

United Nations Working Group of experts on people of African descent

Civil Society Consultation

5 March 2021 (14.00-16.00 CET)

Register for the speakers list at africandescent@ohchr.org or watch the web cast on <http://webtv.un.org/> (virtual event/room XIX)

The Working Group invites civil society organizations, as well as, national human rights institutions and independent national mechanisms that address racial discrimination to register and participate in the WGEPAD civil society consultation which will take place on Friday, 5 March 14:00 – 16:00 CET. In order to enable greater participation by civil society the meeting will also be broadcast live on UN Web TV.

This event aims to allow the Working Group to continue to engage with and learn from civil society in advance of its [28th session](#). The civil society consultation will be an opportunity to discuss what human rights concerns should be prioritized, what the opportunities are in 2021 and recommendations to prevent racial discrimination faced by people of African descent.

The consultation will be structured according to the agenda below, with time for discussion, comments and questions.

Agenda

- 1. Update from the Working Group including on its upcoming 28th session Environmental Justice, the Climate Crisis and people of African descent**
- 2. What human rights concerns for people of African descent should be prioritized now?**
- 3. Where are the opportunities to advance the agenda for people of African descent in 2021?**
- 4. Recommendations for action**

Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions the civil society consultation will be public virtual meetings using the remote simultaneous interpretation platform Interprefy for speakers and also broadcast live on UN Web TV.

We encourage all civil society representatives who would like to be added to the speakers list to register indicating name of speaker, organization, asap with the WGEPAD Secretariat at africandescent@ohchr.org. The link for participation and instruction on how to use the Interprefy platform will be sent to speakers one day prior to the event. We would also be grateful if prepared statements are sent in advance labelled with the speaker's name and date of intervention which will facilitate the work of the interpreters.