

The Ark of Return

A Permanent Memorial to Honour the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade was erected on the United Nations Visitors Plaza at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Titled *The Ark of Return* it was designed by Rodney Leon, an American architect of Haitian descent.

This Permanent Memorial invites people to contemplate the legacy of the slave trade and to fight against racism and prejudice today.

Visitors can walk through the Memorial to experience three elements: *Acknowledge the Tragedy, Consider the Legacy, Lest We Forget.*

Access to the Memorial is FREE. It is open to the public on:

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm.

Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekly Briefings: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



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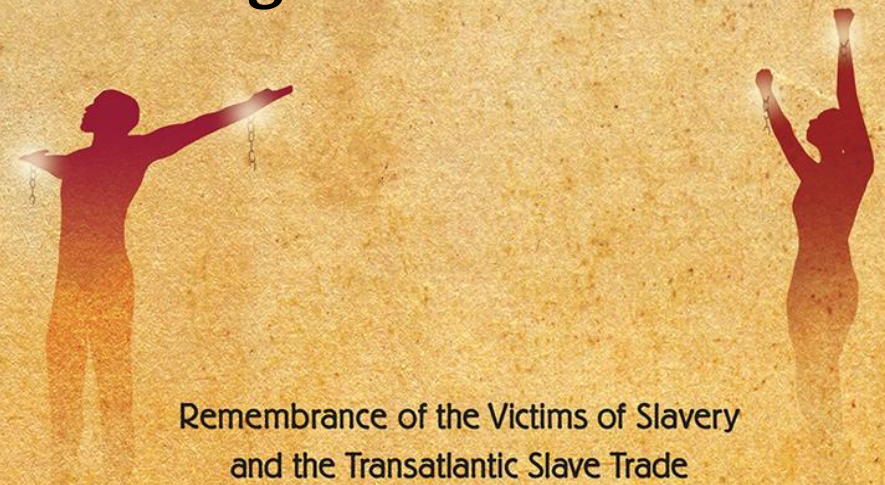
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Remember Slavery



Remember Slavery: Recognizing the Legacy and Contributions of People of African Descent

2017 Programme of Events



Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery
and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

The Remember Slavery Programme

The United Nations Remember Slavery Programme is managed by the Education Outreach Section of the Department of Public Information's Outreach Division. It was established by the General Assembly resolution 62/122 in 2007 to honour the memory of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade and to raise awareness of the dangers of racism and prejudice today.

Every year on **25 March**, the United Nations holds a number of activities to mark the **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade**.

The Programme also organizes educational activities throughout the year, including roundtable discussions, film screenings, an exhibition, tours of the Permanent Memorial "the Ark of Return" and a global student video conference in partnership with UNESCO.

The United Nations Information Centres also hold a number of commemorative activities around the world to further understanding of the causes, consequences and lessons of the slave trade.



The International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) affords an opportunity to showcase the contributions of enslaved people and their descendants and recognize that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be protected and promoted. In keeping with these values, the Remember Slavery Programme supports the activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent. The theme for the International Decade is **"People of African descent: recognition, justice and development."** To learn more visit: www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade.

Commemorative Programme of Activities

Saturday 18 February

12 noon – 2:30 p.m. - Screening of "Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise" followed by a discussion with co-director Rita Coburn-Whack

3 pm – 5 p.m. - Encore Screening African Burial Ground National Monument, 290 Broadway, New York.

8 – 29 March

Exhibit: "A Legacy of Black Achievement", curated by the International Slavery Museum, Liverpool, United Kingdom; UN Visitors Lobby.

Friday 24 March - International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Observed)

3:00 p.m. General Assembly Commemorative Meeting, GA Hall, United Nations, New York.

6:00 p.m. Culinary & Cultural Experience, Visitors Lobby, United Nations, New York.

Thursday 30 March 11:00 a.m.

NGO Briefing: "The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Socio-Economic Contributions of People of African Descent", Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations, New York.

Friday 12 May 9:30 a.m.

Global Student Videoconference, Conference Room 4, United Nations, New York.

17-18 October 2017

Discussion: The Legacy and Contributions of People of African Descent, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., **and Screening of "Familiar Faces/Unexpected Places"**, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.. The film highlights the countless Afro-communities found in unexpected parts of the world, such as Turkey and India, and shows how African descendants maintained elements of their shared culture.

Wednesday, 27 December 2017

Exploring The Permanent Memorial to Honour the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, a celebration of Kwanzaa, African Burial Ground National Monument, 290 Broadway, New York.