

Call for written submissions on The Kingdom of the Netherlands in advance of country visit

At the invitation of the Government, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, will undertake an official country mission to The Kingdom of the Netherlands from 30 September to 7 October 2019. During her mission she will only visit the territory of the Kingdom in Western Europe, and as a result especially welcomes written submissions from Aruba, Curaçao, St Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba.

The Special Rapporteur invites all interested individuals and organizations, including civil society organizations, activists, and academics, to assist her preparations for the official visit by providing input on the situation of racial inequality, discrimination, and xenophobia in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Submission Topics

Although the Special Rapporteur welcomes all submissions within [her mandate's broad scope](#), her mandate would be grateful to receive submissions targeted to help her:

- examine manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and related trends in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- assess the existing legal, institutional and policy framework in the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the protection of groups and individuals that may be subjected to racial discrimination and related intolerance;
- follow up on recommendations made to the Kingdom of the Netherlands by various human rights mechanisms;
- collect information on existing good practices for combatting racial discrimination, and challenges in their implementation;
- ascertain and describe forms of multiple discrimination (e.g., race and religion, race and gender) facing populations in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- identify individuals and organizations with whom the Special Rapporteur should meet during her country visit;
- gather information on achievements advancing racial equality in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; and
- document remaining gaps and challenges, with a view to making concrete recommendations to the Government and other relevant stakeholders.

The Special Rapporteur is particularly keen to receive submissions that assist the mandate to:

- assess contemporary effects arising from the Kingdom of the Netherlands' historical role in colonialism and the slave trade;
- understand the racialized effects of the Kingdom of the Netherlands' immigration and asylum policies;
- assess how the Kingdom of the Netherlands' counter-terrorism policies enable or impede the enjoyment of racial equality;
- evaluate how the major industries in the Kingdom of the Netherlands affect both domestic and international enjoyment of the human right to racial equality; and

- examine forms of racialized hate speech in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, including political hate speech and racist, anti-immigrant hate speech.

Submissions on Overseas Countries and Territories of The Kingdom of the Netherlands

The brevity of the Special Rapporteur's official visit to the Kingdom of the Netherlands forecloses travel to the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) of the Kingdom. As a result, she especially welcomes submissions that address and illuminate the situation of racial inequality, discrimination, and xenophobia in Aruba, Curaçao, St Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba.

Guidelines for Submissions

Submissions can be sent to racism@ohchr.org by **September 21, 2019**.

Respondents are requested to limit their comments to a maximum of **1,500** words. Additional supporting materials, such as reports, academic studies, and other background materials may be annexed to the submission.

To help her staff identify submissions, the Special Rapporteur kindly requests that respondents include their submissions as email submissions and write "Submission in Advance of SR Racism Visit to the Netherlands" in the email subject line.

Public Availability of Submissions

Please indicate in your submission whether we can publish all or part of it on the website of the Special Rapporteur. **We will not publish any submissions without the explicit consent of the submitting individual and/or organisation.**

Secure Submissions

If you have concerns about digital security and your submission, you may wish to contact organizations that can provide you with information and support. One such organization, [Access Now](#), has a free [digital security helpline](#) to help keep individuals and organizations safe online. Inquiries can be sent to help@accessnow.org.

Outcomes of the Visit

The Special Rapporteur greatly appreciates the effort that goes into making such contributions and looks forward to reading all submissions.

Aided by these submissions and other sources of information, the Special Rapporteur's visit will conclude with an end-of-mission statement on 7 October 2019. She will submit her final report on her visit to The Netherlands to the UN Human Rights Council in July 2020.