**WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT** 14th Session, Geneva, 31 March-4 April 2014, Palais des Nations, Room XXI

**PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT: ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

**Draft Timetable for the consideration of agenda items**

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|  | ***Monday***  ***31 March 2014*** | ***Tuesday***  ***1 April 2014*** | ***Wednesday***  ***2 April 2013*** | ***Thursday***  ***3 April 2014*** | ***Friday***  ***4 April 2014*** |
| **MORNING: 10.00 h. to 13.00 h.** | Item 1: Opening of the session Opening Statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights  **Item 2**: Remarks by outgoing Chair & election of the new Chairperson-Rapporteur Item 3: Adoption of the agenda **Item 4**: Organization of work  **Item 5**: Update and briefings by the Working Group   1. HRC & GA 2. Visit to Brazil 3. Decade for People of African Descent 4. The Working Group’s internal meeting 5. Other activities | Item 6 (Continued): - Effective ways to address acts of racism at the national & regional levels  Gilles Devers, Lawyer and Professor of Law, University of Lyon, France  - Presentation on Mapping Injustices: Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva  Interactive discussion with participants | Item 6 (Continued): Groups in Focus  (b): Women  - Legal Aid for Women:  Monorama Biswas, WGPAD, Member  Maya Sahli, WGPAD, Member  Interactive discussion with participants | Item 6 (Continued): Groups in Focus:  (b) Women (continued)  CEDAW Secretariat  - Roots of contemporary injustices and ways to attain justice for people of African Descent  Prof. Verene Shepherd, WGPAD, Member  Martyn Day, Leigh Day & Co.  Interactive discussion with participants | Closed Meeting (continued) |
| **AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h.** | Item 6: Thematic discussion on people of African descent & Access to Justice - People of African descent and access to jusitice  Prof. Anthony Bogues, Brown University, Keynote Speaker (via teleconference)  - International Human Rights Law in the context of administration of justice for people of African Descent: Pastor Murillo Martinez, CERD, Member  - Impunity & Accountability: Mireille Fanon Mendes-France, WGPAD, Member  - Independence of lawyers and judges in administration of justice: Mr. Laurens Hueting, Centre for Independence of Lawyers and Judges, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)  Interactive discussion with participants | **Item 6**: (continued) Groups in Focus(a): Youth- Youth at Risk: Racial Profiling: Mirjana Najchevska, WGPAD, Member- Gender, Human Rights and Education: A Caribbean Perspective: Suzanne Charles, University of West Indies (via teleconference) Interactive discussion with participants | Closed Meeting | Closed Meeting (15:00-16:00)  16:00-17:30: Talk Programme, UNOG Library | **Item 7:** : Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Fourteenth session |