

## Participant Selection Guide

### Number of Participants

32 young people (aged 18-29) who are active, enthusiastic and invested in peace process in their country or across the West and Central African Region. Please note that we are inviting representatives or members of youth-led organizations, youth peacebuilders as well as other engaged and committed youth in the region to submit applications.

### Participant Selection Criteria

Mandatory criteria:

- Applicants must be between 18 and 29 years old at the time of the consultation.
- The candidate must be able to speak and understand clearly and comprehensively in English and/or French.
- All applicants must be a citizen currently residing in any of the following countries: DRC, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, CAR, Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Republic of Congo and Togo.
- Applicants must be able to travel to and participate in the entire event in Cotonou from 11 to 13 September 2017.
- Applicants must be engaged in peacebuilding or supporting youth-led organizations working on peacebuilding, which is understood in a broad sense: peace processes, social cohesion, violence reduction, gender based violence, reconciliation, transitional justice, preventing violent extremism, disarmament demobilization and reintegration, fight against marginalization or other humanitarian work.

### Participant Selection Process timeline

The selection of young people from West and Central Africa will be made based on motivation and experience, with the majority coming from youth-led organizations. The organizers will ensure balance in terms of age, gender, geography and diversity among selected participants. **Due to a huge number of application, please note that only the shortlist candidates will be contacted by email.**

#### 1. Pre-selection

Incomplete applications or those not meeting the mandatory criteria are disqualified.

#### 2. Short-listing

A panel, composed of specific members of the Organizing Team, will short-list the top candidates per country (max. 2) based on English/French language knowledge, motivation, experience, interest, intervention field, vision on youth, peace and security.

Each application will be scored in a scale of 1-7 (with 7 being the top score).

In the motivation statement candidates, must answer at the questions below:

- I. What unforgettable life experience have you encountered that made you passionate about working with youth, peace and security?
- II. Why are you interested in participating in this event? What do you expect to gain from this?
- III. How will your participation in this event have an effect on your community?
- IV. What is the most pressing issue for the youth, peace and security field to resolve right now? How do you propose to solve this?
- V. According to you, what will the role of youth in peace and security be in 20 years?

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

TYPE OF DOCUMENT	CRITERIA
Official Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport with a minimum validity period of 6 months * <a href="#">Failure to comply with this requirement will prevent the participant from traveling to the location of the consultation</a></li> </ul>
Contact Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and Last Name(s) • Date of birth • Country • Telephone Number(s) and Email Address • Social Media Profiles</li> </ul>
Type of Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the applicant is participating on an individual level, he/she must present official identification • If the applicant belongs to a civil society organization, he/she must provide an official letter of introduction from the organization they are representing</li> </ul>
Resume / CV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of activities or achievements aimed at preventing violence, combating inequalities and promoting a culture of peace</li> </ul>
Statement of Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanation of motivation and interest in participating in this consultation and why he/she should be selected to participate. This can must done through a LETTER. <a href="#">Maximum length: 1 page.</a></li> </ul>