Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Consultation with Civil Society

Joining hands to end racial discrimination

23 November 2016, 15:00-18:00 hrs
Palais des Nations, Conference Room XX

Programme of work

15:00-15:15  Opening remarks by Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson of CERD and Moderator

15:15-15:30  Panel 1 - Key issues identified and challenges faced by civil society around the world in combatting racial discrimination
- Mr. Carlos Quesada, Executive Director International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights
- Ms. Sarah Chander, Advocacy Officer at European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

Highlighting key themes from civil society submissions
- Ms. Verene Albertha Shepherd, CERD Member

15:30-15:40  Engagement with civil society via social media (#fightracism)

15:40-16:30  Discussion, questions and comments by participants

16:30-16:45  Panel 2 - Civil society experiences engaging with CERD and ideas to improve and enhance the work of the CERD Committee on racial discrimination, and its engagement with civil society
- Mr. Taisuke Komatsu, Under Secretary-General, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)
- Ms. Claire Thomas, Deputy Director, Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

Highlighting key themes from civil society submissions
- Mr. Nicolás Marugán, CERD Member

16:45-16:55  Engagement with civil society via social media (#fightracism)

16:55-17:45  Discussion, questions and comments by participants

17:45-18:00  Concluding remarks by Anastasia Crickley