

**Working Group of experts on people of African descent 30<sup>th</sup> public session on “Children of African Descent”**

Room CR-4, UNHQ, 405 East 42nd Street, New York, 23-27 May 2022 (will be broadcast live and archived on <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>)

**Timetable for the consideration of agenda items**

	<b>Monday May 23</b>	<b>Tuesday May 24</b>	<b>Wednesday May 25</b>	<b>Thursday May 26</b>	<b>Friday May 27</b>
<b>MORNING: 10.00 h to 13.00 h</b>	<p><b>Item 1:</b> Opening of the session Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director OHCHR New York Key Note by <b>H.E Honourable Mia Mottley</b>, Prime Minister of Barbados and Chair of the CARICOM Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee on Reparations</p> <p><b>Item 2:</b> Election of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group and Vice Chairperson. Statement by Outgoing Chairperson.</p> <p><b>Item 3.</b> Adoption of the agenda</p> <p><b>Item 4.</b> Organization of work</p> <p><b>Item 5.</b> Update and briefings by the Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reports</li> <li>2. Country Visits</li> <li>3. The Working Group’s 29<sup>th</sup> private session</li> <li>4. International Decade for People of African Descent</li> <li>5. Other activities</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion</p> <p><b>TOPIC 2</b> The Imperative of Multiple Literacies for Children of African Descent to Survive and Thrive</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Barbara Reynolds</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Cream Wright</b>, Managing Director Redi4Change (SL) Video</li> <li>2. <b>Ms Danielle Audrey Isler</b> (CH) Maison des Savoirs Noirs Video</li> <li>3. Ms Charro Mina Rojas (COL) video</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion</p> <p><b>TOPIC 4</b> The Administration of Justice and Children of African Descent</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Dominique Day</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms. Kris Henning</b> (USA) author Rage of Innocence <a href="#">video</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Prof. Verene Shepherd</b> (Jamaica) Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Benyam Mezmur</b> (Ethiopia). Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child video</li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Alexandra Montgomery</b>, Director of programmes, Amnesty International Brazil (Brazil) video</li> <li>5. <b>Prof. Robin Walker Sterling</b> (USA), North Western University video</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion</p> <p><b>TOPIC 6</b> Intergenerational deprivation and Anti-Black Racism: Asset building for economic and financial freedom of children of African descent</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Sushil Raj</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms Tanzila Qambrani</b> <a href="#">Habiba</a> PPP MPA Sindh (PAK)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Phillip Binondo</b>(Philippines) Educator &amp; Human Rights Advocate, De La Salle University – Manila video</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Omar Freilla</b>, Echoing Green (USA)</li> </ol>	<i>Internal Meeting</i>

<b>AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h</b>	<p><b>Item 6</b> Thematic Discussion Introduction by <b>Catherine Namakula</b> <b>TOPIC 1</b> Safeguarding the Health and Well-being of Children of African Descent Expert statement <b>Miriam Ekiudoko</b> and Panel Chair: <b>Sushil Raj</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr Joia Crear-Perry</b> National Birth Equity Collaborative (USA)</li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Nafissatou Diop</b>, UNFPA Chief, Gender and Human Rights Branch, Technical Division, NY.</li> <li>3. <b>Dr Robert Carter</b> (USA) video</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion <b>TOPIC 3</b> Existential threats to the Black family: racialized interpretations of the best interests of the child Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Dominique Day</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms Dorothy Roberts</b> (USA)</li> <li>2. <b>Mr Stephen Dradenya</b> (NL)</li> <li>3. <b>Ms Salome Mbugua</b>, Akina Dada Wa Africa (Ireland) video</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion <b>TOPIC 5</b> “We are the change we seek!” Child/Youth of African Descent Agency and Activism Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Miriam Ekiudoko</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.<b>Ms. Joanne N. Smith</b>, President and CEO, Girls for Gender Equality (GGE)</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Ramatu Bangura</b>, Director Children’s Rights Innovation fund</li> <li>3.<b>Ms. Aisha Yusuf</b> a 14 year-old, NYC Junior Ambassador alumna, Liberty Avenue Middle School.</li> <li>4.<b>Mr. Youssouf Simba Diakite</b>, Co-founder, co-chair African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe ADYFE video</li> <li>5.<b>Ms. Sorel Baines</b> (Panama) a 17-year-old from the province of Colon, Panama d Spanish/video</li> <li>6. <b>Ms. Akeyo Elsa Williams</b>, "Young Gifted Black" (YGB), ISD - video</li> </ol> <p><i>Poetry by Amock Alikuleti (video)</i></p>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Thematic Discussion <b>TOPIC 7</b> Repairing the World for the Future of Children of African Descent Expert statement and Panel Chair: <b>Barbara Reynolds</b></p> <p><b>Invited Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms Shirley Weber</b>, California Secretary of State (USA)</li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Breanna Moore</b>, N'COBRA.</li> <li>3. <b>Dr Olufemi O. Taiwo</b>, author of Reconsidering Reparations_video</li> </ol>	<p><b>Item 7:</b> <b>Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 30<sup>th</sup> session</b></p>
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