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Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Slave Route Project

Wednesday, 10 September 2014
UNESCO Headquarters

Programme

Part I

10 a.m. - 12.50 p.m., Room IV
**Round Table: from the Slave Route to the International
Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024):
what directions?**

9.30 - 10 a.m.

Welcoming of participants

10 - 10.15 a.m.

Opening session

- Mr Alfredo Pérez de Armiñán, UNESCO Assistant Director-General
- Mrs Lalla Aïcha Ben Barka, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Africa
- Mr Mactar Ndoye, Anti-Discrimination Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)
- H.E. Mr E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, Chairman of the Permanent Memorial in Honour of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Committee (New York)

10.15 – 11.05 a.m.

Panel 1: Actions in the field of historical research
Introduction/Moderator: Mrs Nelly Schmidt, member of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project

11.05 - 11.50 a.m.

Panel 2: Actions in the field of education
Introduction/Moderator: Mr Hilary Beckles, member of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project

11.50 a.m. - 12.35 p.m.

Panel 3: Actions in the field of culture (heritage, creativity and development)
Introduction/Moderator: Mr Ali Moussa Iye, Chief, History and Memory for Dialogue Section, UNESCO Culture Sector

12.35 - 12.50 p.m.

Conclusion of discussion by Mr Doudou Diène, former Director of the UNESCO Division for intercultural projects

Part II**1 - 1.30 p.m., Suffren Hall****Inauguration and visit of the exhibition “Africans in India: from Slaves to Generals and Rulers”**

- Address by Mr Getachew Engida, UNESCO Deputy Director-General
- Address by H.E. Ms Ruchira Kamboj, Ambassador of the Republic of India to UNESCO
- Address Ms Sylviane A. Diouf, Curator of the exhibition, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York)
- Artistic performance (Indian dance)

Part III**2.30 - 6.15 p.m., Room I****Commemorative Ceremony:
Testimonies, influences and creativity**

2.30 - 2.45 p.m.

Welcoming of personalities (Salle Miró 1,2,3)

2.45 - 3 p.m.

Accompaniment on the way to the Symbolic Globe

3 - 3.30 p.m.

Release of doves around the UNESCO Symbolic Globe, in presence of Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General and eminent personalities invited

- Greetings by Mr Michel Reinette, master of ceremonies
- Performance by *TF Gospel Singers*
- Accompaniment of personalities by Nanou Coul “griotte” (from the Globe to Room I)

4 - 4.10 p.m.

Formal opening of the ceremony by Mr Michel Reinette, master of ceremonies and performance by *Tazenco Gwo ka*, Antillean music group

4.10 - 4.30 p.m.

Screening of a video on the accomplishments of the Slave Route Project

- Address by Mrs Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General
- Video message from Mr Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

4.30 - 4.50 p.m.

1st Interlude*Abyale*, Franco-Gabonese Jazz singer

- Address by H.E. Mr Abdou Diouf, former President of Senegal and Secretary-General of the International Organisation of la Francophonie
- Address by Mrs Christiane Taubira, French Minister of Justice

4.50 - 5.15 p.m.

2nd Interlude*Anuanga*, Masai choreographer

- Address from Mr Hao Ping, President of 37th UNESCO General Conference

- Address from the Right Honourable Mich  lle Jean, former Governor-General of Canada, Member of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project, UNESCO Special Envoy for Haiti

5.15 - 5.35 p.m.

3rd Interlude

Mary Paz, Cuban eletropercussion

- Address by Mr Li Ruohong, Chairman of the *China World Peace Foundation* (Beijing) and donor
- Address by Mrs Maria Elisa V  lasquez, President of the International Scientific Committee for the Slave Route Project

5.35 - 5.45 p.m.

4th Interlude

Video clip of departed celebrities committed to the fight against racism and for the recognition of African heritage

- Address by Mr Marcus Miller, Artist for Peace and Spokesman for the Slave Route Project

5.45 - 6.15 p.m.

Closure

- *Sefarat' al khafa  *, Gnawa music group
- *Afro Samba Project* by choreographer Alex Lima, Brazilian music and dance group

**From 7 p.m., Fontenoy Restaurant (7th floor)
Cocktail Reception offered by the Permanent
Delegation of the United States of America to
UNESCO (by invitation only)**

- Address by H.E. Mrs Crystal Nix-Hines, Ambassador of the Permanent Delegation of the United States of America to UNESCO
- Projection of film by the Permanent Delegation of the United States of America to UNESCO
- Music performance by Mr Marcus Miller, Artist for Peace and Spokesman for the Slave Route Project