

**27th Session of the WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

**“The Urgency of Now: Systemic Racism and the Lessons of 2020”**

Public virtual meeting, 30 November – 3 December 2020, 14.00-16.00 CET, Interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Spanish; **Watch** live at <http://webtv.un.org/> and on Twitter **Listen** live at <https://listen-live.unog.ch> **Participate** via social media #WGEPAD #africandescent #fightracism Send written submission to [africandescent@ohchr.org](mailto:africandescent@ohchr.org)

	<b>Monday 30 November (Room XIX)</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 December (Room XVII)</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 December (Room XVII)</b>	<b>Thursday 3 December (Room XVII)</b>
<b>AFTERNOON 14.00-16.00</b>	<p><b>Item 1:</b> Opening of the session Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris</p> <p><b>Item 2:</b> Remarks by outgoing Chair Ahmed Reid &amp; introduction of the current Chairperson-Rapporteur Dominique Day</p> <p><b>Item 3:</b> Adoption of the agenda</p> <p><b>Item 4:</b> Organization of work</p> <p><b>Item 5:</b> Update and briefings by the Working Group on activities including on the WGEPAD Guidelines on inclusion of people of African descent in the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><b>Item 6: Thematic discussion:</b>The Urgency of Now: Systemic Racism and the Lessons of 2020</p> <p><b>Session 1: COVID-19 as Catastrophe and Catalyst, including presentation of WGEPAD report, COVID-19, Systemic Racism and Global Protest</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b> Ms. Dominique Day, Chairperson of the WGEPAD</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right to Health Dr. Uche Blackstock, Advancing health equity</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Participants on the speakers list and input received via social media</p>	<p><b>Item 6: Thematic Discussion: (Continued)</b></p> <p><b>Session 2: Systemic racism and police Violence:</b> a look at the who, what, when, where, why of the law enforcement violence that contributed to global protest in 2020, areas of symbolic or substantive change, or commitments to a status quo that may license racial inequality and inequity.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, Vice-Chairperson of the WGEPAD</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Mr. Benjamin Crump, Civil Rights Attorney Ms. Imani Jacqueline Brown, Forensic Architecture Ms. Ana Barreto, Director of Programs Afroresistance</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Participants on the speakers list and input received via social media</p>	<p><b>Item 6: Thematic Discussion (Continued)</b></p> <p><b>Session 3: Time to address the root causes of systemic racism:</b> Remedies, Reparations, Accountability and Justice</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Ricardo Sunga III Member of the WGEPAD</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Ms. Ursula Doyle, Prof. of Law, Northern Kentucky University Mr. Tabue Nguma, UNESCO Slave Route: Resistance, Liberty, Heritage</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Participants on the speakers list and input received via social media</p>	<p><b>Item 7: Item 7:DDPA +20 and the Mid-term review International Decade for people of African Descent</b> (informed by the WGEPAD 26th session Regional Meetings with civil society <a href="https://ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/Session26.aspx">https://ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/Session26.aspx</a>)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Ahmed Reid, Member of the Working Group</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Prof. Verene Shepherd, Member of the CERD Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, MEP, Co-President of ARDI Mr. John Phillip Binondo, Lecturer and Human Rights Advocate, DLSU Philippines; African Diaspora Insight</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Participants on the speakers list and input received via social media</p>

