Working Group of experts on people of African descent 30th public session on “Children of African Descent”
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Introduction by **Catherine Namakula**
**TOPIC 1**
Safeguarding the Health and Well-being of Children of African Descent
Expert statement **Miriam Ekiudoko** and Panel Chair: **Sushil Raj**

**Invited Speakers:**
1. Dr Joia Crear-Perry, National Birth Equity Collaborative (USA)
3. Dr Robert Carter (USA) video

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**TOPIC 3**
Existential threats to the Black family: racialized interpretations of the best interests of the child
Expert statement and Panel Chair: **Dominique Day**

**Invited Speakers:**
1. Ms Dorothy Roberts (USA)
2. Mr Stephen Dradenya (NL)
3. Ms Salome Mbugua, Akina Dada Wa Africa (Ireland) video

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**TOPIC 5**
“We are the change we seek!” Child/Youth of African Descent Agency and Activism
Expert statement and Panel Chair: **Miriam Ekiudoko**

**Invited Speakers:**
1. Ms. Joanne N. Smith, President and CEO, Girls for Gender Equality (GGE)
2. Dr. Ramatu Bangura, Director Children’s Rights Innovation fund
4. Mr. Youssouf Simba Diakite, Co-founder, co-chair African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe ADYFE video
5. Ms. Sorel Baines (Panama) a 17-year-old from the province of Colon, Panama d Spanish/video
6. Ms. Akeyo Elsa Williams, “Young Gifted Black” (YGB), ISD - video

**Poetry by Amock Alikuleti (video)**

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**TOPIC 7**
Repairing the World for the Future of Children of African Descent
Expert statement and Panel Chair: **Barbara Reynolds**

**Invited Speakers:**
1. Ms Shirley Weber, California Secretary of State (USA)
2. Ms. Breanna Moore, N’COBRA.
3. Dr Olufemi O. Taiwo, author of Reconsidering Reparations video

| Item 7 | Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 30th session |