

AFRICAN DIASPORA ASSEMBLY

PROVISIONAL 6TH REGION

ELECTIONS

A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



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CANDIDATE INTEREST & ELECTION PROCESS GUIDELINES

- 1) All interested parties join their Regional WhatsApp Group
- 2) TOWN HALL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AND HELD
- 3) All interested parties who wish to run as a Candidate, must present their completed 6th Region-Application Form and post it in the Group (Annex 1)
- 4) All group members must read and digest each Candidate’s submission.
- 5) A sub-group of the Regional group will be created and called “RESULTS”
- 6) On VOTING DAY [to be determined] each group member will name the Candidate he wishes to Vote for and post it in the sub-group “RESULTS”. (Annex 2)
- 7) Everyone will be able to see and determine who has received the most Votes.
- 8) Elected Candidates will then be published officially through the medias.

BRAZIL	USA	CARIBBEAN	SOUTH AMERICA	EUROPE
ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 4 PRINCIPALS AND 4 DEPUTIES	ELECT 2 PRINCIPALS AND 2 DEPUTIES	ELECT 2 PRINCIPALS AND 2 DEPUTIES

MIDDLE EAST	CENTRAL AMERICA	CANADA	ASIA & OCEANIA
ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1 DEPUTY	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1 DEPUTY	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1 DEPUTY	ELECT 1 PRINCIPAL AND 1 DEPUTY

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CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

FOR 6TH REGION VOTING PROCESS ONLY

SECTION III

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Background and Contact details of designated Candidate.

FIELD	CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVE
Full Name	Roger Courage Matthisen
Age	48
Gender	Male
Your Home Country	Denmark
Your Region	Europe
Occupation/Designation	Founder & Partner CI, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism in the 21 century. Former member of Parliament, Denmark and 1st member of African Descent in history.
Highest Academic Qualifications	BA in Business, Copenhagen Business School, BA Danish School of Arts and MA Level in Mindfulness, Aarhus University.
Email Address (mandatory)	roger@courageinstitute.dk
WhatsApp Number (Optional)	+4522502237

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Describe why you would be the most suitable Candidate to hold the position as a representative for the 6th Region (5000 words or less).

Please indicate whether you believe you fit all of; most of; or some of the criteria outlined in the Official Applications of ECOSOCC

<https://ecosocc.au.int/en/elections>

***Disclaimer – these elections are independent of AU ECOSOCC which currently has no legal framework to include the diaspora**

- I have been working for People of African descent in Europe and Denmark for more than two decades through NGO work, political representation and activism. I believe our struggle is not just about reparations. It is about ending neo-colonialism, structural racism and to abolish the exploitation of the African continent. My track record includes:

- Co-developed the Demand Catalogue to by People of African Descent and Black Europeans to the European Parliament, 2014, with organisations across Europe.
- First member of Parliament of African descent in Danish history 2015-2019.
- Launched the first national anti-racism action plan in history for a political party i 2019.
- Called for a DK-citizenship to be offered to descendants of enslaved africans of the Former West Indies now The Virgin Islands, Islands that were sold by Denmark to the USA in 1917.
- Representative in the Union For The Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly <https://ufmsecretariat.org> 2015-2019
- Called for Apologies and reparations by Denmark i 2017.
- Deputy member of SOAD Parliament, (State of the African Diaspora) since 2020.
- Co-founder Afro Danish Collective, human rights and celebration of blackness.

SECTION IV

THEMATIC INTERVENTION AREAS

Rank the **Top 3** thematic areas of intervention (in order of priority) of your organization or your personal expertise or interest.

SN	THEMATIC INTERVENTION	SUB-AREAS	RANK
1	Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment	Agriculture and Food Security Rural Development Sustainable Environment Climate Change Environment; Water and Natural Resources Desertification	
2	Economic Development, Trade, Industry, Mining	Trade Industry Handicrafts Customs Immigration Mining AfCFTA	

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3	Education, Science, Technology & Innovation	Education ICT Human Capital Innovation Science and Technology Space	
4	Infrastructure, Transport and Energy	Energy Transport Communications Infrastructure Tourism	
5	Political Affairs, Peace and Security	Conflict Management Peace Building Prevention and Combating Terrorism Drug & arms trafficking Security reforms Human Rights Rule of Law Democratic and Constitutional Rule Good Governance Electoral Institutions Humanitarian Affairs	
6	Health, Humanitarian Affairs & Social Development	Health Drug Control Population & Migration Labour and Employment Family & Elderly The Physically Challenged Social Integration	
7	Women & Gender Development	Women Empowerment Children Gender Equality	
8	Cross-Cutting Issues	HIV/AIDS COVID-19 Response International Cooperation Partnerships Diaspora	
9	Youth Development	Youth Development Sports	
10	Arts, Culture & Heritage	Arts Culture Heritage	

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PART VI

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made above are correct to the best of my knowledge.¹

Signature : 

Name and title: Mr. Roger Courage Matthisen

Date: January 6, 2025

Applications duly completed and signed should be submitted within your Regional WhatsApp Group for deliberation by its members.

¹ False information will lead to an automatic disqualification

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VOTING FORM

FOR 6TH REGION VOTING PROCESS ONLY

YOUR REGION IS: _____

1. Vote for your **Principal** Candidate/s

FIELD	CANDIDATE	COUNTRY
Full Name		

2. Vote for your **Deputy** Candidate/s

FIELD	CANDIDATE	COUNTRY
Full Name		

VOTING FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO
“RESULTS” WHATSAPP SUB-GROUP