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Call for Participants: Training of African LGBTI Activists on Human Rights Mechanisms

Pan African ILGA (PAI) in association with COC Netherlands, ARC International and Solace B Foundation (SBF) is calling for applications for a training on Human Rights mechanisms. African NGOs from eligible countries due for the UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) are encouraged to nominate one activist to participate in this 3-day training scheduled for 27th – 29th July 2017, in Accra, Ghana.

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights was established by the African Charter and its functions are to protect and promote human and people's rights and to interpret the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. The UPR is a human rights monitoring mechanism established by the UN to facilitate the review of the human rights records of all 193 UN Member States periodically.

Eligible countries are:

Benin, Gabon, Ghana, Zambia, Botswana, Burundi, Mali, Cape Verde, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Djibouti, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Chad, Mauritius and Senegal.

Pan Africa ILGA is the African chapter of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA). PAI is dedicated to supporting LGBTI organizations in the promotion and protection of LGBTI rights in Africa.

The objectives of the training are as follows:

- To equip LGBTI rights activists with knowledge and skills to engage with the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights and find ways in which this body will enhance their activism.
- To equip LGBTI rights activists with knowledge and skills to engage with UN human rights mechanisms such as UPR, treaty bodies and the special procedures;
- To facilitate and support the development of NGO shadow reports for monitoring member states compliance with human rights obligations;
- To build advocacy skills and leadership capacity for effective and strategic engagement at the African Commission and the UN.

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Eligibility criteria:

- Must be activists from eligible countries with a maximum of one per country
- Must be able to show how the African Commission and the UPR processes tie into their national advocacy strategy and how they will collaborate with other LGBTI and other organizations in preparing submission, deciding on priorities and work as a coalition in advocacy.
- Participants must demonstrate a willingness and commitment to follow-up with national advocacy after the human rights mechanism sessions in their respective countries.

The organizers will cover the participation costs of one designated activist from each of these countries. This includes: Air travel, accommodation and meals. While Ghana has a visa-on-arrival policy for all African citizens, participants are encouraged to research visa requirements for their respective countries and alert the training organizers should they need assistance to facilitate their visa applications.

Interested applicants are requested to contact Mr. Anthony Oluoch by **15 June 2017** by email at anthony.oluoch@panafricailga.org with the subject "Human Rights Mechanism Training".

We look forward to welcoming you all in Accra.

Co-ordination Team

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