Ensuring Recognition, Justice and Development

Monday, December 9, 2019
10 am – 5:15 pm
Room XVII, Palais des Nations

10:00am - 10:05am
Welcome: Prof. Ahmed Reid, Chair, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

10:05am - 10:30am
Opening Remarks
- Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner, OHCHR
- H.E. Ms. Makeda Antoine-Cambridge, Ambassador, Trinidad and Tobago and CARICOM Coordinator of Ambassadors in Geneva

10:30am -10:35am
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: H.E. Chad Blackman, Ambassador, Barbados

10:35am- 11:15am
Keynote address: Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairperson, CARICOM Reparations Commission & Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies

11:15am - 11:35am
Q & A

11:35am – 12:25pm
Panel 1: Addressing the Past and the Future
Moderator: Mr. Stephen Février, Head of Mission, OECS
- Prof. Verene Shepherd, Member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Director of the Centre for Reparation Research, University of the West Indies
- Mr. Pastor Murillo Martinez, Member, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Mr. Hans Fässler, Historian, Switzerland

12:25 pm – 1:00 pm
Q & A

1:00 pm-3:00pm
Lunch Break

3:00 pm - 3:05 pm
Introduction of Speaker: H.E. John R. Deep Ford, Ambassador,
Rt. Hon. David Lammy, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Q & A

Panel 2: Ensuring Recognition for People of African Descent
Moderator: H.E. Pierre-André Dunbar, Ambassador, Haiti
- Ms. Yvonne Apiyo Brandle-Amolo (Member of Parliament, Switzerland)
- Ms. Dominique Day (Vice-Chair, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent)
- Mr. Sabelo Gumedze (Member, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent)
- H.E. M. François Rivasseau, Ambassador, France

Q & A

Panel 3: Ensuring Development for People of African Descent
Moderator: H.E. Ms. Cheryl Spencer, Ambassador, Jamaica
- H.E. Mrs. Elayne Whyte Gomez, Ambassador, Costa Rica
- H.E. Mrs. Maria N. Farani Azevêdo, Ambassador, Brazil
- H.E. Ms. Leslie Norton, Ambassador, Canada
- H.E. Ajay Kumar Bramdeo, Ambassador, African Union

Q & A

Rapporteur’s Remarks

Closing Remarks: Mr. Frank Davis, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargé d’affaires a.i., The Bahamas

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