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Greetings, In the spirit of the DDPA. It is United, that we will Rise.

rapidly we approach the end of the UN International Decade of people of African descent,

hope in the newly established Permanent Forum,

and while the [sustainable development goals](#) (SDGs), look towards 2050, where countries globally agreed to a pathway towards a prosperous, socially inclusive, and environmentally sustainable future for all...

YET, Peoples of African Descent continues to be left behind in the SDGs

We must not rest,

until we achieve the legal and policy protections, our human rights affords us

Canada to it's credit l, funded several important initiatives, YET still LACKS the policy and legislative protections to ensure their sustainability beyond 2024.

We must collect the disaggregated data to inform these decisions and ensure no one is left behind. This requires a clear definition of the "target / metrics space."

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ImmigrantsCAN, in partnership Innovate InC and UNDPAD Push Coalition Conducted Global consultations with Civil societies in Nov 2022

- to discuss and prioritize QUANTITATIVE indicators and agree on a common standard of metrics globally
- our recommendations are:
- One, 1. States SDG data collection and reporting be disaggregated and intersectional including Canada
- Two, 2. States Amend their Labour Codes to add Racism as a form of workplace violence and harassment, and As a signatory to ILO convention 190, we call on Canada to urgently do so
- Three 3, States legislations, policies, strategies, programming and budgets be inclusive of People of African descent per the DDPA  
And We call on Canada to amend their poverty and gender strategies by 2024 if our government is truly sincere.

We will submit our full report to the forum. United We Rise.  
Thank you