

**United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African descent 32nd session
on “Economic empowerment of people of African descent”**

Room XVII Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland 1-5 May 2023 (Hybrid meeting and broadcast live and archived on <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>)

Timetable for the consideration of agenda items (provisional and subject to changes)

	Monday 1 May	Tuesday 2 May	Wednesday 3 May	Thursday 4 May	Friday 5 May
AM: 10.00 h to 12.00 h	<p>Item 1: Opening of the session Chair: Catherine S. Namakula, WGEPAD Chairperson</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Abdoul Aziz Thioye OHCHR</p> <p>Ms Ahunna Eziakonwa UN ASG, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa</p> <p>Dr. Bonny Ibhawoh, EMRTD</p> <p>Ms. Epsy Cambell Barr, PFPAD</p> <p>Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC</p> <p>Lord Simon Woolley – Keynote</p> <p>Item 2: Election of the 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>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 2. Dismantling Black Debt: From Rhetoric to Reality</p> <p>Chair: Barbara G. Reynolds, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Ms. Attiya Waris</p> <p>Mme Josette Bruffaerts-Thomas</p> <p>Mr James Omolo</p> <p>Ms Felicia Odamtten</p> <p>Mme Yvonne Apiyo Brändle</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 4. The Impact of the Global Economic and Financial Architecture and Mechanisms on People of African Descent</p> <p>Chair: Dominique Day, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Ms Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi</p> <p>Mr Larry Olomofe</p> <p>Ms. Amara C. Enyia</p> <p>Mr. Damilola Olawuyi, Vice Chair WGBHR</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 6. From Rhetoric to Reality: Reparatory Justice for People of African Descent</p> <p>Chair: Catherine S. Namakula, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Mr. Martin Masiga</p> <p>Ms. Amara C. Enyia</p> <p>Mr Nigel Hughes</p> <p>Ms Sonita Alleyne</p> <p>Ms. Esther Ojulari</p>	<i>Internal private Meeting</i>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PM: 15.00 h. to 17.00 h</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 1. Trade and Trafficking Routes: Then and Now</p> <p>Chair: Dominique Day, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Ms. Emelda Davis</p> <p>Ms. Asher Craig</p> <p>Mr. Oumaria Mamane, member Committee Migrant Workers</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 3. Race, Economic Empowerment and Afro-Descendants' Human Rights</p> <p>Chair: Bina D'Costa, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Dr Sefa Awaworyi Churchill</p> <p>Ms Roberta Clarke</p> <p>Mr Breon Wells</p> <p>HE Ambassador Rwakazina, Chair IGWG</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion TOPIC 5. Education and Enterprise: Black Agency and Achievements</p> <p>Chair: Bina D'Costa, WGEPAD</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Ms Sonita Alleyne</p> <p>Dr Rosa Campoalegre Septien</p> <p>Mr Nigel Hughes</p> <p>Mr Colin Bartholmew</p>	<p>Item 7: Special event Memoirs of Durban by the legends of Durban</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Catherine S. Namakula, WGEPAD</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Ambassador of South Africa</p> <p>Keynote address: Adv Mojankunyane Gumbi, Special Adviser to the Secretary General</p>	<p>Item 8: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 32nd session</p>
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