



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 March 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Ammo Aziza Baroud, Permanent Representative of Chad to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Rodrigo A Carazo, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, the co-facilitators to lead consultations on the modalities, format and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent

The co-facilitators, via the aforementioned letter, forward herewith the outline of the timetable for the negotiations and convey the proposed work plan for the process in the upcoming weeks.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



Permanent Mission of Chad
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Costa
Rica to the United Nations

15 March 2021

Excellency,

In accordance with the letter dated 4 March 2021 of His Excellency Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly, appointing us as co-facilitators to lead consultations on the intergovernmental process to define the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, we have the honour to transmit herewith the outline of the timetable of the negotiations for the establishment of the Permanent Forum. As outlined in the timeline, we intend to start the process early April and conclude the negotiations by the first week of May to allow sufficient time to reach consensus.

To start the process, we would welcome the opportunity to consult with regional groups in the last week (from 25 to 31 March) of March to hear initial views on expectations for the process and outcome of the negotiations. We are also available for any delegation or group who would like to share advice or preliminary views. Notwithstanding these informal conversations, we are committed to conduct an open, inclusive and transparent consultation process.

We will rely on your support and cooperation in working together to achieve the establishment of the Permanent Forum.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Ammo Aziza Baroud, Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Chad
to the United Nations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodrigo A. Carazo'.

Rodrigo A. Carazo, Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Costa
to the United Nations

Roadmap for Negotiations on the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MEANS
25 March	COB	Circulation of letter to Member States and all relevant stakeholders with guiding questions, and invitation for written inputs for the modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum by 3 April	Email
25 - 31 March	TBD	5 rounds of briefing by the co-facilitators with the 5 regional groups on the roadmap and sharing of expectations of the 5 regional groups.	Video Conference
3 April	COB	Deadline to receive written inputs on guiding questions	Email
6 April	COB	Issuance of a draft outline of modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects for the consideration of member states and civil society organizations.	Email
9 April	10:00 am	Virtual informal consultation with Member States and civil society organizations, regarding the draft outline of modalities, format, and the substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum and deadline to receive inputs on draft by Monday, 12 April	Video Conference
14 April		Release of zero draft by Co-facilitators	Email
19 April	03:00 pm	1st round of informal consultations and deadline of 26 April to send written comments on the zero draft	Video Conference
22 April	COB	Release of first review draft by Co-facilitators	Email
30 April	03:00 pm	2nd round of informal consultations and deadline to send comments by 3 May	Video Conference
5 May	COB	Release of a second review draft by Co-facilitators	Email
6 - 7 May	TBD	Proposed Informal-informal round of consultations if needed	Video Conference
7 May	COB	Release of a final draft by Co-facilitators , and putting the text under silence procedure until 10 May COB	Email
10 May	COB	Text agreed by silence procedure	Email
11 May	TBD	Adoption of the Resolution establishing the Permanent Forum on People of Africa Descent (PFPAD)	In-person