



CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR MIDTERM ELECTIONS INTO THE ECOSOCC^{3rd} PERMANENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union (ECOSOCC) was established under the provisions of Articles 5 and 22 of the AU Constitutive Act. Its Statutes, adopted by the AU Assembly in July 2004, define it as an advisory organ composed of different social and professional groups of AU Member States (Assembly/AU/ Dec.48 (III)).

Under Article 4 of the Statutes, the ECOSOCC General Assembly is composed of one hundred and fifty four (154) civil society organizations (CSOs); per the following formula:

- two (2) CSOs from each African Union Member State;
- ten (10) CSOs operating at regional level;
- eight (8) CSOS operating at continental level,
- twenty (20) CSOs from the Diaspora, defined by Executive council and covering all continents
- six (6) CSOs, in ex-officio capacity, nominated by the AU Commission, based on special considerations, in consultation with Member States.

Article 4 further stipulates that members of General Assembly are to be elected on the basis of parity in terms of gender and youth (defined as aged 18 to 35). Members are elected for a mandate of four-years and may be re-elected once.

Since its creation, ECOSOCC General Assembly has had two successful mandates. The second mandate of the General Assembly ended in December 2018, followed by the 1st session of the third (3rd) general assembly from December 10 to 12, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya, in the presence of 73 new elected members. In order for all countries to be represented at ECOSOCC (154 seats), the General Assembly asked CIDO Secretariat to reopen the nomination process for the 3rd General Assembly the mid-term elections.

Applications are now open for midterm elections into the third Permanent ECOSOCC General Assembly. Midterm elections serve to provide an opportunity to fill existing vacancies within the General Assembly at the national, regional and continental levels. The list of member states and regions with existing vacancies is indicated below. Please note that only CSOs registered in the specified member states and regions are eligible to apply.

ECOSOCC encourages eligible civil society organizations to apply by completing the attached application form and attaching all relevant supporting documents as indicated on the form. Qualified applications will proceed to elections at a date to be announced. ECOSOCC application forms can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://au.int/en/announcements/20181231/ecosocc-call-application-elections-3rd-ecosocc-general-assembly>

All applications will be subject to eligibility screening and verification through the Credentials Committee of ECOSOCC.

Note that only duly completed applications will processed. Please do not leave any question unanswered, rather write “not applicable” if it is the case. Applications completed by hand will be accepted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Completed application form are to be submitted with the following mandatory documentation:

1. Copy of certificate of registration showing a minimum of three (3) years proof of registration prior to the date of the application, including proof of operations for those years.
2. Copy of annual audit statements by an independent auditing company for the preceding three years. The audit report should be signed and stamped by the independent auditing company. The external source of funding should be clearly mentioned both in the form and Audit Report.
3. Information on funding sources in the preceding three years (financial Statements).
4. For regional and continental organisations, provide proof of operational activity in at least three (3) Member States of the African Union. In this regard, the following non-exhaustive factors will be taken into account during the verification and assessment of the request:
 - The structure of the organization:
 - a) Audit reports, statements indicating the financial means of the Organization, activities carried out in other countries and the frequency of these activities.
 - b) Offices or branches in other countries.
 - c) The diversity of the composition of the executive / director office.
5. Copy of Constitution/Charter or Statutes of your organisation.
6. Names and nationalities of the current members / executive body of the organisation.
7. Curriculum vitae (CV) of two (2) designated representatives of the organisation to the ECOSOCC General Assembly. Male and female requested for purposes of gender balance.
8. Completed and signed application form. The application form should be signed by the head of the organisation or by authorized member of the executive board.

LIST OF UNDER REPRESENTED COUNTRIES:

CSOs registered in the following member states with vacant positions in ECOSOCC GA, can apply.

11	Country	Number of (CSOs) Vacancies
1	Angola	2
2	Cape Verde	2
3	Central African Republic (CAR)	2
4	Congo	2
5	Gambia	2
6	Guinea Bissau	2
7	Lesotho	2
8	Namibia	2
9	Sao Tome & Principe	2
10	Senegal	2
11	Sudan	2
12	Tanzania	2
13	Burundi	1
14	Comoros	1
15	Equatorial Guinea	1
16	Gabon	1
17	Madagascar	1
18	Malawi	1
19	Mali	1
20	Mozambique	1
21	Niger	1
22	Rwanda	1
23	Seychelles	1
24	South Africa	1
	Total	36

CSOs WITH REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL OPERATIONS:

Article 6.8 of the ECOSOCC Statutes stipulate that CSOs seeking election into the General Assembly at the regional and continental level must show proof of operational activities in at least three (3) Member States of the African Union.

Applications are encouraged from CSOs that meet this criterion from the following regions:

	Region	Number of CSOs to be filled at Regional Level	Number of CSOs to be filled at Continental Level
1	Central Region	1	1
2	Southern Region	1	1
	Total	2	2

Completed application form with all required supporting documents are to be sent to:

***C/O CIDO - ECOSOCC Secretariat Citizen and Diaspora Directorate,
Commission of the African Union, PO BOP 3243, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia
By email: elections.ecosocc@africa-union.org; cc: ecosocc@africa-union.org***

The deadline for candidatures is 15 May 2020