

**Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the  
Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

**Draft Programme of Work for the Eighth Session (hybrid format)**

**8—12 August 2022**

**Palais des Nations, Room XXIV**

*Draft of 11 August 2022*

MONDAY 8 August	
10am-12pm [private]	<p><b>Item 1:</b> Opening of the session</p> <p><b>Item 2:</b> Election of the Chairperson</p> <p><b>Item 3:</b> Adoption of the agenda and programme of work</p> <p><b>Item 4:</b> Organizational and procedural matters, including Group’s membership, next session and review of activities undertaken and contributions made by the Independent Eminent Experts</p>
BREAK	
3pm-5pm [public]	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Continued relevance of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, follow-up to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and road towards the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Yvette Stevens, Executive in Residence, Geneva Center for Security Policy (<i>online</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Jan Lönn, Secretary, World Against Racism Network (<i>in person</i>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Background reading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">“Fighting Racism and Discrimination: The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action at 20”</a>, OHCHR, 2021</li> <li>• <a href="#">GA resolution 76/1</a> “United against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance” (political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action)</li> <li>• Report of the Secretary-General (<a href="#">A/76/287</a>), “A global call for action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”</li> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism (<a href="#">A/76/434</a>) on the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance</li> </ul>
TUESDAY 9 August	
10am-12pm [public]	<p><b>Item 7:</b> Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action 20 years after its adoption – Positive examples from Latin America</p>

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hernando Viveros Cabezas, activist and consultant, Coordinator of the Coalition of Afrodescendant Communities at the OAS (<i>in person</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Edna Santos Roland, Chairperson of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the DDPA (<i>in person</i>)</li> </ul>
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<p><b>3pm-5pm</b> [public]</p>	<p><b>Item 8:</b> Implementation of General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions requesting the development of outreach programmes and a public information campaign to mobilize support for racial equality and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Victor Fernández, OHCHR Communication Section (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Background reading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">GA resolution 76/226</a> “A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”</li> <li>• <a href="#">HRC resolution 48/18</a> “From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”</li> <li>• See also the following webpages: New campaign: <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2022/07/new-campaign-launch-fightracism-learn-speak-act">https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2022/07/new-campaign-launch-fightracism-learn-speak-act</a> #FightRacism: <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/campaign/fight-racism">https://www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved/campaign/fight-racism</a> 20th anniversary DDPA: <a href="https://www.un.org/en/durban-20-anniversary">https://www.un.org/en/durban-20-anniversary</a></li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY 10 August</b>	
<p><b>10am-12pm</b> [public]</p>	<p><b>Item 9:</b> Thematic discussion – Links between racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and global emergencies, such as climate change, natural disasters and health and humanitarian crises</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Barbara Reynolds, Vice Chairperson of the Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent (<i>online</i>)</li> <li>• Dr. Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Assistant Professor of Public International Law, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, and Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, The University of the South Pacific (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Background reading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (<a href="#">A/HRC/48/78</a>) on environmental justice, the climate crisis and people of African descent</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples (<a href="#">A/HRC/48/54</a>) on Indigenous peoples and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) recovery</li> <li>• Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (<a href="#">A/HRC/45/44</a>) COVID-19, systemic racism and global protests</li> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples (<a href="#">A/HRC/36/46</a>) on the impacts of climate change and climate finance on indigenous peoples' rights.</li> </ul>
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<b>2pm-4pm</b> [private]	<b>Item 5 (cont.):</b> Meeting with other mechanisms
<b>THURSDAY 11 August</b>	
<b>10am-12pm</b> [public]	<p><b>Item 10:</b> Thematic discussion – Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and internally displaced persons</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Yvonne Apiyo Brändle-Amolo, Intercultural Mediator, Film Producer, FemARTivist and Swiss Parliamentarian, former OHCHR Fellow, Fellowship programme for people of African descent (<i>in person</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Mariana Ferolla Vallandro do Valle, PhD candidate at the International Law Department of the Geneva Graduate Institute and a teaching assistant at the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (<a href="#">A/76/257</a>) on the impact of COVID-19 on the human rights of migrants</li> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism (<a href="#">A/HRC/48/76</a>) on digital technologies deployed to advance the xenophobic and racially discriminatory treatment and exclusion of migrants, refugees, and stateless persons</li> <li>• Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism (<a href="#">A/75/590</a>) on border and immigration enforcement, including the discriminatory impact of emerging digital technologies on migrants, stateless persons, refugees and other non-citizens</li> </ul>
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<b>3pm-5pm</b> [public]	<p><b>Item 11:</b> Thematic discussion – Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, global economic justice and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Bonnie Ibhawoh, Senator William McMaster Chair in Global Human Rights, Director, Centre for Human Rights and Restorative Justice, Expert-Rapporteur, United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jan Lönn, President, NGO Committee on Development (Geneva) (<i>in person</i>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism (<a href="#">A/HRC/50/60</a>) on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals and the fight against racial discrimination</li> <li>Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, <a href="#">Operational Guidelines on the inclusion of People of African Descent in the 2030 agenda</a>, December 2020</li> <li>Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (<a href="#">A/HRC/36/60</a>) on leaving no one behind: people of African descent and the Sustainable Development Goals</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY 12 August</b>	
<b>10am-12pm</b> [private]	<b>Item 12:</b> Discussion on conclusions and recommendations
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<b>3pm-5pm</b> [private]	<b>Item 12 (cont.):</b> Discussion on conclusions and recommendations