**WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT** *12th Session, Geneva, 22-26 April 2013, Palais des Nations in room XXI*

**Draft timetable for the consideration of agenda items**

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|  | ***Monday***  ***22 April 2013*** | ***Tuesday***  ***23 April 2013*** | ***Wednesday***  ***24 April 2013*** | ***Thursday***  ***25 April 2013*** | ***Friday***  ***26 April 2013*** |
| **MORNING: 10.00 h. to 13.00 h.** | Item 1: Opening of the session Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Item 2: Election of the Chairperson-RapporteurItem 3: Adoption of the agenda **Item 4**: Organization of work  **Item 5**: Update and Briefings by the Working Group   1. Visit to the UK by the Working Group. 2. Visit to Panama by the Working Group 3. Update on the Decade for People of African Descent 4. Report on the Working Group’s internal meeting 5. Other activities  Item 6: Thematic discussion on people of African descent with focus on Recognition: through Education, Cultural Rights and Data CollectionGuest Speaker Presentation:Ahmed Reid, Professor of History,The City University of New York, The Transatlantic trade in Africans: Recognition through data analysisInteractive discussion with participants | Item 6: Thematic discussion on people of African descent with focus on Recognition: through Education, Cultural Rights and Data Collection (continue) -From thoughtless racism to recognition by Mirielle Fanon-Mendes-France, Member of the Working Group  -Multiculturalism in teachers training and tackling underperformance of children of African descent by Heidi Safia Mirza**,** Professor,University of London  -Equal access to education by Edna Santos Roland, Independent Eminent Expert on the Durban follow-up  Interactive discussion with participants | Item 6: Thematic discussion on people of African descent with focus on Recognition: through Education, Cultural Rights and Data Collection (continue) -Recognition through data collection, mapping inequalities by Mirjana Najesvska, member of the WGPAD  - The importance of data collection in the promotion of racial equality by Carlos Viafara,Professor of Economics, University del Valle, Colombia  - Respect for the culture, identity, history and heritage of people of African descent by Ali Moussa UNESCO (TBC)  Interactive discussion with participants | Side Events and Meetings by NGOs and the Working Group | **Item 7:**: Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Twelfth session |
| **AFTERNOON: 15.00 h. to 18.00 h.** | Item 6: (continue) - The promotion of Cultural Rights of people of African descent by Susana Baca, Former Minister of Culture of Peru  -Monuments, memorialization and black identity by Verene Shepherd, Chair of the Working Group  Interactive discussion with participants | **Item 6**: (continue)  -Recognition through Education by Maya Sahli, Member of the Working Group  -Promotion of equality and opportunity in education for People of African Descent by Kishore Singh, Special Rapporteur on Right to Education  - Recognition through education, data collection and cultural rights, the work of CERD by Pastor Murillo, Member of CERD  Interactive discussion with participants | **Item 6**: (continue)  **-**Recognition and Cultural Rights by Monorama Biswas, Member of the Working Group  -People of African Descent and Cultural Rights, by Rita Pemberton, Trinidad and Tobago Organisation for People of African Descent  Interactive discussion with participants | Closed meeting of WGPAD members | **Item 8:** : Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Twelfth session |