

28th Session of the WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

“ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, THE CLIMATE CRISIS & PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT”

Public virtual meeting, 24-26 March 2021, 14.00-16.00 CET, Room XX, Palais des Nations, Geneva **Watch** live at <http://webtv.un.org>

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	Wednesday 24 MARCH	Thursday 25 MARCH	Friday 26 MARCH
14.00-16.00 CET	<p>Item 1: Opening statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Item 3: Organization of work</p> <p>Item 4: Update and briefings by the Working Group</p> <p>Item 5: Statements by outgoing members of the Working Group ending their term in 2021</p> <p>Q & A</p> <p>Item 6. Thematic discussion: Environmental Racism Earth, Wind & Fire (and water)</p> <p>Chair: Dominique Day, Chairperson of the WGEPAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>*Rosamund Kissi-Debrah, World Health Organization advocate for health and air quality and co-founder of the Ella Roberta Family Foundation</p> <p>*Rev. Dr Angelique Walker-Smith National Senior Associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World</p> <p>*Eva Okoth Natural Justice</p> <p>*Isabel Padilla, Executive Secretary, Pastoral Caritas del Vicariato Apostolico de Esmeraldas.</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion: Race and the Climate Crisis: Preparedness & response</p> <p>Chair: Sabelo Gumedze, Member of the WGEPAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>*Fr James Bhagwan General Secretary of the Pacific Council of Churches (PCC)</p> <p>*Biko Rodrigues National Coalition of Quilombola communities (CONAQ)</p> <p>*Sharon Lavinge, Founder of RISE St. James.</p> <p>*Myriam Miranda Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH)</p> <p>*Collette Pichon Battle Founder of the Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Item 6: Thematic Discussion: Environmental Racism, the Climate Crisis and reparatory justice</p> <p>Chair: Ahmed Reid, Member of the WGEPAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>*Francia Marquez, 2018 Goldman Environmental Prize winner, President of the National Council for Peace, Reconciliation and Coexistence of Colombia.</p> <p>*Prof. Verene Shepherd, Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p> <p>*William A. Darity Jr, Lancet Commission on Reparations and Distributive Justice</p> <p>Q&A</p>