**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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| 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 |