

Déclaration canadienne - Débat général de la IPDPDA
Canadian Declaration – General Debate

Monsieur/Madame le/la Président(e),

Le Canada accueille favorablement et soutient l'Instance permanente sur les personnes d'ascendance africaine des Nations Unies, qui constitue une occasion de poursuivre l'important travail de lutte contre le racisme envers les personnes Noires et les obstacles systémiques auxquels sont confrontées les communautés noires au Canada et dans le monde.

Nous reconnaissons l'importance des contributions économiques, sociales et culturelles des personnes d'ascendance africaine dans le monde entier et appelons la communauté internationale à honorer, protéger et valoriser la richesse des héritages et des cultures autochtones, africaines et afro-descendantes des communautés Noirs, qui continuent à façonner nos cultures et nos sociétés.

Les communautés noires du Canada sont très diverses et comptent plus de 200 origines ethniques ou culturelles. Depuis l'arrivée de Mathieu da Costa au début des années 1600, les personnes Noires ont contribué et continuent de contribuer à la croissance, à la diversité et au développement du Canada.

Le Canada reconnaît que les personnes d'ascendance africaine sont confrontées à des défis uniques. Les injustices historiques, le racisme systémique et la discrimination continuent d'avoir des répercussions intergénérationnelles sur les personnes d'ascendance africaine dans le monde entier et au Canada. Remédier à ces injustices historiques est un pas important vers la construction d'un avenir meilleur pour tous.

It is also well-documented that the reality of overlapping identity factors such as age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, immigration status, language, and religion, further make for unique and compounded experiences of discrimination. That is why, as we work collectively to tackle these important issues, we must leave no one behind. Intersectionality, accessibility, and gender equality must be at the forefront of our work.

The Government of Canada is working in partnership with Black communities to combat anti-Black racism and advance human rights and economic prosperity for Black Canadians. For example, in 2020, Canada's first Black Entrepreneurship Program was launched to support Black Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs.

More recently, the Black-Led Philanthropic Endowment Fund was announced. It will create a sustainable source of funding for Black-led, Black-focused and Black-serving non-profit organizations and registered charities. In addition, Canada will soon be

launching a new federal Anti-Racism Strategy and our first ever Action Plan on Combatting Hate, which will explicitly combat anti-Black racism and hate.

These investments are key pieces to making sure we're building an equitable Canada.

We also encourage the voices of Black youth, Black women, Black persons with disabilities, Black members of the 2SLGBTQI+ communities, and Black migrants to be heard and encourage their perspectives to be integrated into the work of the Permanent Forum.

As we know in Canada, diversity is our strength; inclusion is a responsibility; and substantive equality is our goal. Canada will continue to advance concrete measures toward a more inclusive, fair, and just Canada where all citizens, including People of African Descent, have an equal chance to succeed, thrive in our society and economy, and belong, no matter where they come from or the colour of their skin.

Thank you.