

**Third session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent  
The Second International Decade for People of African Descent: Expectations and  
Challenges**

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Good afternoon to everyone. I am Ana Carolina Lourenço, a black woman, cisgender, wearing clothes with pink tones and blonde braids. I provide my audio description so that this forum is more accessible. I am one of the youngest counselors of the Brazilian Bar Association, São Paulo Section, with over 500,000 registered members.

Hail Dandara, Esperança Garcia, Sueli Carneiro, and Deise Benedito. Before presenting my proposals, I ask: If the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are not achieved by 2030, what will happen?

We are here because the Durban Conference was not fulfilled, and the first decade was insufficient.

Therefore, I propose that the discussion on race, color, and ethnicity be mainstreamed across all UN bodies.

I also propose the implementation of racial quotas in the UN for decision-making positions. I suggest the creation of an SDG exclusively focused on racial equality.

It should be recommended that countries monitor and be transparent and effective in being accountable for achieving the goals and public policies that affect people of African descent, as shared in this forum.

Whitin the recommendations, it should explicitly state the role of the private sector beyond what is being discussed in the Global Compact on the role of historical reparations and restorative justice.

I appreciate the opportunity to engage in dialogue to build a world of peace today, a world that is at war against black people just for being who we are.

We need intentionality, specificity, and investment to achieve racial equity now, not just in the future.

We do not know how many will be alive to tell the story to those who survived, and we recommend to them to keep running. I am young, and I am in a hurry. I want to live with dignity, equal opportunities, and results.

I do not want to fight forever. I want to live well, fully, happily, and shine. As Emicida says, "it's all for yesterday."

Count on me to promote gender and racial equity and a future of peace for people of African descent.