**UNODC’s inputs for the draft**

**United Nations Declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) complements the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its leadership role in the elaboration of a draft United Nations Declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent.

With respect to the development of the draft Declaration, UNODC recommends the inclusion of a right to equal effective and inclusive access to justice for people of African descent. This would include access to quality (specialized where relevant) legal aid, victim centred criminal justice responses for victim-survivors of racially motivated hate crime and multidisciplinary and community-based support, assistance and protection for victim-survivors, and the development of restorative and other community-led justice initiatives. Furthermore, the right to equal effective and inclusive access to justice for people of African descent should guarantee the prohibition of racial profiling in law enforcement and measures to address racial bias and discrimination within the criminal justice process and institutions, as well as measures for increasing the representation of people of African descent within the criminal justice professions.