

Statement on behalf of: Rev. Dr. Iva Carruthers, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Inc (U.S)
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On behalf of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, NGO, Dr. Iva Carruthers, General secretary and faith leaders of the African diaspora, we share much gratitude for your service on the UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent. There are three specific areas of special interest that we offer for your priority consideration. One, we hope you encourage and curate local truth telling pedagogies and their findings as a process by which we connect our experiential legacies and amplify our voices towards repairing the harm. Two, priority attention be given to the issues of emergent technologies, computer and biotechnologies, and how they inform the global and state status of people of African descent. Current relevant conventions, forums etc. on bio genetic and medical sciences, digital access and artificial and augmented technologies and the protection of human rights implicate all of us and the rights of children and efforts to reach the sustainable development goals across all areas. Thirdly, we request that you be receptive and prepared to entertain commitments from networks of civil society and ECOSOC communities to find ways to bring financial in in-kind resources to support your work and authority to operate as the Permanent Forum. We pledge to work with others in that effort. In closing, we note that as a part of preparatory work for this convening, we have submitted a formal historical and contemporaneous concept note on a framework for addressing reparatory justice and harms done that we hope will also be helpful.