

AFRICAN DIASPORA ASSEMBLY

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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	Huldah Deborah Williams
Age	27
Gender	Female
Your Home Country	United Kingdom
Your Region	Europe
Occupation/Designation	Entrepreneur Director / Founder
Highest Academic Qualifications	
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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**

Please see page 4 and 5 for response

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	3

Why I Am the Most Suitable Candidate for the 6th Region Representative Position

The African diaspora holds immense untapped power—both as contributors to the continent's development and as stewards of its future. This role is more than an opportunity; it is a mission to inspire, inform, and mobilise the diaspora to pour their resources, talents, and ideas into Africa's growth. This is not just a role to me—it is a calling. I am deeply committed to uniting our diverse voices, amplifying our collective potential, and forging a legacy of empowerment and transformation for generations to come. I am confident that I am the most suitable candidate to represent the 6th Region because I embody the vision, network, entrepreneurial leadership, and advocacy and passion needed to ignite this transformative movement. My dedication to fostering unity, creating impactful initiatives, and addressing critical socio-economic issues aligns with the vision and goals of the African Diaspora Assembly. I am honoured to stand as a candidate for the 6th Region Representative position. My candidacy is a commitment to bridging the gap between where we are and where we need to be as a global African family.

Alignment with ECOSOCC Criteria.

I confidently affirm that I meet and exceed most of the criteria outlined by ECOSOCC. My life's work has been dedicated to embodying the principles of advocacy, community representation, and visionary leadership. My experiences in entrepreneurship, diplomacy, and cultural representation uniquely position me to bring a fresh, dynamic perspective to the assembly. demonstrate my ability to represent and advocate for the diverse needs of the diaspora in Europe.

Why I Am the Right Candidate

Visionary Leadership with Community Engagement

My work as a Global Youth Ambassador is a testament to my ability to think beyond borders. I have championed initiatives that unite and elevate diaspora communities across continents, bridging gaps in understanding and resources.

My leadership extends to London's Caribbean associations, where I serve as an executive member, fostering unity and collaboration in the face of challenges that many diaspora communities experience daily. These experiences have taught me that leadership is not about position—it's about purpose and the courage to create change

I am not afraid to push boundaries, challenge norms, and implement daring ideas. I aim to show that distance is no barrier to making a significant impact in Africa. My vision is one of bold accountability: the diaspora must recognise its integral role in Africa's success and actively contribute to it.

Passion for Bridging the Gap - Having worked across continents, I deeply understand the need to connect diaspora expertise with on-the-ground efforts in Africa. My proposed Diaspora Alliance Consultancy would institutionalise these connections, making them accessible, sustainable, and impactful.

Ambitious Entrepreneurial Drive and Innovation - As an alumnus of Draper University, I was immersed in an environment of innovation and bold thinking. That experience ignited within me a deep desire to use entrepreneurship as a tool for empowerment. My project, the West Indian Diaspora Initiative (WIDI), is a prime example of this drive. Through WIDI, I have laid the groundwork for strengthening ties between Caribbean entrepreneurs, bridging economic opportunities across regions, and fostering a shared vision of prosperity.

Personal Investment in Youth and Community Development - At the heart of everything I do is a commitment to building a better future for the next generation. Whether mentoring young entrepreneurs, advocating for educational initiatives, or driving innovation through technology, I have dedicated my efforts to ensuring that our youth have the tools they need to thrive.

Cultural Diplomacy and Representation - My unique blend of experiences across the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe has given me a deep appreciation for the richness and resilience of our cultures. I am passionate about preserving and celebrating our heritage while ensuring that we remain a powerful and unified voice on the global stage.

Prioritisation of Thematic Areas

1.Youth Empowerment

The future of the diaspora lies in the hands of our youth.I focus on nurturing the next generationI and I am committed to creating programs that inspire leadership, entrepreneurship, and innovation in young people across the region to in the long-term invest in Africa.

2.Cross-Cutting Issues

African diaspora have a part in the development of Africa, some may be unaware while others do not know how to be involved. I will advocate for greater involvement in Africa and create systems and opportunities for the Diaspora to take action.

3.Economic Development and Trade

I envision the 6th Region as a hub for economic collaboration, where entrepreneurs and businesses across the diaspora are empowered to innovate, trade, and grow under frameworks like the AfCFTA.

A Vision of Accountability and Action

For too long, the vast resources—both human and financial—of the African diaspora have remained underutilized. I believe it is our responsibility, as members of the diaspora, to be more than spectators. We must be active participants in Africa's renaissance. Distance is an illusion. We can live abroad and still be present, involved, and impactful in Africa. My vision is to ignite a collective desire within the diaspora to become co-creators of Africa's growth story, holding ourselves accountable to the legacy we want to leave.

Bridging the Gap: A Diaspora Alliance Consultancy

As a representative, I envision a Diaspora Alliance Consultation—a bridge between the diaspora and Africa that fosters deeper connections, strategic partnerships, and meaningful engagement. This initiative would:

Igniting Desire

I am passionate about igniting a sense of duty within the diaspora—a realization that we are not separate from Africa's progress but integral to it. This involves

- Highlighting stories of those already active in Africa, demonstrating that distance is no barrier to making a difference
- Creating accessible pathways for involvement, from mentorship programs to investment opportunities and how they can contribute through investment, entrepreneurship, and cultural exchange.
- Encouraging the diaspora to see Africa not as a distant homeland but as a canvas for their ambitions, ideas, and legacies.
- Hosting global “Diaspora Duty” campaigns to cultivate a sense of shared responsibility for Africa's development.

