

## The Ark of Return

A Permanent Memorial to Honour the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade was erected on the United Nations Visitors Plaza at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Titled *The Ark of Return* it was designed by Rodney Leon, an American architect of Haitian descent.

This Permanent Memorial invites people to contemplate the legacy of the slave trade and to fight against racism and prejudice today.

Visitors can walk through the Memorial to experience three elements: *Acknowledge the Tragedy, Consider the Legacy, Lest We Forget.*

Access to the Memorial is FREE. It is open to the public on:

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm.

Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekly Briefings: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



**For more information please visit:**

Twitter [@rememberslavery](#)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/rememberslavery](http://www.facebook.com/rememberslavery)

**Website**

[www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/](http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/)

**Contact:** Education-Outreach@un.org

United Nations Department of Public Information

# Remember Slavery



## Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots

### 2016

## Programme of Events



Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery  
and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

## The Remember Slavery Programme

The United Nations Remember Slavery Programme is managed by the Education Outreach Section of the Department of Public Information's Outreach Division. It was established by the General Assembly resolution 62/122 in 2007 to honour the memory of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade and to raise awareness of the dangers of racism and prejudice today.

Every year on **25 March**, the United Nations holds a number of activities to mark the **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade**.

The Programme also organizes educational activities throughout the year, including roundtable discussions, film screenings, an exhibition, tours of the Permanent Memorial "the Ark of Return" and a global student video conference in partnership with UNESCO.

The United Nations Information Centres also hold a number of commemorative activities around the world to further understanding of the causes, consequences and lessons of the slave trade.



The International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) affords an opportunity to showcase the contributions of enslaved people and their descendants and recognize that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be protected and promoted. In keeping with these values, the Remember Slavery Programme supports the activities of the International Decade for People of African Descent. The theme for the International Decade is **"People of African descent: recognition, justice and development."** To learn more visit: [www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade](http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade).

## Commemorative Programme of Activities

**Tuesday 16 February 6:30 pm – Private Screening of RACE**, AMC Loews 34th Street, New York. Directed by Stephen Hopkins, RACE is an inspiring film about Jesse Owen's fight to become a legend at the 1936 Olympics, where he challenges the Nazi party's vision of white supremacy.

**Wednesday 17 February 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Opening - Africans in India: From Slaves to Generals and Rulers**, Visitors Lobby, United Nations, New York. The exhibition, which was on display at the United Nations through 30 March, was created by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of The New York Public Library.

**Thursday 24 March 1:15 p.m. - Panel Discussion: "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges"** ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations, New York. With the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations and cosponsored by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations and The Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission.

**Tuesday 29 March - International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Observed)**  
**3:00 p.m. General Assembly Commemorative Meeting**, GA Hall, United Nations, New York.

**6:30 p.m. Culinary & Cultural Experience**, Visitors Lobby, United Nations, New York.

**Thursday 31 March - 25th Anniversary of African Burial Ground**  
**9:30 a.m. Student Event (4th grade): Film Screening /Art /Tour**  
**6:15 p.m. Film Screening and Discussion – "Then I'll Be Free to Travel Home: The Legacy of the New York African Burial Ground"** featuring Lena Horne, African Burial Ground, New York.

**Thursday 14 April 11:00 a.m. - NGO Briefing: The Musical Journey of the African Diaspora** – Conference Room 11, United Nations, New York.

**Friday 13 May 9:30 a.m. – Global Student Videoconference** – Conference Room 1, United Nations, New York.

**Wednesday 31 August 1:15 p.m. – Lecture on "Resistance to and the Impact of the Transatlantic Slave Trade"** Prof. Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University, UNESCO and the Outreach Division.