

**2024 United Nations Permanent Forum for Peoples of African Descent – Call for inputs**

**Delegation of North South Development Roots & Culture Canada**

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Attention of: **His Excellency Mr. Antonio Guttieres, Secretary-general of the United Nations**

Excellency, please find some of the inputs from North South Development Roots & Culture Canada. We are a pan-africanist organization, headquartered in Ottawa, capital of Canada, known to address issues impacting the Black community locally, nationally and internationally. As president, and assisted by C.E.O. Mrs. Kectia Peters, we are professionals training public servants and senior leaders in different institutions, just as doing community work to uplift Black youth, notably in crime prevention as basketball and free dinner with mentorship, and adults, notably women and seniors through human rights and education and groceries assistance at the height of COVID. Across Canada, with minimal to no fundings. We lead an international relief effort for Haiti in 2021 following the earthquake and assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. We are in medias on police brutality, mental health, socio-economics and systemic racism etc. Please visit our website as we are honored to contribute to the PFPAD. [Roots And Canada Culture \(rootsandculturecanada.com\)](http://Roots And Canada Culture (rootsandculturecanada.com))

**Reparations, sustainable development and economic justice**

-Canada's Black peoples are still greatly disadvantaged socio-economically, notably following the disproportionate impact of COVID, and despite Canada's Emergency Response Benefits (CERB), which reimbursements are by default harder for Black owned/run businesses, organizations, just as Black families suffer worse (with Indigenous) of the economic inflation. Greater accountability along specific targeting to Black families, youth and businesses need to occur, but not as grants, but instead as a Canadian Marshall Plan to uplift Black by empowering them beyond funding those used to receive them, but whose work is little seen in the community.

-While Gladue's principles (named after the terrible dehumanization of an Indigenous woman in court) are becoming more applied to Indigenous people suffering of colonization in Canada,



IRCA reports (Impact of Race and Culture Assessment) still haven't gained the same value nor popularity in Canadian courts nor society where anti-Black racism is still present in all aspects. Be it looking at Child welfare where disparity and disproportionality impact so much Blacks (and Indigenous) just as regarding police brutality and healthcare as education sectors, but also the mental health and systemic racism upon public servants of the Black race. This would require an education but as well a committed engagement from political as community leaders. Unseen!

## Education

-Madiba was of the belief that education, in being the passport to the future, can eradicate all discriminations. Where he was correct with Nkosi Johnson awakening his humanity to South African HIV-Aids sufferers, he is overwhelmingly wrong regarding anti-Black racism, as there is ongoing a war on Black peoples, notably Black women, under the guise of cultural war aka "the war on woke", which is actually fighting against the teachings and programs of E.D.I. (Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity, no I do not teach inclusion as most do) and anti-Black racism. Beyond the former Harvard president, Mrs. Claudine Gay, but as well here in Canada towards a colleague of mine, Mrs. Kike Ojo-Thompson. I myself have faced the Whitelash, White supremacist resistance, to prevent me to release a report addressing toxic workplace culture. The United Nations need to voice strongly their support for E.D.I. as, beyond training and programs, it is an issue of values in a world in which the radicals are further becoming mobilized. As with Trump. This can easily be attested with blame regarding housing, as financial exploitation on international students. Those from Africa not being much talked about yet are a matter of equity.

-The Arab-Muslim slave trade of Africans, which began specifically with the Baqt treaty of 639 and continues today notably with the fate of the Haratins, Black Moors just as the Kefala system denounced as modern slavery, during the 2022 World Cup of Football in Qatar., is still taboo. Yes to addressing and denouncing the European/Western Christian slave trade of Blacks, yet why the ongoing silence of a genocide that claimed, 100 to 200 lives, and is ongoing? As an educator, I have been called to consult to in high schools as in higher education and professional offices, where the miseducation of Blacks regarding their own history contribute to mockeries.

## Culture and recognition

-I will be a panelist on stolen African art, through Zoom from Geneva to Montreal, Thursday night the 18<sup>th</sup>, and thus must recommend for the U.N. to come forcibly as advocate of return of stolen African arts, and beyond to improve recognition and valuing of African arts. As part of the International Decade for People of African Descent, Black culture must be promoted, outside of



clichés, and permit to a wider expression of Blackness through diverse art. As Black literacy and the information, education and creation of artistic content made by Blacks. As does Netflix...

-Spirituality from Africa and the Diaspora must be vitalized, promoted and cleansed of the Eurocentric, White and Abrahamic clichés condemning Vodun/Voodoo as Condomblé and Santeria etc as Black magic and witchcraft. This is having as well a true impact upon treatment of vulnerable Blacks as the elderly and youth, LGBTQ+ and disabled, just as Albinos, in Black nations. The spiritualities of Ma'at (from Kemet, ancient pharaonic Black Egypt, as seen with Isis) and Jengu (from the Sawa people of Cameroon as seen with Mami Wata beyond Cameroon) must be assisted to become known, popularized and valued as the religions and holidays celebrating other fictional figures of faith as Jesus Christ and Allah, Moses and Krishna. Kwanzaa is great, but it also is not enough known nor valued in a world in which it is esteemed that 90% of Black peoples worldwide, including Dravidians as Dalits and Siddis, are in systems of faith in which the gods and prophets, messiahs and saviors are White. This has real life consequences as seen with skin bleaching and the growing Black religious radicalization. Fanon denounced it in the 50's, as I do being an Academic member of the Global Center for Religious Research (GCRR).

## **Second International Decade for People of African Descent: expectations and challenges.**

We support wholeheartedly the instauration of a new decade, with more financial means (with respect to the U.N. financial challenges) and increased media support as CBC/Radio-Canada.

Thanks, Merci, Hotep... As a pan-africanist, a professional and a brother, I am at service for our people.

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