

Statement by Japan
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Japan congratulates the Permanent Forum's second session. The establishment of the Forum constitutes an important achievement of the International Decade, and the vital and active presence of so many stakeholders in this session shows the importance of the work ahead of us.

My delegation looks forward to the outputs of the Intergovernmental Working Group for the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent.

Though the population of persons of African descent in Japan is relatively small, my delegation has a pleasure to share our efforts to promote and protect the rights of people of African descent.

One such example is the Racial Discrimination Prevention Act of 2016, which aims to prevent racial discrimination and promote equality. The law prohibits discriminatory acts based on race or ethnicity in various areas such as employment, education, housing, and social services.

In 2020, Japan launched National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights, which outlines a range of measures to combat discrimination and promote inclusivity.

Japan's policies and measures are still evolving, and there is scope for further progress, but we will continue efforts to further contribute to the rights and well-being of people of African descent in Japan. We look forward to further collaborative efforts among all stakeholders.