**Midterm Review of the International Decade for People of African Descent**

***Thursday, 22 July 2021***

***United Nations General Assembly, New York***

**Programme**

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| **10:00 – 10:30**  | **Opening Segment** * **H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR**, President of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly
* **H.E. Michelle Bachelet**, High-Commissioner for Human Rights
* **H.E. Epsy Cambell Barr**, Vice-President of Costa Rica
* **Mr. AY Young**, Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals
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| **10:30 – 11:45**  | **Interactive Panel I: Recognition**  |
|  | *Moderator:***Ms. Victoria Ibiwoye**, Youth Representative, SDG Education2030 Steering Committee*Panellists:* * **Dr. Michael McEachrane**, Co-Founder, European Network of People of African Descent
* **Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu**, Author and Activist
* **Ms. Dominique Day**, Chairperson, Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent
* **Ms. Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
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| **11:45 – 13:00** | **Interactive Panel II: Justice** *Moderator:***Ms. Dorothy Davis**, Congressional Black Caucus Representative to ECOSOC*Panellists:** **Ms. Verene A. Shepherd**, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
* **Ms. Opal Tometi**, Human Rights Advocate & Social Entrepreneur, Co-creator of #BlackLivesMatter
* **Ms. Peggy Hicks**, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development, OHCHR
* **Dr. Ahmed Reid**, Associate Professor of Caribbean History at Bronx Community College of the City University of New York
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| 13:00 – 15:00 | Break |
| **15:00 – 16:30** | **Interactive Panel III: Development** *Moderator:* **Prof. Bonny Ibhawoh**, Member, UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development*Panellists:** **Ms. Diene Keita**, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund
* **Ms. Nanjala Nyabola**, Non-Resident Fellow NYU Center on International Cooperation
* **Ms. Ana Barreto**, Program Director, Afro-Resistance
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