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AFRICA

.....Mère
de tous les peuples
une Célébration

**le mercredi 9 novembre 2011
de 16h30
au PALAIS DES NATIONS**
Voir programme joint
pour plus de détails.

On the occasion of the **International Year for People of African Descent**

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

Director-General
of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Navi Pillay

United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights

Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo

Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Brazil to the United Nations Office and
other international organizations in Geneva

Soline Nyirahabimana

Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Rwanda
to the United Nations Office and other
international organizations in Geneva

Betty E. King

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the
United States of America
to the United Nations Office and other
international organizations in Geneva

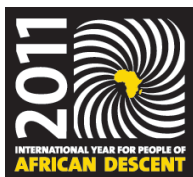
Ridha Bouabid

Ambassador, Permanent Observer
of the International Organization of
la Francophonie to the United Nations Office
and other international organizations in Geneva

have the pleasure to invite you to a celebration
of culture, heritage and diversity featuring:

A LITERARY CONFERENCE EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

by Walter Firmo
and **AFROROOTS CONCERT**



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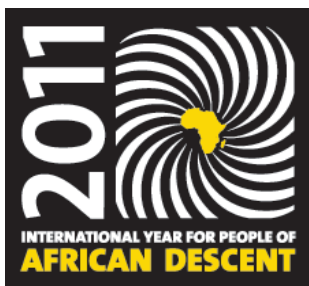
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International Year for People of African Descent

On 18 December 2009, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared the year beginning on 1 January 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent. The Year aims at strengthening national action and regional and international cooperation for the benefit of people of African descent. This includes their full enjoyment of economic, cultural, social, civil and political rights, their participation and integration in all political, economic, social and cultural aspects of society, and the promotion of a greater knowledge of and respect for their diverse heritage and culture.

Around 200 million people who identify themselves as being of African descent live in the Americas. Many millions more live in other parts of the world, outside of the African continent. In proclaiming this International Year, the international community is recognizing that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected.

The main objective of the Year is to raise awareness of the challenges facing people of African descent. It is hoped that the Year will foster discussions that will generate proposals for solutions that tackle these challenges.





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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2011

4:30 P.M.

Room XXIII, E Building, 1st floor

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

**Celebrating Diversity, Equality
and Non-Discrimination:**

Literary conference

featuring writers from around the world

Ana Maria GONÇALVES, Brazil

Jean-Euphèle MILCE, Haiti

Lucy Cristina CHAU, Panama

Eddy L. HARRIS, United States of America

Petina GAPPAH, Zimbabwe

6:00 P.M.

Salle des pas perdus

Opening of the exhibition and reception

AFRICA, MOTHER OF ALL PEOPLES

**Images by Brazilian photographer
Walter Firmo**

featuring a slideshow of images by American
artist **Joseph Holston** from his **COLOR
IN FREEDOM** exhibition and a digital
museum tour of African American art
courtesy of the **Smithsonian Museums**

7:00 P.M.

Assembly Hall

AFRORROOTS CONCERT

featuring the musical attractions

AFROLATA, Brazilian percussion, young people
from poor communities of Rio de Janeiro

IVONNE GONZALEZ, Cuban music

influenced by African roots in Latin America

KARA SYLLA KÁ, Senegalese artist inspired
by the culture of his Foulani heritage

URUNANA, Rwandan youth group based
in Geneva performing traditional dance