



COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

50th Anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

“ICERD - Fifty years of fighting racial discrimination - looking back and moving forward”

Palais des Nations, Room XX
Geneva, 26 November 2015

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:00-13:00 Morning session

Moderator: Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill, CERD member

10:00-10:15 Opening remarks by Mr. José Francisco Calí Tzay, Chairperson of CERD

10:15-10:30 Fifty years of achievements – lessons learned and good practices

- Mr. Patrick Thornberry, former member of CERD
- Mr. Mutuma Ruteere, UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Ms. Rita Izsák, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

10:30-11:30 Interactive dialogue and open forum for comments from States parties and other stakeholders

11:30-11:40 Fifty years of achievements – lessons learned and good practices

- Ms. Katharina Rose, Geneva Representative, International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions
- Ms. Nimalka Fernando, President of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

11:40-12:45 Interactive dialogue and open forum for comments from States parties and other stakeholders

12:45-13:00 Concluding remarks by Ms. Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill

13:00-15:00 Lunch break



15:00-18:00 Afternoon session

Moderator: Ms. Anastasia Crickley, CERD member

15:00-15:15 Current challenges and ways forward

- Mr. Régis de Gouttes, former member of CERD
- Ms. Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France, Chairperson of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

15:15-16:15 Interactive dialogue and open forum for comments from States parties and other stakeholders

16:15-16:25 Current challenges and ways forward

- Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
- Ms. Gay McDougall, Chair of the Governing Council of Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

16:25-17:45 Interactive dialogue and open forum for comments from States parties and other stakeholders

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