**Inputs for the HRC Advisory Committee**

**UN Working Group of Experts on people of African Descent (WGEPAD)**

[The Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD)](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx) has a [mandate](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx#mandate) to study racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, Afrophobia and related intolerance faced by people of African descent. In this regard, issues related to the elimination of racial discrimination are extensively addressed through its [annual reports](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx) which are based on discussions held during its public [sessions](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/PreviousSessions.aspx) which focus on various human rights concerns for people of African descent and through its [country visit reports](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/CountryVisits.aspx). Some of the latest country visit reports: [Spain](http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?Open&DS=A/HRC/39/69/Add.2&Lang=E), [Guyana](http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?Open&DS=A/HRC/39/69/Add.1&Lang=E), [Germany](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/36/60/Add.2), [Canada](http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?Open&DS=A/HRC/36/60/Add.1&Lang=E), [United States of America](http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?Open&DS=A/HRC/33/61/Add.2&Lang=E)

The Working Group also issues [statements to the media](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?MID=WG_African_Descent), which have also highlighted the Group’s concerns on these issues. In addition, the Working Group also responds to allegations of human rights violations faced by people of African descent through the [communications procedure of the Special Procedures](https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/).

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