

UN PAD Forum Written Recommendations

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Please find below my submissions to the Forum.

1. The UN Declaration for people of African Descent may be developed to address systemic racism through ensuring the declaration is action focused and created directly with civil society, so it centres their vision of freedom utilising human rights as a means to do this. The focus on systemic racism should reflect in a clear definition created by the Forum in line with Black radical thinkers that gave name to this term- Kware Ture specifically who coined and defined institutional Racism in 1967.
2. The need for accessibility through better digital access includes the creation of audio materials by the Forum, and the ability for civil society to provide video submissions to the Forum. The creation of an app to engage with the Forum to increase the ways in which youth can engage with the forum.
3. Looking at reparatory justice I note the need to focus on repairing the ongoing racial trauma inflicted on people of African Descent and centring racial wellness as part of this justice framework. I call on the Forum to have a clear critique of systems that make us unwell and focus on the framing of how racism affects the well-being of people of African Descent.
4. Under Reparatory justice There must be a focus on the limb of guarantees of non-recurrence in regard to police brutality and use of a reparatory justice framework in this area.
5. The creation of an international day and international year for Black languages to call out the linguistic injustice and discrimination Black language speakers face. Black language creation is reflective of cultural resistance to colonisation and the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Black languages are full of history, traditions, memory, traditional knowledge, unique modes of thinking, meaning and expression. The forum should create a framework to honour this and preserve the human rights of Black language speakers.
6. The Forum to safeguard against the reproduction of white supremacy within the Forum.