

# Statement from Norwegian Center against racism.

Distinguished members of the forum, dear colleagues, brothers and sisters.

In consultations, in-person and online with European organizations of People of African descent the need for a renewal of a resolution for an international decade for People of African Descent, and it has been suggested that I should present a petition for a such renewal.

The petition reads as follows, and I implore you all to consider joining the petition:

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent ([resolution 68/237](#)) citing the need to strengthen national, regional and international cooperation in relation to the full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights by people of African descent, and their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.

As proclaimed by the General Assembly, the theme for the International Decade is “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development.”

The main objectives of the International Decade are as follows:

- Promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African Descent, as recognized in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#);
- Promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies;
- Adopt and strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks according to the [Durban Declaration and Programme of Action](#) and the [International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#) and to ensure their full and effective implementation.

As the program activities has generally or been implemented by state parties or regional actors as the yearly reports show, and the decade has only been adopted by a mere handful state parties. We petition that the United Nations General Assembly renew the mandate for an international Decade of People of African Descent 2024-2033.