

INVITATION

20th Commemoration of the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Durban+20)

Durban+20: Reflections on Youth and Racism Twenty Years later

Date: Friday, 30 July 2021
Time: 10:00 – 12:00
Platform: MS Teams
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The panel discussion aims to reflect on the contemporary challenges facing young people nationally and globally, but most importantly, on how young people can be agents of change against the backdrop of the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the 1976 Soweto Youth Uprising against the racist apartheid system. In this regard, the meeting will also seek to reignite the minds of young people with the spirit of the "Mandela-Robinson" pledge, *Tolerance and Diversity: A Vision for the 21st Century*, which was adopted by delegates at the Durban Conference to demonstrate their steadfast commitment to combat the scourge of racism, racial discrimination and their contemporary manifestations.

Speakers

Mr Alvin Botes
Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

Ms Michelle Bachelet
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms Tendayi Achiume
UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas
UN Resident Coordinator

Ms Malaika Mahlatsi
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Prof. Adekeye Adebajo
Director: Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, University of Johannesburg

Prof. Bongani Majola
Chairperson, South African Human Rights Commission

Tolerance and Diversity: A Vision for the 21st Century

"Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all kinds of related intolerance have not gone away. We recognise that they persist in the new century and that their persistence is rooted in fear: Fear of what is different, fear of the other, fear of the loss of personal security. And while we recognise that human fear is in itself ineradicable, we maintain that its consequences are not ineradicable."

Mary Robinson & Nelson Mandela
World Conference Against Racism, 2001, Durban, South Africa
Vision Declaration

