



Agenda

REGIONAL MEETING FOR EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA ON THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

**Organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
23-24 November 2017**

Venue: Room XIX Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

OPENING

10:00 - 11:00 *Poetry Reading*

Opening statement by Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Coordinator of the International decade for people of African descent

Appointment of Chairperson and Rapporteur

Statement by Ms. Opal Tometi, Co-founder of Black Lives Matter and Executive Director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Statement by Mr. Sabelo Gumede, Chairperson of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Statement by Ms. Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Statement by Ms. Rokhaya Diallo, French journalist and activist

General Statements of participating Member States

PANEL DISCUSSION RECOGNITION

Moderator: Ambassador, H.E. Yvette Stevens, Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

11:00 – 13:00 Mr. Ahmed Reid, Member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Ms. Nelly Schmidt, Presidente du Comité Scientifique International du Projet de L’UNESCO La Route de l’esclavage: résistance, liberté, héritage.

Mr. Pastor Murillo Martinez, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Ms. Elisabeth Kaneza, President of the Kaneza Foundation for Dialogue and Empowerment

The Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism and Minister of Children and Youth Services, Province of Ontario, Canada (video message)

General debate

13:00 – 13:20 Launch of the AfroFoody project, an OHCHR sponsored blog on the heritage and cultural contribution of people of African descent (Room XIX)

13.25 – 15.00 Open space discussion: Towards a Draft Declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights for people of African descent.

Moderators: Members of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Mr. Ricardo Sunga, Mr. Michael Balcerzak and Ms. Marie-Evelyne Petrus Barry (Room XXVII) (Refreshments and interpretation provided)

PANEL DISCUSSION JUSTICE

Moderator: Mr. Sabelo Gumede, Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD)

15:00 – 18:00 Ms. Hanna Suchochka, Independent Eminent Expert on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Mr. Mamodou Jallow, Member of the Swedish Parliament, Founder and chair of the Pan African Movement for Justice in Sweden and the former vice chair of the European Network Against Racism

Ms. Deborah Coles, Director, INQUEST

Mr. Louis-Georges Tin, President, le Conseil Représentatif des Associations Noires de France (CRAN)

Dr. Rebekah Delsol, Programme Manager, Fair and Effective Policing Project, Open Society Justice Initiative

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2017

PANEL DISCUSSION JUSTICE (continued)

Moderator: Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, Chair of the WGEPAD

10:00 – 11.30 General debate

11.30-13:00 PANEL DISCUSSION DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Ambassador, H.E. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards

Ms. Verene Shepherd, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Ms. Tena Šimonović Einwalter, Chairperson, Executive Board of the European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

Ms. Thenjiwe Tameika McHarris, Co-Founder of Blackbird

Mr. Hilaire Sobers, Human Rights Specialist, IACMR and representative of the Special Rapporteurship on People of African Descent and Against Racial Discrimination.

Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (video message)

General debate

13:00 – 15:00 Open space discussion: Towards provision of effective remedies and reparatory justice. Moderator: Ms. Verene Shepherd, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Room XXVII) (Interpretation provided)

PANEL DISCUSSION DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Moderator: Ambassador, H.E. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards

15:00 – 16:30 General Debate

CLOSING

16:30 – 18:00 Summary of key points by Moderators of open space discussions
Summary of general debates by Rapporteur
Closing remarks, Chairperson of the Regional Meeting