

Final Reflection on the First Meeting of the Permanent Forum for People
of African Descent

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Dear PFFPA Secretariat,

This week has been so illuminating from an AI for the People perspective we are heartened by the Permanent Forum's desire to modernize the proposed upcoming declaration with concerns around algorithmic bias. However, I suggest they make the document forward facing in the following ways:

- Extending beyond artificial intelligence by stating the document applies to AI and all algorithmic driven decision-making systems
- When discussing reparations, this includes asking for Black communities to use reparative payments for the harms against people of African groups for algorithmic decision-making systems used in all aspects of public life through redirecting a portion of the revenue paid to tech companies for the provision and maintenance of these systems
- To advance our climate justice goals by halting the unsustainable mining practices tech companies use to access the minerals needed to build smartphones and other technical hardware.

I know that the document must be intentionally vague. However, if there is space to explore these concepts then it provides a baseline for how to ensure the tech industry respects the rights of people of African descent.

I look forward to receiving drafts of the declaration and hope to see you in New York next year,