

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WGPAD via the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights,
Mrs. Ch. Saunders.
From Dr. Barryl A. Biekman**

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Regarding

INPUT FROM THE NETHERLANDS:

- Tiye International
- African European Women's Movement "Sophiedela"
- Foundation National Monument Dutch Slavery past
- National Forum Civil Society of African Descents
- Coördinatie en Monitoring Workgroup DDPA en UN Decennium

**TO CONSIDER BY THE WGPAD
during the 26e consultation session.**

The full written report will be send by 25th of November after editing.

1) Politieke Wil on creating a National Action Plan (NAP)

At various moments from 2014 until to date we have lobbied, this includes with letters, the individual politicians and political fractions as well the responsible governments with the aim the development of the NAP. To support the policymakers to do so, we initiated a Draft NAP that has been developed through a participatory consultation trajectory with the various keypersons of Civil Society organizations.

We urge transparency in the field of National states Reports. Civil Society should receive the possibility to develop shadow reports with reference to the states reports. On this moment there is a lack of transparency on the communication structure and policy regarding the involvement of the Civil Society. As long an effective structure is not in place, likewise it is for other UN issues our requirement is that National Reports be accompanied by Civil Society shadow reports specifically on the implementation of the UN Decade

Our vision is that in the process of reviewing the Nation States reports there must be space for the WGPAD to give their view. Shadow reports of the Civil Society POAD must always be included. That is to make sure that (keypersons and organizations of Civil Society POAD do not left behind.

2) Terminology Afrofobie

This is a topic where we have been working since 2014 to be accepted as an official term in the anti-racism policy of the Netherlands. At present, we are coordinating a project that aim in order to achieve commitment on the development and applicability of integrating this term into policies, systems and instruments.

We are welcome stimulating statement from the side of the WGAPD that promotes the use of this term and the effectiveness to combat multiple forms of Racism on People of African descent and those who are defining themselves as black.

3) Permanent Forum People of African Decsent

To this I would like to refer to my statement during the consultation meeting in May 2019th. On this moment we experience lack of communication and transparency regarding the progress. What we believe is that it is the task of the WGPAD to for come stagnation towards the process of development.

4) About COVID19

In response to the OHCHR's request, we have send written letters to the responsible governments to provide us with data information concerning the mortality rates regarding citizens of African origin. We have already sent the OHCHR our Report of the followed process including the several issues of concern and the disappointing responses from the side of the responsible governments.

In this context, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that the grounds of ethnicity and nationality are still not included in Article 1 of the Dutch Constitution. This is a topic that we will ask the WGPAD for their attention.