



## COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

**Day of Thematic Discussion**  
**Racial Discrimination against People of African Descent**  
Palais des Nations, Conference room XXVI  
Geneva, 7 March 2011

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### **10:00-13:00 Morning session**

Moderator: Mr. Pastor Murillo, Expert, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

#### **10:00-10:30 Opening**

- Opening remarks by Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Opening remarks by Mr. Anwar Kemal, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Introduction to the thematic discussion by Mr. Pastor Murillo, Expert, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

#### **10:30-11:10 People of African descent and the international human rights mechanisms: challenges & accomplishments**

- Mr. Patrick Thornberry, Expert, Committee on the Elimination Of Racial Discrimination
- Ms. Mirjana Najcevska , Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Ms. Gay McDougall, Independent Expert on minority issues

#### **11:10-11:20 History and effects of the transatlantic slave trade on people of African descent**

- Mr. Ali Moussa Iye, Chief , Intercultural Dialogue Section, Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue, UNESCO

#### **11:20-13:00 Interactive dialogue**

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

13:45-14:45 Documentary film screening: "The Slave Routes: A Global Vision"



**15:00-18:00 Afternoon session**

Moderator: Mr. Pierre-Richard Prosper, Expert, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**15:00-15:20 Current socioeconomic situations and issues of social inclusion relating to people of African descent**

- Mr. Carlos Quesada , Regional Director, Latin America, Global Rights
- Ms. Fabiana del Popolo, Population Expert, Population Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

**15:20-15:40 Women of African descent**

- Ms. Verene Shepherd, Expert, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Ms. Suzanne Mbiye Diku, Member of the Board, Black European Women's Council

**15:40-16:00 People of African descent of more recent migration from Africa**

- Mr. Volker Türk, Director of the Division for International Protection, UNHCR
- Ms. Moya Teklu, Advice Council, African Canadian Legal Clinic

**16:00-17:45 Interactive dialogue and open forum for comments from the floor**

**17:45-18:00 Concluding comments by Rapporteur**

- Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoria Dah, Expert, Committee on the Elimination Of Racial Discrimination