Building Accountability

Distance should no longer be an excuse. I want to challenge the diaspora to embrace their role as active participants in Africa's growth by:

- Creating an Impact Dashboard to track and celebrate diaspora contributions.
- Facilitating ongoing conversations about what accountability looks like for the global African community.

Connecting and Creating Opportunities

I am committed to fostering new opportunities for members of the diaspora to involve themselves in building Africa. The future lies in methodical and strategic collaboration.

My approach includes:

- Establishing mentorship and exchange programs that allow diaspora professionals to work alongside counterparts in Africa, transferring knowledge and skills.
- Developing platforms where entrepreneurs can connect with African markets, identifying synergies that drive economic growth.
- Developing systems that connect diaspora professionals and entrepreneurs with African governments, NGOs, and local leaders.
- Supporting youth initiatives that empower the next generation of leaders, innovators, and change-makers.
- Ensuring that every diaspora project is aligned with the continent's goals and delivers measurable results.

Strategic Support for Ground-Level Impact

The heart of this work lies in creating structures that directly support those on the ground in Africa. My approach is strategic and methodical, focusing on:

- Capacity Building: Providing training, funding, and resources to African-led initiatives, ensuring they can scale and sustain their impact.
- Collaboration Frameworks: Designing systems that bring together diaspora expertise and local knowledge to solve pressing challenges.
- Feedback Loops: Maintaining open channels of communication with African stakeholders to ensure diaspora efforts align with the continent's needs and aspirations

Signature Projects and Initiatives

Building a Movement: "Diaspora Duty" Campaign

Create a movement around the idea of "Diaspora Duty" to inspire accountability and engagement.

- Concept: Reframe the diaspora's relationship with Africa from a passive one to an active obligation.
- Activities: Host global events, webinars, and panels to educate and mobilize diaspora members about their roles in Africa's development.
- Engagement: Use storytelling and testimonials to showcase the impact of diaspora individuals already involved in Africa.

Establishing a Diaspora Investment & Resource Hub

Develop an online platform or consultancy that:

- Educates: Provides resources on how to invest in African industries, start businesses, or contribute to community projects.
- Connects: Serves as a matchmaking platform between African governments, businesses, and diaspora members who want to contribute their skills, resources, or expertise.
- Tracks Impact: Measures and showcases the tangible outcomes of diaspora contributions in real-time, building trust and momentum.

Advocacy for Dual Engagement

Highlight that members of the diaspora can live abroad and still actively contribute to Africa.

- Program Example: Virtual partnerships where professionals abroad mentor African youth or consult on African projects.
- Diaspora Success Stories: Share real examples of people maintaining careers abroad while driving impact in Africa, breaking the "distance" myth.

Tying the Initiative to AU Agenda 2063 and ECOSOCC

1.AU Agenda 2063

The African Union's Agenda 2063 outlines several aspirations, three of which align perfectly with my vision:

- Aspiration 1: A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
- By mobilising the diaspora to invest in Africa's economic, social, and technological sectors, I aim to create opportunities that promote growth and reduce inequality.
- Aspiration 2: An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism
- My work focuses on fostering a unified diaspora that bridges the cultural and geographic divides between Africa and its global descendants.
- Aspiration 3: An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its youth and women
- Through initiatives such as mentorship programs and investment in African entrepreneurs, I aim to harness the potential of the diaspora and the continent's youth.

2.ECOSOCC Objectives

My initiatives align with ECOSOCC's objectives of promoting:

Partnerships between Africa and its diaspora: I am committed to creating frameworks for collaboration and ensuring diaspora contributions are effectively utilized Civil society engagement: By establishing platforms like the Diaspora Alliance Consultancy, I will strengthen the diaspora's involvement in African governance and development.

- Policy influence: Advocating for policies that enhance diaspora inclusion in African economies and governance will be a central part of my work.

Commitment to the Role

I am committed to representing the 6th Region with integrity, inclusivity, and diligence. This position represents more than a title—it is an opportunity to honor my ancestors, uplift my peers, and create pathways for those who come after me.

As a representative, I would channel

this personal journey into meaningful action. I would bring daring ideas, bold initiatives, and unwavering dedication to ensure that the 6th Region not only thrives but leads. My vision is to build stronger ties between Africa and its diaspora in Europe, leveraging partnerships to address pressing challenges such as economic inequity, lack of entrepreneurship, and youth engagement.

Conclusion

My vision aligns with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and ECOSOCC's goals of unity, development, and empowerment.I believe in the power of the diaspora to redefine what it means to be African on the global stage, I will advocate for greater involvement in Africa. I am determined to inspire the diaspora, hold us accountable, and create systems and opportunities that turn our collective potential into tangible progress for Africa. Together, we can transform distance into connection, potential into progress, and dreams into reality.

As your representative, I will work tirelessly to ensure the 6th Region becomes a beacon of transformation and leadership and to redefine the diaspora's role in Africa's growth story and build a future we can all be proud of. With a deep understanding of the diaspora's challenges and opportunities, I am uniquely positioned to serve as a bridge for the global diaspora.

I am ready to serve, to lead, and to inspire with ambition, vision, and a deep commitment to our shared future and I humbly ask for your support as we embark on this transformative journey together.

My candidacy is a call to action for the African diaspora in Africa's development and growth. Ensuring the 6th Region's voices are amplified and represented effectively. Let us unite, innovate, and build Africa together. This is not just a role for me—it is a movement.

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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	2
9	Youth Development	Youth Development Sports	
10	Arts, Culture & Heritage	Arts Culture Heritage	1

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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

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huldah Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Name and title: Huldah Deborah Williams

Date: 05.01.2025

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

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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