

**Programme**  
 Launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent  
**"People of African Descent: recognition, justice and development"**

10 December 2014

3:00 p.m.

Trusteeship Council Chamber

2:50 – 3:05 p.m.	<b><i>Drums prelude</i></b>
3:05 p.m.	<b><i>Musical introduction</i></b>
3:10 p.m.	<p><b>Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Sam K. Kutesa</b>, President of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Valerie Amos</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ivan Simonovic</b>, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights</li> <li>• <i>Video message from H.E. Irina Bokova</i>, Director-General of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France</b>, Chairperson, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Mohamed Siad Douale</b>, Chairperson, Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Barryl Biekman</b>, Tiye International (civil society representative)</li> </ul> <p><i>Keynote speaker</i>  <b>Professor Sir Hilary Beckles</b>, Principal and Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies</p> <p><b><i>Musical interlude</i></b></p> <p><b>Statements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Samantha Power</b>, Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Hon. Tshililo Michael Masutha</b>, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services of South Africa</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Hon. Luiza Bairros</b>, Minister for the Promotion of Policies on Racial Equality of Brazil</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Hon. Paolo Gentiloni</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Hon. Guillermina Mekuy Mba Obono</b>, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Equatorial Guinea</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Hon. Carmen Ines Vasquez</b>, Vice Minister of Participation and Equity, Ministry of the Interior of Colombia</li> <li>• <b>G77 and China</b></li> <li>• <b>African Group</b></li> <li>• <b>CARICOM</b></li> <li>• <b>EU</b></li> </ul>
5:50 p.m.	<b><i>Musical finale</i></b>
6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Closure of Launch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Sam K. Kutesa</li> </ul>