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**AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS
COUR AFRICAINE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DES PEUPLES**

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE REGISTERED ON THE AFRICAN COURT ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS ROSTER FOR COUNSEL PROVIDING PRO
BONO LEGAL AID SERVICES**

The African Court on Human and Peoples Rights was established by virtue of Article 1 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (now the African Union) on 9 June 1998 in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and came into force on 25 January 2004. It is the first continental judicial body charged with the responsibility of ensuring the protection of human and peoples' rights. The Court became operational in 2006 and its seat is in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

The Court has adopted a Legal Aid Policy to guide the operation of its Legal Aid Scheme in representing indigent applicants before the Court. The Legal Aid Policy can be found on the Courts website and at the following links:

English: http://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/English_version_Legal_Aid_Policy_From_2016.pdf

French: <http://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Politique-dassistance-judiciaire-a-partir-de-2016.pdf>

Portuguese: <https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Politicia-de-apoio-judiciario.pdf>

Arabic: https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Arabic_version_Legal_Aid_Policy_From_2016.pdf

It is for purposes of implementation of this Policy that the Court invites applications from citizens of African Union Member States to be considered for inclusion on the Roster of Counsel. The applicant must be a **legal professional**:

- **Who is national of an African Union Member State;**
- **Who is entitled to practice in any AU Member State or before international tribunals; and**
- **Who has attained at least five (5) years of professional experience.**

Applications can be submitted anytime. The Application forms can be accessed from the Courts website at the following links:

English: https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Application_to_be_on_the_List_of_Counsel_Form.pdf

French: <https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Inscription-sur-la-liste-des-Conseils.pdf>

Arabic: <https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Arabe-formulaire-demande-assistante-judiciaireلمدكمةمخوق-القانوني-العون-اسد تمارة.pdf>

Portuguese: https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/001_Pr_FORM_AfCHPR-LA-APLC-001_P_Application_to_be_on_the_List_of_Counsel_Form_PTa__pub_0001.pdf

The Application should be signed and accompanied by the following documents:

1. A detailed Curriculum Vitae
2. A certified copy of a Law Degree

3. A recent certified copy of the certificate issued by the Bar Association or any other professional association to which the Applicant is a member
4. A Certificate of Good standing issued by a Bar Association or professional association to which the Applicant is a member
5. A legible copy of passport or identity card

Applications that are incomplete shall not be considered.

Any applicant who provides false or misleading information in relation to his or her qualifications and fitness to practice will be excluded from the Roster. Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Application can be sent, by mail, courier service, fax or email, to the following address:

Registry of African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

P. O Box 6274

Arusha, Tanzania

Telephone +255 732 979 506/9

Fax: +255 732 979503

Email: registrar@african-court.org with a copy to Meredithlwanga@african-court.org

Upon successful admission to the Roster, counsel can be called upon at any time by the Registry, to provide legal assistance or expertise in relation to proceedings before the Court and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Counsel Appearing before the Court, which can be found at:

English: <http://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Code-of-Conduct-English.pdf>

French: <http://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Code-de-conduite-francais.pdf>

Arabic: <https://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Arabic-Code-of-Conduct-Arabic.pdf>

Portuguese: <http://www.african-court.org/wpafc/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Code-de-conduite-francais.pdf>

Please note that there is no application fee.