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What are the key human rights concerns of people of African descent in your country/region today and how do you work to address them?

Our main concern is the lack of recognition of people of African descent in the federal constitution of Mexico. We have not been counted in the national census as a distinctive population and as a consequence we lack public policies targeted to Afromexicans. To this day, the history of people of African descent in Mexico is absent from school curriculum and textbooks.

How can the WGEPAD improve and enhance its engagement with civil society for greater impact on the ground?

Identifying the needs and the real situation of Afrodescendants in Mexico and linking this process of identification with the work of Afromexican organizations.

Which human rights concerns should the WGEPAD focus on in the next three years?

It should focus on fighting against discriminatory practices, recommending to the Mexican government to comply with international commitments that it has acquired as a member of the UN. It should also monitor that the Mexican government address the needs of the Afromexican people in relation to health, education and justice.