

**Athletes United for Peace (AUP) Statement for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
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The following is our Oral Statement from April 09, 2021 at the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent - Virtual informal consultation with Member States and Civil Society.

We'd like to make the call again as it aligns with the Working Group's topic on "Intergenerational deprivation and Anti-Black Racism: Asset building for economic and financial freedom of children of African descent."

With an increased focus on Police Brutality, the inequities highlighted by COVID and a rise in Hate crimes it's time to expose all that got us here and implement ways to move forward. In challenging times, the United Nations brought the world together under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and led us to Action with the Sustainable Development Goals. Now, the opportunity presents itself to steer the course by developing a blueprint, similar to the SDGs, that focuses on Economic Justice for People of African Descent. It's time the impact of Colonialism, Slavery, Jim Crow, Apartheid, Red Lining and other atrocities be connected to the modern-day struggles of People of African Descent; with the intent of providing opportunities to exploited communities. We challenge Government and Private industry to do better moving forward, by creating Products and services that do no harm and won't require reparations in the future.

And, in light of Ukraine and War around the world we call for Peace. Excessive military adventures carried out globally drain people's wealth and peaceful coexistence with a disproportionate impact to underserved Black Communities.

Thank You So Much for the Opportunity.

AUP hopes to partner with the Working group in leading the aforementioned efforts

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