

Dear Honorable **PFPAD Members**,

My name is Robin J. Benton, I am a GrassRoots Organizer and serve as **Co-Lead for the Comms/IT Committee for the International Civil Society Working Group for PFPAD**.

Our collective mission is to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and to secure human rights for the PAD Diaspora. In the spirit of this mission, I would like to present a key recommendation to this body: "to affirm the urgent need for Member States to collect disaggregated data on people of African descent. This data is instrumental in identifying, monitoring, and tracking disparities, as well as holding states accountable for the human rights situation of people of African descent."

A central component of this recommendation is our proposed **Human Rights Disparities Dashboard (HRDD)**. This systemic IT / AI solution is designed to address Systemic Racism, contextualized as disparate impact across all systems in every area of people activity. We firmly believe that "if it's a system, it can be measured."

The **HRDD** will support the mandate of the **PFPAD**, guided by the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA) and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference upon which this HRDD vision originated.

We sincerely hope that this recommendation will be seriously considered by all **UN Mechanisms to Combat Racism**, including the **Durban Declaration and Program of Action 2001, UN Rapporteur on Racism, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent, Expert Mechanism on Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement**, and the **UN High Commissioner on Human Rights' Four Point Transformative Agenda**.

In alignment with the George Floyd Resolution and the challenge set forth by UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, I echo her words: "***I am calling on all States and (UN Bodies) to stop denying, and start dismantling, racism; to end impunity and build trust; to listen to the voices of people of African descent; and to confront past legacies and deliver redress.***" We implore all **UN Mechanisms to Combat Racism** to unite in support of this recommendation to combat systemic racism.
Thank you for your consideration.

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