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**Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
granted Observer Status with the
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

**INVITATION TO THE 62ND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION
25TH APRIL TO 9TH MAY 2018**

I have the honour to invite all Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) granted observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to the 62nd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) which is scheduled to take place in **Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, from 25 April to 9 May 2018.**

As usual, NGOs are expected to bear the travel and accommodation expenses relating to the participation of their representative(s).

The Preliminary Registration Form hereto attached and also available at the website of the Commission: <http://www.achpr.org> and should be completed and returned to the Secretariat by **10 April 2018**, at the latest.

The Information Note and Draft Agenda of the Public Session will be posted on the website of the Commission in due course.

Participants are advised to obtain their Entry visas at the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in their respective countries of residence. In this regard, participants are advised to check the existence and location of such Missions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/External Relations of their countries of residence. For those who do not have Diplomatic and Consular Missions of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in their respective countries of residence, visas can be obtained at the Nouakchott airport on presentation of an invitation letter duly signed by the Secretary to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Every participant should have a valid Passport with a validity period of at least three (3) months and a visa, with the exception of nationals from Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Senegal, Mali, The Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Niger, Chad and Burkina Faso; the only requirement for nationals from the latter countries is to have a valid passport.

Participants are also advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards.

NGOs wishing to speak on any of the Agenda Items are strictly advised to inform the Secretariat of the Commission in advance. This is a pre-requisite for being granted permission to speak during the Sessions. Please kindly note that only NGOs with Observer Status will be allowed to take the floor before the Commission.

Looking forward to seeing you in Nouakchott.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Maboreke
Secretary to the Commission

