



SIDE EVENT

Addressing negative racial stereotypes and stereotyping of people of African descent

Thursday 31 October 2019, 11h30-13h00

Conference Room 8, UNHQ, New York

Organized by: Mandate of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/262, entitled “A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action”, the General Assembly invites the Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WGEPAD), to submit a report on the work of the Working Group to the General Assembly.

The report of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent ([A/74/274](#)) this year focuses on eliminating the root causes of discrimination by addressing harmful racial stereotypes and stereotyping of people of African descent. It includes input received during the meeting of the Working Group on addressing racial stereotypes of people of African descent, held in Geneva on 25 and 26 November 2017, as well as information gathered by the Working Group about the phenomenon.

The purpose of the side event is therefore to raise awareness on addressing negative stereotypes and stereotyping of people of African descent. The presence of UN experts who will be present in New York to present their respective reports to the General Assembly Third Committee provides a unique opportunity for them to raise awareness on the subject matter from the perspective of the human rights mechanisms they are currently leading.

The event will take the format of a panel consisting of the following individuals:

- Mr. Ahmed Reid, Chairperson, [the Working Group of Experts on people of African descent](#) (Presenter & Moderator)
- Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director, OHCHR, NYO
- Dr. Alydia Smith, Program Coordinator, Worship, Music and Spirituality at The United Church of Canada

The event is open to all Member States, civil society representatives and general public.
