



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of **POVERTY****
17 OCTOBER



**Coming together with those furthest behind to build
an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity**
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17, 2018, UNHQ, NYC

Draft Program of the Day

**Main Ceremony in the GA Lobby, Visitor Entrance Area, UN Building
12.40 pm to 2.05 pm**

- 12:40pm Welcome words by the Masters of Ceremony (MC)
- 12:45pm **Mr. António GUTERRES**, UN Secretary-General, arrives and takes his seat
- 12:45pm **Mr. António GUTERRES**, UN Secretary-General, is introduced by the MC and invited to deliver his message.
- 12:46pm Opening remarks by **Mr. António GUTERRES**, UN Secretary-General
- 12:51 pm MC thanks UN Secretary-General and announces his departure
- 12:52 pm Presentation of ATD Fourth World Activist by the MC
12:54 pm Message by Mr. Patrick MATARA, activist from Nairobi (Kenya)
- 12:59pm Presentation of the Permanent Representative of France to the UN
1:01pm Message by H.E. Mr. François DELATTRE, PR of France to the UN
- 1:06pm Presentation of ATD Fourth World Activist by the MC
1:08pm Message by Ms. Kimberly COOK, activist from Boston (USA)
- 1:13pm Presentation of the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the UN
1:15pm Message by H.E. Mr. Yemdaogo Eric TIARE, PR of Burkina Faso to the UN
- 1:20pm Musical break
- 1:23pm Presentation of ATD Fourth World Activist by the MC
1:25pm Message by Mr. Salehe SEIF, activist from Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania)
- 1:30pm Presentation of the President of the ECOSOC by MC
1:32pm Message by H. E. Ms. Inga RHONDA KING, President of the ECOSOC
- 1:37pm Presentation of ATD Fourth World Activist by MC
1:39pm Message by Ms. Stacy WHITE, activist from New York (USA)

- 1:44pm Presentation of next speaker by MC
 1:46pm Message by Mr. Donald LEE, President, International Committee for Oct. 17
 1:51pm Thank you and closing by MC – invitation to walk to the Commemorative Stone

From 1:51 to 2:05 Audience and speakers walk to the UN Stone at the North Lawns

**Symbolic gesture at the Commemorative Stone – North Lawn, UN Garden
 2:05 pm to 2:45 pm**

- 2:05 pm Dance by Mala Dancers
 2:15pm Welcome words by MC
 2:20pm **Reading the text of the Stone in 6 UN languages** by children
 2:25pm MC explains the symbolism of the Commemorative Stone
 2:30pm Minute of silence
 2:32pm Performance of a symbolic gesture accompanied by UN Orchestra
 2:47pm End of the Ceremony

END OF THE PUBLIC CEREMONY

**Special Dialogue: Human Rights, Participation and Extreme Poverty
 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm – Conference Room 8**

This special meeting will be an opportunity for a **dialogue** between **ATD Fourth World delegates** with a direct experience of poverty, **Ambassadors** (Permanent Representatives of France and Burkina Faso to the UN) and **UN officials** (President of ECOSOC, UN agencies representatives). This dialogue will be facilitated by **Mr. Craig Mokhiber**, Director, New York Office, OHCHR.

Suggested program:

- 3.30pm **Introduction** by Mr. Craig Mokhiber:
- Context - 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
 - How is the UN and its agencies taking into account the voices and direct experiences of people living in poverty? What are the obstacles to participation? What has worked?
- 3.35pm **Opening remarks by the delegation of the Fourth World Movement** to share about their life experience in relation to poverty and discrimination, and how they have been involved in participatory processes at local or international levels.
- 3.55pm **Reactions of the UN officials**
- 4.10pm **Dialogue between all participants.**
- Questions to guide the discussion:*
- What can UN agencies (UN DESA, UNDP, OHCHR, UNICEF) concretely do to ensure and improve participation in their policies and in their projects at country level and global level?
 - How can the ECOSOC recommend stronger participation in the different functional commissions, regional commissions and High Level Political Forum? How to create the cultural shift?
- 4.25pm Concluding remarks by Mr. Craig Mokhiber
- 4.30pm End of the Special Dialogue