***18th Session* *of the* WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

*Geneva,**11-15 April, 2016, Palais des Nation, Room XXI*

**Timetable for the consideration of agenda items**

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|  | **Monday** **11April 2016** | **Tuesday** **12 April 2016** | **Wednesday****13April 2016** | **Thursday****14 April 2016** | **Friday****15April 2016** |
|  **MORNING: 10.00 h to 13.00 h** | **Item 1:** Opening of the session Ms. Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights **Item 2**: Remarks by outgoing Chair & election of Chairperson-Rapporteur**Item 3**: Adoption of the agenda**Item 4**: Organization of work**Item 5**: Update and briefings by the Working Group1. HRC & GA
2. Visits
3. Decade for People of African Descent
4. The Working Group’s internal meeting
5. Other activities
 | **Item 6: Continued****Recognition through national action plans and policies or regional plans** Chair: Mr. Michal Balcerzak, WGEPADSpeakers: - Mr. Ahmed Reid, WGEPAD- Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo, European network against Racism (ENAR)- The National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination (CONAPRED), Mexico - Mr. Pedro Mouratian, former Head of the National Institute against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism (INADI), Argentina, video message | **Item 6: Continued Development: Financial/developmental institutions programmes for people of African descent** Chair: Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, WGEPADSpeakers: - Mr. Michal Balcerzak, WGEPAD- Prof. Veronica Womack, Chief Diversity Officer and Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Georgia College & State University- Mr. Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank video message - Mr. Camille Chalmers, PAPDA, Haiti (video conference) | **Item 6: Continued Combating Racial Stereotyping** Chair: Mr. Ahmed Reid, WGEPADSpeakers: - WGEPAD Members - Platform for reflection and Action against Anti Black Racism (CRAN), Switzerland- Mr. Hossam Adly, Week Against Racism, Ville de Geneve - Dr. Barryl Biekman, Tiye International - The Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF), video message | *Closed internal meeting*  |
| **AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h.** | **Item 6: Thematic discussion: Interlinkages between the three themes of the International Decade for People of African Descent (Recognition, Justice and Development)**Chair: Mr. Ricardo Sunga, WGEPAD Speakers:- Ms. Angela Davis, video message- Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPAD- Mr. Danny Glover, video message Screening documentary: Too black to be French. Introduced by Director Ms. Isabelle Boni-Claverie,  | **Item 6: Continued****Justice: Institutional racial bias and law enforcement** Chair: Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPADSpeakers: - Mr. Ricardo Sunga, WGEPAD- Mr. Pastor Murrillo, CERD Member- Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo ENAR - Mothers against police brutality, video message - Mr. Ralph Gonsalves Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and Grenadines, video message- Stop contrôle au facies, France, video message  | **Item 6: Continued** **Commemoration of 15th Anniversary DDPA & Implementation of the International Decade for people of African Descent**Chair: Ricardo SungaSpeakers: - Mrs. Mary Robinson, Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Secretary General of the World Conference Against Racism, video message- Mr. Sabelo Gumedze, WGEPAD- Ms. Mireille Fanon Mendes France, WGEPAD- Regional coordinators - Ms. Ojeaku Nwabuzo, ENAR - Mr. Pastor Murrillo, CERD Member- Mr. Hilary Beckles, video message | *Closed internal meeting* | Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 18th session |