



E– Bulletin for NGOs on the Durban Review Conference

This new series of E-bulletins is issued by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide regular updates and guidance for NGOs in the lead up to the Durban Review Conference, which is scheduled to be held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009.

In 2001, the United Nations organized the World Conference against Racism, Racial

The NGO must be accredited to the Durban Review process.

The NGO must represent one of the victim groups identified in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA).

The NGO must be able to show how it has followed-up upon the implementation of the DDPA.

Priority will be given to NGOs operating at the regional, national and grass-roots level. NGOs based, or that have a permanent presence, in Geneva will not be considered for assistance.

The **deadline for receiving applications is 15 December 2008** and NGOs are encouraged to send their completed applications as soon as possible by email to NGODurbanRevConf@ohchr.org or by fax at +41 22 928 90 50.

A letter informing selected NGOs that they will be receiving travel assistance will be sent out by 1 March 2009. When completing the application form, NGOs are requested to pay particular attention to ensuring that copies of all the required documentation are included, as incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. If you have any questions regarding the assistance to be provided or on how to fill out the application form, please contact us at the following email address: NGODurbanRevConf@ohchr.org.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights hopes that the assistance it is able to provide to selected NGOs will facilitate the valuable contribution of NGOs to the Durban Review Conference.

2. Extended Accreditation Deadline for Review Conference

At its second substantive session, the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the Durban Review Conference decided to hold a third substantive session from 15 to 17 April 2009. Therefore, the **deadline for receiving new NGO applications for accreditation to the Durban Review Conference has been extended to 10 February 2009**. Those NGOs in

3. Next Steps in the Preparatory Process and Related Processes

a. Overview of the first part of the sixth session, 21 January to 1 February 2008

During the first part of its sixth session which took place from 21 January to 1 February 2008, the Intergovernmental Working Group discussed among other things item 3 of its agenda, entitled “Overview of recommendations as part of contribution to the Durban Review Conference.”

The preparation of the contribution of the Intergovernmental Working Group was undertaken on the basis of documentation containing the recommendations and conclusions the Working Group adopted by cons