during the one-day consultation on the Permanent Forum on People of African descent held in Geneva on 10 May 2019, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/262, constitutes an important contribution to ensure the effectiveness of the co-facilitators role. Therefore, the cofacilitators want to announce their procedural decision to incorporate all the submissions made for the above-mentioned event as contributions to their own recent call for submissions.

More details on the call for inputs can be found in: <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Racism/PFPAD-Letter.pdf>. More information on the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent is available on: <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Racism/PFPAD-Letter.pdf>

Your attendance and contributions will be very much welcomed and appreciated. The co-facilitators also encourage new submissions to be sent to: decadepadgeneva@ohchr.org

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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