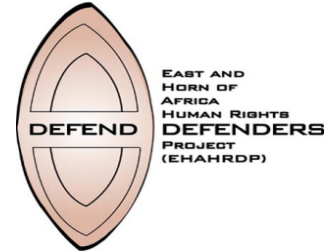


- Do you work on issues connected with economic, social justice?
- Do you want to learn how to use international and regional human rights mechanisms?
- Do you want to engage with the UN treaty bodies, special procedures, and UPR processes to hold your government accountable to human rights obligations?

If yes.....then apply

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN AFRICA

October 14-16, 2014, Nairobi, Kenya



PWESCR (the Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) in Partnership with UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights East Africa Regional Office (OHCHR) and East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP)

Call for Applications

The wealth of information published about UN and African Union (AU) human rights mechanisms has largely bypassed Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working in East Africa without access to adequate training or information. Furthermore, for many national civil society actors working in the field, the relevance of many of these mechanisms has not effectively penetrated or entrenched itself within the advocacy initiatives of national CSOs. This workshop is being organised with the aim of closing the knowledge gap on utilizing UN and AU human rights systems and their working methods and to promote sustainable engagement of the same among national East African Civil Society, especially in the context of economic, social and cultural rights. Approximately 24 members of CSOs from **Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan and South Sudan** will participate in the training.

During the initial stage of the training, the attending CSOs will be introduced to the UN and AU human rights systems, the established procedures for the promotion and protection of human rights and the role of CSOs in contributing to the UN and AU processes. The participants will then engage in a dialogue on how to increase their conversance with the varied processes of these mechanisms including treaty bodies, Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Special Procedures mandate holders. The attending CSOs will be able to discuss best-practices for implementing and realizing the procedures discussed during the training.

Objective:

To enhance the capacity of CSOs in Eastern Africa to access and engage with international and regional human rights mechanisms, especially in the context of economic, social and cultural rights.

The workshop will increase awareness of the utility and importance of CSOs' submissions to UN and AU human rights mechanisms. It will enhance the capacity of CSOs to formulate communications in line with international standards and best practices. It will also encourage strategic regional cooperation between human rights organisations.

By the end of the workshop, participants will have:

- A clear understanding of UN and AU human rights mechanisms.
- A set of tools to effectively submit communications and briefings to UN and AU human rights mechanisms.
- Increased collaboration and possible joint ventures between attending CSOs.

Training Content and Methodology:

The workshop will follow a participatory approach on various topics, exploring the complexities of different concepts using films, group work through various exercises and games. It will also offer an intellectually rigorous and well-designed course, employing diverse pedagogical methods including lectures, interactive and participatory discussion sessions, case studies, study groups, simulation exercises, group work, and audio-visual material including films. Moreover, the workshop will promote experience and knowledge sharing on the following themes:

- The mandate of the UN and AU Human rights mechanisms.
- Functions and working methods of treaty bodies, special procedures, and UPR Process.
- The role of NGOs in engaging international and regional human rights systems.
- Best practices for the composition of submissions to treaty bodies, special procedures and the UPR.

When:

October 14th to 16th 2014.

Venue:

The workshop will take place in Nairobi, Kenya.

Participants:

The organisers will select participants from CSOs in Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan and South Sudan. Criteria for selection will include supporting national partners, networks and CSOs. We will particularly encourage women to apply.

Medium of Instruction:

The course will be conducted in English.

Registration Fee:

The subsidised registration fee for this programme is USD 200 per person. This will include 4 days of accommodation and meals. It will also cover costs related to workshop facilities, resource persons and workshop materials. All participants are expected to cover their travel-related expenses or any other expenses related to this workshop.

Application Process:

- Please send your applications by **September 7th, 2014** to kbasnyat@pwescr.org
- Final selection of participants will be announced by **September 10th, 2014**.

Scholarships:

This workshop is supported by KIOS Foundation and OHCHR through which limited scholarships will be offered to a few selected participants to cover their registration fee and travel.

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