

## **ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COUNCIL**

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### **EXTENSION OF CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR ELECTION TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECOSOCC PERMANENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The African Union Executive Council Decision 1143(XL) of the 40th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, 02-03 February 2022, requested the ECOSOCC Secretariat in collaboration with the relevant departments of the African Union Commission to launch the call for applications of the 4th Permanent General Assembly of ECOSOCC during the second quarter of 2022 and ensure strict compliance with eligibility criteria of ECOSOCC membership as provided for in the Statutes of the Organ. In furtherance of the aforementioned Executive Council Decision, the ECOSOCC Secretariat solicited applications from African Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for membership into the ECOSOCC General Assembly.

The call for applications was opened from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A total number of one hundred fourteen (114) applications from thirty-nine (39) member states were received. However, the response did not attract an appropriate spread of candidates across the five regions of the continent for the conduct of ECOSOCC Election. Consequently, and in order to allow for greater representation of CSOs from the fifty-five (55) African Union Member States and ensure regional balance, the Secretariat has been mandated by the Credentials Committee to re-open the application process for a period of one (1) month.

**The deadline for the receipt of applications into the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOSOCC Permanent General Assembly is therefore extended to 07<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

ECOSOCC hereby calls on the African civil society community to take advantage of the new deadline to effectively participate in the process.

ECOSOCC application forms can be downloaded on <http://ecosocc.au.int/en/elections>, filled and sent to the ECOSOCC Secretariat electronically to:

**ECOSOCC E-mail: [elections.ecosocc@africa-union.org](mailto:elections.ecosocc@africa-union.org)**

## About ECOSOCC

The Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) was established in July 2004 as an Advisory Organ composed of different social and professional groups of AU Member States. The mandate of ECOSOCC is to contribute, through advice, to the effective translation of the objectives, principles and policies of the African Union into concrete programmes, as well as the evaluation of these programmes.

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