



## **UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) Consultation with Civil Society**

### **In view of the preparation of the Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights under Human Rights Council Resolution 43/1**

#### **Agenda**

18 February 2021 (Thursday), 11:00-14:00 AM EST (17:00-20:00 UTC+1, Geneva)

#### **Introduction** (10')

**Mona Rishmawi**, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non Discrimination Branch, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR)

#### 1. **Systemic Racism** (40')

Moderator: **Dominique Day**, Chair, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Interventions of 4 minutes each, followed by interactive dialogue, questions and interventions from the floor

**Kerry McLean**, US Human Rights Network

**Vincent Martin**, Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition

**Willie Briscoe**, Milwaukee Human Rights Commission

**Faye S. Taxman**, George Mason University

#### 2. **Violations of international human rights law against Africans and people of African descent by law enforcement agencies** (40')

Moderator: **Mona Rishmawi**, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non Discrimination Branch, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR)

Interventions of 4 minutes each, followed by interactive dialogue, questions and interventions from the floor

**Crista Noel**, Women's All Points Bulletin

**Angelo Pinto**, Until Freedom  
**Amelia Carter**, Penn Community for Justice  
**Iman Abid-Thompson**, New York Civil Liberties Union

3. **Government responses to anti-racism peaceful protests, including the alleged use of excessive force against protesters, bystanders and journalists** (35')

Moderator: **Dominique Day**, Chair, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Interventions of 4 minutes each, followed by interactive dialogue, questions and interventions from the floor

**Professor Hannah Garry**, Director, International Human Rights Clinic, University of Southern California Gould School of Law  
**Humera Nayeb and Molly Gualandri**, UIC Law International Human Rights Clinic

4. **Accountability and redress for victims** (40')

Moderator: **Mona Rishmawi**, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non Discrimination Branch, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR)

Interventions of 4 minutes each, followed by interactive dialogue, questions and interventions from the floor

**Yvonne Gilford**, Stop False Police Reporting at Change.org  
**Maria Mari**, Kilometro Cero  
**Edith Kinney**, San Jose State University Human Rights Institute

**Wrap-up and Closing Remarks** (plenary) (15')

**Dominique Day**, Chair, UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

**Mona Rishmawi**, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non Discrimination Branch, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR)

## **Background**

On 19 June 2020, the Human Rights Council adopted [resolution 43/1](#) entitled “*Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers*” following an [urgent debate](#) by the Council’s members.

Resolution 43/1 requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a comprehensive report on “systemic racism, violations of international human rights law against Africans and people of African descent by law enforcement agencies, especially those incidents that resulted in the death of George Floyd and other Africans and of people of African descent, to contribute to accountability and redress for victims”; and to examine “government responses to anti-racism peaceful protests, including the alleged use of excessive force against protesters, bystanders and journalists”. The report will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its forty-seventh session in June 2021.

In view of the [preparation for the report](#), the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) is organising a consultation to gather further information, updates, views and opinions on the issues raised by Human Rights Council Resolution 43/1.<sup>[1]</sup>

Date, Time and Venue: 18 February 2021 (Thursday), 11:00-14:00 AM EST (17:00-20:00 UTC+1, Geneva).

The consultation will take place on Zoom. Please kindly register on:

<https://aclu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf--sqT8jHtd8BS1WjCyElHUgaXUL8l8S>

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Registrants were asked to fill out a pre-meeting survey, on the basis of which the agenda above has been drafted.

Discussion is organised around the themes of Human Rights Council Resolution 43/1: (1) systemic racism; (2) violations of international human rights law against Africans and people of African descent by law enforcement agencies, especially those incidents that resulted in the death of George Floyd and other Africans and of people of African descent; (3) accountability and redress for victims; and (4) Government responses to anti-racism peaceful protests, including the alleged use of excessive force against protesters, bystanders and journalists. The UN Human Rights Office welcomes information on intersectionality, including in relation to gender and disability, as this pertains to the above areas.

OHCHR will seek to hear from all registered participants. Under each of the above themes, 3-4 interventions will be heard followed by an interactive dialogue, where space will be given to hear all participants who registered as speakers. Time permitting, other participants who did not register

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<sup>[1]</sup> The consultation follows a global call for information: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/Pages/Call-Implementation-HRC-Resolution-43-1.aspx>

to speak may intervene after that. Priority has been given to (1) hearing a range of views on the different themes; (2) directly impacted people and communities and civil society organisations led by people of African descent; and (3) ensuring gender and regional diversity, as well as to diverse voices within the communities.

All participants are encouraged also to send their interventions in writing to: [antiracism1@ohchr.org](mailto:antiracism1@ohchr.org).