

Verbal Statement to the PFPAD

THEME: Reparations; 2nd Decade on People of African Descent

Introduction

I am Dr. Tauheedah Bronner. It is through the diligent efforts of the Honorable Silis Muhammad during his time at the United Nations in previous years that I have come today to embrace my newfound identity as an Afrodescendant.

My statement discusses the health disparities faced by Afrodescendants that are deeply rooted in the legacy of plantation slavery, intergenerational trauma and ethnocide.

Abstract

Medical evidence indicates that Afrodescendants are disproportionately impacted by higher occurrences of chronic preventable conditions, persistent disparities in healthcare access and mental health disorders influenced by historical abuse, and racial terrorism. Additionally, Afrodescendant women face elevated rates of maternal and infant mortality.

Recommendations:

- A Second Decade on People of African Descent, is highly recommended to address these issues using a comprehensive holistic approach that 1st recognizes Afrodescendants as a distinct population with unique health challenges to implement effective solutions.
- The second decade must demand reparations, repair and holistic healing strategies to tackle the root causes of health disparities, ultimately working towards achieving optimal health outcomes.
- Moreover, we urge the United Nations to support and fund specialized healthcare teams to organize health seminars, create tailored interventions and implement policies to tackle health inequities.

In closing, it is essential to prioritize the well-being of our precious Afrodescendant family because our "health is our greatest wealth."

Respectfully submitted,

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All for Reparations and Emancipation