



Draft Programme*

REGIONAL MEETING FOR AFRICA ON THE

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

**Organized by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights,
in cooperation with the African Union Commission**

Hosted by the Government of Senegal

Amphitheatre, King Fahd Palace Hotel, Dakar 23-24 October 2019

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

8:30-10:00

Registration for meeting participants

OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10.15

Opening ceremony
Reflections by Mr. Eloi Coly, Chief Curator of the House of Slaves,
Gorée Island

10:15 - 11:00

Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Malick Sall, Minister of Justice of Senegal

Opening statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for
Human Rights and Coordinator of the International Decade for people
of African descent, Ms. Michelle Bachelet

Statement by Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson of the
African Union Commission,

Statement by Ambassador Coly Seck, Permanent Representative of Senegal
to the United Nations Office at Geneva, and President of the United Nations
Human Rights Council

Statement/presentation by youth representatives

Appointment of a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for the meeting

Adoption of the programme

* Subject to adjustments

General statements by government delegates

11:00-11:05

Coffee Break

PANEL DISCUSSION ON RECOGNITION
“Recognizing African Contributions; Rewriting Africa’s History”

11:05 – 14:00

Moderated by: Mr. Refiloe Litjobo, Chairperson of the Intergovernmental working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Panelists:

Mr. Ahmed Reid, Chairperson of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Ms. Mylene Bamboche, Professor, University of Mauritius

Mr. Ali Moussa Iye, Former Coordinator of the UNESCO Slave Route Project and the General History of Africa

Mr. Youssef J. Carter, Professor, Department of Anthropology and African and African-American Studies, Harvard University, United States

Mr. Hamady Bocoum, Director, Museum of Black Civilizations, Senegal

General debate/interventions of meeting participants

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch

Open space discussion: Towards a United Nations Draft Declaration on the promotion of and full respect for human rights for people of African descent

Moderated by: Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Former Director at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and President of the Kasai Commission of Inquiry

15:00-18:00

PANEL DISCUSSION ON JUSTICE
“Discussions on Reparatory Justice”

Moderated by:

Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry, Regional Director for Amnesty International (West and Central Africa) former United Nations Resident Coordinator to Gabon

Panelists:

Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (via videomessage)

Mr. David Comissiong, Ambassador of Barbados to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Mr. John Ikubaje, Senior Political Officer, Department of Political Affairs, Africa Union Commission

Mr. Felwyn Sarr, Author and Professor at the University of Gaston Berger de Saint- Louis in Sénégal (tbc)

Mr. Bakari Sidiki Diaby, Member UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

General debate/interventions of meeting participants

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

10:00 -13.00

PANEL DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT “Developing the bridges between Africa and the Diaspora”

Moderated by:

Mr. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Complementary International Standards and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Panelists:

Ms. Priya Gajraj, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Senegal

Ms. Nadia Musah, Deputy Director of Diaspora Affairs, Office of the President of the Republic of Ghana

Mr. Onyekachi Wambu, Director of the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD), London

Citizens and Diaspora Organizations (CIDO), African Union Commission, Agenda 2063

Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch

Open Space: Youth Lab on the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent

CLOSING SESSION

15:00 – 15:30 Recognition of Good Practices in IDPAD Implementation: presented by Ambassador Kwesi Quartey, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Summary of key points by the moderators of the open space discussions

Summary of general debates by Rapporteur, and adoption of the meeting outcome

Closing remarks by the Government of Senegal

Closing Event

***Visit to Gorée Island (timing and feasibility tbc)**