***18th Session* *of the* WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

*Geneva,**11-15 April, 2016, Palais des Nation, Room XXI*

**Timetable for the consideration of agenda items**

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|  | **Monday**  **11April 2016** | **Tuesday**  **12 April 2016** | **Wednesday**  **13April 2016** | **Thursday**  **14 April 2016** | **Friday**  **15April 2016** |
| **MORNING: 10.00 h to 13.00 h** | **Item 1:** Opening of the session  Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights  **Item 2**: Remarks by outgoing Chair & election of Chairperson-Rapporteur  **Item 3**: Adoption of the agenda  **Item 4**: Organization of work  **Item 5**: Update and briefings by the Working Group   1. HRC & GA 2. Visits 3. Decade for People of African Descent 4. The Working Group’s internal meeting 5. Other activities | **Item 6: Continued**  **Recognition through national action plans and policies or regional plans**  Chair: Mr. Michal Balcerzak, WGEPAD  Speakers:  - Mr. Ahmed Reid, WGEPAD  - Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo, European network against Racism (ENAR)  - The National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination (CONAPRED), Mexico  - Mr. Pedro Mouratian, former Head of the National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism (INADI), Argentina, video message | **Item 6: Continued Development: Financial/developmental institutions programmes for people of African descent**  Chair: Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, WGEPAD  Speakers:  - Mr. Michal Balcerzak, WGEPAD  - Prof. Veronica Womack, Chief Diversity Officer and Professor of Political Science and Public  Administration at Georgia College & State University  - Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank video message  - Mr. Camille Chalmers, PAPDA, Haiti (video conference) | **Item 6: Continued Combating Racial Stereotyping**  Chair: Mr. Ahmed Reid, WGEPAD  Speakers:  - WGEPAD Members  - Platform for reflection and Action against Anti Black Racism (CRAN), Switzerland  - Mr. Hossam Adly, Week Against Racism, Ville de Geneve  - Dr. Barryl Biekman, Tiye International  - The Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF), video message | *Closed internal meeting* |
| **AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h.** | **Item 6: Thematic discussion: Interlinkages between the three themes of the International Decade for People of African Descent (Recognition, Justice and Development)**  Chair: Mr. Ricardo Sunga, WGEPAD  Speakers:  - Ms. Angela Davis, video message  - Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPAD  - Mr. Danny Glover, video message  Screening documentary: Too black to be French. Introduced by Director Ms. Isabelle Boni-Claverie, | **Item 6: Continued**  **Justice: Institutional racial bias and law enforcement**  Chair: Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPAD  Speakers:  - Mr. Ricardo Sunga, WGEPAD  - Mr. Pastor Murrillo, CERD Member  - Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo ENAR  - Mothers against police brutality, video message  - Mr. Ralph Gonsalves Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and Grenadines, video message  - Stop contrôle au facies, France, video message | **Item 6: Continued**  **Commemoration of 15th Anniversary DDPA & Implementation of the International Decade for people of African Descent**  Chair: Ricardo Sunga  Speakers:  - Mrs. Mary Robinson, Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Secretary General of the World Conference Against Racism, video message  - Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, WGEPAD  - Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPAD  - Regional coordinators  - Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo, ENAR  - Mr. Pastor Murrillo, CERD Member  - Mr. Hilary Beckles, video message | *Closed internal meeting* | Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 18th session |