

16 July 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 30 June 2021, I have the honour to circulate the final programme of the Midterm Review of the International Decade for People of African Descent, to be held on 22 July (a.m. and p.m.) at the UN General Assembly Hall in New York.

I look forward to fruitful exchanges of experiences and lessons learnt from Member States, civil society and key actors of the international community.

For further information on the meeting,

Midterm Review of the International Decade for People of African Descent

*Thursday, 22 July 2021
United Nations General Assembly, New York*

Programme

10:00 – 10:30 Opening Segment

H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR, President of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly

H.E. Michelle Bachelet, High-Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Epsy Cambell Barr, Vice-President of Costa Rica

Mr. AY Young, Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals

10:30 – 11:45 Interactive Panel I: Recognition

Moderator: **Ms. Victoria Ibiwoye**, Youth Representative, SDG Education2030 Steering Committee

Panellists:

Dr. Michael McEachrane, Co-Founder, European Network of People of African Descent

Dr. Shola Mos-Shogbamimu, Author and Activist

Ms. Dominique Day, Chairperson, Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent

Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

11:45 – 13:00 Interactive Panel II: Justice

Moderator: **Ms. Dorothy Davis**, Congressional Black Caucus Representative to ECOSOC

Panellists:

Ms. Verene A. Shepherd, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Ms. Opal Tometi, Human Rights Advocate & Social Entrepreneur, Co-creator of #BlackLivesMatter

Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development, OHCHR

Dr. Ahmed Reid, Associate Professor of Caribbean History at Bronx Community College of the City University of New York

13:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:30 Interactive Panel III: Development

Moderator: **Prof. Bonny Ibhawoh**, Member, UN Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development

Panellists: