

How to participate in the WGEPAD 28th session “Environmental Justice, the Climate Crisis and people of African descent” 24-26 March 2021

You may take part in the session by registering as a speaker on one of the days of the meeting or by feeding into the discussion via comments and questions on social media while listening to the webcast or audio link of the session or by submitting a written submission.

Option 1. Register as a speaker

To register as a speaker and make an oral statement please send your statement to the email address africandescent@ohchr.org by 22 March 2021: The statement should not exceed 3 mins (4 mins for joint statements) and should be clearly labelled with the name of the speaker, organization and the date of the session when the statement will be delivered.

Please note that the constraints of the virtual platform with interpretation means that speaking slots are limited and not all that sign up for the speakers list may be able to speak. Given these constraints, the Working Group will follow the order of speakers of the Human Rights Council as follows, 1.) Member States (Members of the Human Rights Council), 2.) Member States (Observers), and 3.) Civil society. We would like to secure the widest possible participation and we welcome group statements. All speakers will receive confirmation of their presence on the speakers list and the modalities of the discussion prior to the session. All Statements, whether from speakers or others, will be posted on the webpage as received.

Option 2. Remote participation via UN WebTV, live audio stream and social media platforms

To make the session as accessible as possible, it will be webcast on UN WebTV. Interested stakeholders are welcome to follow the live webcast of the meeting on <http://webtv.un.org/> or via <https://listen-live.unog.ch/>. Participants may **send questions or comments during the meeting** via the mandate email address: africandescent@ohchr.org Or on Twitter using the hashtags **#WGEPAD #Africandescent #Fightracism** These comments and questions will be provided to the panellists and members of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent during the meeting.

Option 3. Send in a written submission

Participants are also invited to submit written statements. See [Call for input Environmental Justice, the Climate Crisis and people of African descent](#). Written statements should be submitted electronically via email africandescent@ohchr.org by **22 March 2021**. All written submissions received will be posted on the webpage for the 28th session: <https://ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/Session28.aspx>