



MEDIA ADVISORY

Africa Month kicks off with a focus on the critical topic of reparative justice for Africans and People of African Descent

WHAT

Africa Dialogue Series 2025

The Africa Dialogue Series (ADS) 2025 takes place from 5 to 30 May, with the theme “Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations.”

Hosted by the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the African Union Permanent Observer Mission to the UN (AUPOM) and partners, the ADS takes place annually in May during Africa month and echoes the African Union’s theme of the year.

This ADS aims to stimulate informed reflection on justice for Africans and people of African descent and encourage meaningful dialogue on reparations. It will provide a platform for partners and stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of current international strategies and frameworks concerning reparative justice for Africans and people of African descent, and advocate for policies to boost initiatives that enhance financial, environmental, economic, and social justice.

The first three weeks of the ADS are virtual, with participation through webinars and online activities. The Office of the President of the General Assembly is hosting the National Orchestra of Cameroon within the ADS, with performances at UNHQ. The ADS will conclude with an in-person High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) at UN Headquarters on 30 May.

WHEN

- 5 to 23 May (Virtual)
Register at <https://www.un.org/osaa/ads2025>
- 27 May (4 – 6 pm), 28 May (4 – 6 pm), and 30 May (1 – 3 pm)
Performances by the National Orchestra of Cameroon at United Nations Headquarters, New York
- 30 May (3 – 6 pm) High-level Policy Dialogue in Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters, New York or online through [UN Web TV](#)

WHERE

Register to participate in the webinars below:

| Sub-theme | Webinar | Youth Stages |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Understanding the Present: Economic, Social and Cultural Justice for Sustainable Development | 14 May | 15 May |
| Building the Future: Healing and Reparations towards Socio-Economic Justice for Africans and People of African Descent | 21 May | 22 May |
| Performances by the National Orchestra of Cameroon at UNHQ (valid media accreditation required to access). | | |
| High-level Policy Dialogue in person on 30 May in Conference Room 4 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (valid media accreditation required to access) or online through www.un.org/osaa or via UN Web TV | | |

More information: ADS 2025 website: bit.ly/2025ADS

WHO

Speakers at the High-Level Policy Dialogue on 30 May include:

- António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Philemon Yang, former Prime Minister of Cameroon and the President of the 79th session of the General Assembly (79 PGA)
- Senior officials from the African Union

More details, including the programme and a full list of speakers, are at bit.ly/2025ADS

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION

All media representatives need to be accredited to attend in person during the High-level Policy Dialogue and the musical performances. **We've requested media accreditation to open until 28 May 2025.**

Media representatives applying independently are required to submit an application form, including a letter of assignment from a bona fide media organization, samples of their work and a government-issued ID. Instructions are available on the [website](#) of the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit.

Requests for delegation media, including journalists, official photographers and videographers, should be submitted by Missions and Organizations enrolled in the e-Registration system, which is available through the [e-deleGATE portal](#) ([instructions](#)).

Note that **ALL** media representatives **must apply for accreditation in advance**, as there will **not** be on-site accreditation.

For more information, visit the UN Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit's [website](#) or contact them at malu@un.org or +1 212-963-6934.