

Working Group of experts on people of African descent 30th public session on “Children of African Descent”

Room CR-4, UNHQ, 405 East 42nd Street, New York, 23-27 May 2022 (will be broadcast live and archived on <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>)

Timetable for the consideration of agenda items

	Monday May 23	Tuesday May 24	Wednesday May 25	Thursday May 26	Friday May 27
MORNING: 10.00 h to 13.00 h	<p>Item 1: Opening of the session Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director OHCHR New York Key Note by H.E Honourable Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and Chair of the CARICOM Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee on Reparations</p> <p>Item 2: Election of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group and Vice Chairperson. Statement by Outgoing Chairperson.</p> <p>Item 3. Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Item 4. Organization of work</p> <p>Item 5. Update and briefings by the Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports 2. Country Visits 3. The Working Group’s 29th private session 4. International Decade for People of African Descent 5. Other activities 	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion</p> <p>TOPIC 2 The Imperative of Multiple Literacies for Children of African Descent to Survive and Thrive</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: Barbara Reynolds</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Cream Wright, Managing Director Redi4Change (SL) Video 2. Ms Danielle Audrey Isler (CH) Maison des Savoirs Noirs Video 3. Ms Charro Mina Rojas (COL) video 	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion</p> <p>TOPIC 4 The Administration of Justice and Children of African Descent</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: Dominique Day</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Kris Henning (USA) author Rage of Innocence video <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prof. Verene Shepherd (Jamaica) Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 3. Mr. Benyam Mezmur (Ethiopia). Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child video 4. Ms. Alexandra Montgomery, Director of programmes, Amnesty International Brazil (Brazil) video 5. Prof. Robin Walker Sterling (USA), North Western University video 	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion</p> <p>TOPIC 6 Intergenerational deprivation and Anti-Black Racism: Asset building for economic and financial freedom of children of African descent</p> <p>Expert statement and Panel Chair: Sushil Raj</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Tanzila Qambrani Habiba PPP MPA Sindh (PAK) 2. Mr. Phillip Binondo(Philippines) Educator & Human Rights Advocate, De La Salle University – Manila video 3. Mr. Omar Freilla, Echoing Green (USA) 	<i>Internal Meeting</i>

AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h	<p>Item 6 Thematic Discussion Introduction by Catherine Namakula TOPIC 1 Safeguarding the Health and Well-being of Children of African Descent Expert statement Miriam Ekiudoko and Panel Chair: Sushil Raj</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Joia Crear-Perry National Birth Equity Collaborative (USA) 2. Ms. Nafissatou Diop, UNFPA Chief, Gender and Human Rights Branch, Technical Division, NY. 3. Dr Robert Carter (USA) video 	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 3 Existential threats to the Black family: racialized interpretations of the best interests of the child Expert statement and Panel Chair: Dominique Day</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Dorothy Roberts (USA) 2. Mr Stephen Dradenya (NL) 3. Ms Salome Mbugua, Akina Dada Wa Africa (Ireland) video 	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 5 “We are the change we seek!” Child/Youth of African Descent Agency and Activism Expert statement and Panel Chair: Miriam Ekiudoko</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Ms. Joanne N. Smith, President and CEO, Girls for Gender Equality (GGE) 2. Dr. Ramatu Bangura, Director Children’s Rights Innovation fund 3.Ms. Aisha Yusuf a 14 year-old, NYC Junior Ambassador alumna, Liberty Avenue Middle School. 4.Mr. Youssouf Simba Diakite, Co-founder, co-chair African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe ADYFE video 5.Ms. Sorel Baines (Panama) a 17-year-old from the province of Colon, Panama d Spanish/video 6. Ms. Akeyo Elsa Williams, "Young Gifted Black" (YGB), ISD - video <p><i>Poetry by Amock Alikuleti (video)</i></p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 7 Repairing the World for the Future of Children of African Descent Expert statement and Panel Chair: Barbara Reynolds</p> <p>Invited Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Shirley Weber, California Secretary of State (USA) 2. Ms. Breanna Moore, N'COBRA. 3. Dr Olufemi O. Taiwo, author of Reconsidering Reparations_video 	<p>Item 7: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 30th session</p>
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