

**Manifesto by the 2017 Fellows of the OHCHR Fellowship for People of African
regarding the wave of worldwide protest against Racism**



#ENDSYSTEMICRACISM - The brutal killing of **#GEORGEFLOYD** by the **#MINNEAPOLISPOLICE** in the US drew the attention of the world, once again, to **#SYSTEMICRACISM** and white supremacy. Unfortunately, **#POLICEBRUTALITY** and other **#HUMANRIGHTSVIOLATIONS** against **#BLACKPEOPLE** are a daily routine in various parts of the globe.

These are not isolated cases. In fact, **#RACISM** systematically criminalizes us, dehumanizes us, and deepens inequalities towards **#BLACKPOPULATION** worldwide. Historically, black movements and activists have denounced racist practices across different countries, highlighting how globally this reality is, going beyond the US borders.

Each year, thousands of us are killed, tortured, unlawfully incarcerated, and persecuted. Many of us have our freedom of opinion threatened, face high levels of unemployment, and are not welcomed as migrants/refugees. Many of us face high

levels of hunger and poverty, have our cultures denied or invisibilized, have our images and our existence satirized, demonized, or diminished.

We, as fellows of the Fellowship for People of African Descent of the OHCHR, and in the context of the #INTERNATIONALDECADE for #PEOPLEOFAFRICANDESCENT #IDPAD (2014-2025), proclaimed by the Organization of the United Nations, demand that our governments, regional and international organizations, and the international community adopt effective measures to promote racial justice, respecting, protecting and fulfilling the rights of our people. The Programme of Activities of the Decade can be a powerful tool to strengthen national, regional and international cooperation, and to secure full and equal participation of black people in all aspects of society.

We will keep fighting for #PedroGonzaga (#Brazil), #AndersonArboleda (#Colombia), #BreonnaTaylor (#USA), #ShukriAbdi (#UnitedKingdom), #ClaudiaFerreira (#Brazil), #NakieaJackson (#Jamaica), #BellyMujinga (#UK), #FritzStLouis (#Venezuela), #Aboriginals (#Australia) and many more black people facing injustice

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