

Organization: The Afrodescendant Nation

Topic of the Panel: Culture & Recognition PFPAD

Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

I am Dr. Glennie King, also known as Dr. Akilah Mukarram, President of the Afrodescendant Nation.

Over the past 469 years, Afrodescendants Identity in the United States has changed from:

- NIGGER
- NEGRO
- COLORED
- AFRO AMERICAN
- BLACK
- AFRICAN AMERICAN

We, The Afrodescendant Nation urge the distinguished officers of the PFPAD to accept and recommend to the United Nations that they accept and mandate that the member States notify every citizen in their countries that we are Afrodescendants with the following specific definition:

1) The term, Afrodescendants, refers to descendants of peoples who:

- 1) were forcibly dispossessed of their homeland, Africa;

- 2) were transported to the Americas and Slavery Diaspora for the purpose of enslavement;
- 3) were subjected to Slavery;
- 4) were subjected to forced mixed breeding and rape;
- 5) have experienced, through force, the loss of mother tongue, culture and religion;
- 6) and/or have experienced racial discrimination due to lost ties or partially lost ties from their original identity.

Afrodescendant with its specific definition is our great unifier. It transcends race and provides an elevation to lineage and heritage. We are a diverse people with different ideologies, religions, and beliefs. We have become a NEW PEOPLE from our EXPERIENCES that lingered from our fore-parents suffering through Slavery.

- 2) We also, urge this forum to recommend to the United Nations that the Afrodescendant Nation receive the 194th seat in the United Nations as a part of their equity initiative so that our voices can be heard and we will not be overlooked. No one else is speaking on Afrodescendants behalf.
- 3) Consider taking a look at the Jewish Materials Claims Against Germany as a framework or guide that we can use and modify as Afrodescendants to secure reparations and reparatory justice from our oppressors.
- 4) Dedicate a specific forum or bold agenda item for Afrodescendants at the Second International Decade of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent.

Thank you!