UNESCO GLOBAL FORUM AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

28-29 NOVEMBER, 2022
MEXICO CITY

Los Pinos Cultural Complex, Mexico City
Entrance: Glorieta de la Lealtad

AGENDA
DAY 1 - MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022

8:30 ~ 9:15 OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony: Jeremy Gilley, Founder, Peace One Day (United Kingdom)

Martha Delgado, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity & Inclusion (Canada)
Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation (USA)
Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Satyarthi Children’s Foundation (India)
Peter Grohmann, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Mexico
Frédéric Vacheron, UNESCO Representative to Mexico

9:20 ~ 10:40 PANEL 1. MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE. BUILDING THE UNESCO ROADMAP

Moderator: Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Participants:
Victoria Donda Pérez, President, National Institute Against Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism, INADI (Argentina)
Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity & Inclusion (Canada)
Carlos Manuel Do Canto Monteiro, Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports (Cap Vert)
Fernando Rojas, Viceminister of Culture (Cuba)
Gretty Leila Vargas Sánchez, Minister of Management and Development of Peoples and Nationalities (Ecuador)
Tri Rismaharini, Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs (Indonesia)
Olivia Grange, Minister, Ministry of Information, Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture (Jamaica)
Claudia Olivia Morales Reza, President, President, National Council to Prevent Discrimination, CONAPRED (Mexico)
Hala Maziad Altuwaijri, President, The Human Rights Commission (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, Minister, Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms (Sri Lanka)
Desiree Cormier-Smith, Special Representative for Racial Justice and Equity, Department of State (USA)

10:45 ~ 11:00 NETWORKING BREAK

11:00 ~ 12:10 PANEL 2. SETTING UP INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS: SCALING UP POLICY DIALOGUES AND PILOT WORKSHOPS

Moderator: Marie Mercat-Bruns, Professor of International Law, SciencesPo (France)

Participants:
Peter Flegel, Executive Director, Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat (Canada)
Elisabeth Moreno, Former Delegate Minister for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, (France)
Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, BC (Canada)
Monique van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate, Kingdom of Netherlands to UNESCO (Netherlands)
Michal Balcerzak, Vice-Chairman, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Poland) – Virtual
Susana Harp, Senator, President of the Culture Commission of the Senate (Mexico)

12:15 ~ 13:25 PANEL 3. LEADING VOICES AGAINST RACISM

Moderator: Jeremy Gilley, Founder, Peace One Day (United Kingdom)

Participants:
Xueli Abbing, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (Netherlands)
Evelina Cabrera, Football player, mental coach, activist (Argentina)
Epsy Campbell, Permanent Forum of People of African descent (Costa Rica)
Tenoch Huerta, Actor and activist (Mexico)
Myrna Cunningham, Miskitu Indigenous leader, First Vice-President, Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (Nicaragua) – Virtual

13:30 INAUGURATION “DUTCH COLONIAL SLAVERY” EXHIBIT

organized by the UN outreach Programme on the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery, the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam (Netherlands) & United Nations Information Center Mexico

Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Monique van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate, Kingdom of Netherlands to UNESCO
Jayashri Wyatt, Chief Education Outreach Section at United Nations Department of Global Communications

13:40 ~ 14:45 LUNCH
15:00 ~ 16:10 PANEL 4. CATALYZING THE DEBATE TO ADVANCE THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, ADOLESCENTS AND GIRLS co-organized with UNFPA

Opening: Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Keynote: Hala Maziad Altuwaijri, President, The Human Rights Commission (Saudi Arabia)

Moderator: Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Podcast host, Executive Director of the NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research (Haiti/USA)

Participants:
Gary Barker, President, CEO and Co-Founder, Equimundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice (USA/Brazil)
Débora Cóbar, Executive Director of the Americas and Global Sponsorship, Plan International (Guatemala)
Roceli Dzib García, Mayan Rights Activist, Member of the Youth Advisory Group of UNFPA México
Makesi Francis, Co-Founder of Victim Eyes, Director of WeTalkingBois, Youth Leader and Activist (Trinidad and Tobago)

Closing: Alanna Armitage, Representative for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Mexico, and Director for Cuba and the Dominican Republic

16:15 ~ 17:00 Panel 5. Fireside Dialogue
Moderator: Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Participants:
Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Satyarthi Children’s Foundation (India)
Ángel Gurría, Elected President, Paris Peace Forum (Mexico)

17:00 UNVEILING OF ARTWORK “Collection REFLECTIONS” by Krytzia Dabdoub, Contemporary and Global Artist (Mexico)

17:10 ~ 17:20 COFFEE BREAK

17:20 ~ 18:40 PANEL 6. MEASURING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EVIDENCE BASE
Moderator: Claudia Uribe, Director of the Regional Office of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNESCO in Chile

Participants:
Michaela Moua, Anti-Racism Coordinator, European Commission (Finland)
Ojeaku Nwabuza, Co-Director on Policy, Advocacy and Network Development, European Network against Racism (Belgium)
Gloria García Parra, Regional Director Latin America, OXFAM (Colombia)
Benedetto Zacchiroli, President of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism and the ICCAR Global Steering Committee (Italy)
Charles Harb, Professor of Social and Political Psychology, American University in Beirut (Lebanon) – Virtual
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9:00 ~ 10:10 PANEL 7. THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC SPACE AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION in partnership with The Ford Foundation

Moderator: Helena Hofbauer, International Program Director, Civic Engagement and Government; Director, Mexico and Central America, Ford Foundation (Mexico)

Participants:
Judith Bautista Pérez, Coordinator, Collective to Eliminate Racism, COPERA (Mexico)
Salimah Hankins, Director of UN Implementation, UN Antiracism Coalition (USA)
César Mantilla Cisneros, Spokesperson, Citizen Coalition of Social Organizations (Ecuador)
Abdelbasset Ben Hassen, President, Arab Institute for Human Rights (Tunisia) – Virtual

10:15 ~ 11:25 PANEL 8. AN URGENT CONVERSATION: RACISM AND ITS HERITAGE: UN WOMEN, WITH THE UN OUTREACH PROGRAMME ON THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND SLAVERY co-organized by UNESCO Kingston (Jamaica)

Moderator: Paula Istriz, Programme Specialist - UNESCO Office for the Caribbean in Kingston

Participants:
Sindis Meza, Senior program officer, Ford Foundation (Colombia)
Aly “Webster” Ndiaye, Rapper, speaker (Canada) – Virtual
Maria Elisa Velásquez Gutiérrez, Coordinator UNESCO Chair on Afrodescendants in Mexico and Central America: recognition, expressions and cultural diversity (México)
Verene A. Shepherd, Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – CERD (Jamaica) – Virtual
Myriam Cottias, President, International Scientific Committee of the Routes of Enslaved Peoples (France) – Virtual
Don Marshall, Director and Senior Research Fellow of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies (Barbados) – Virtual

11:30 ~ 11:40 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 ~ 12:55 PANEL 9. ANTI-ASIAN RACISM co-organized with the Republic of Korea

Moderator: Ângela Melo, Director for Social Inclusion and Youth, SHS, UNESCO

Participants:
Suh Jeong-In, Ambassador, Republic of Korea to Mexico (Mexico)
Sam Park, State Representative, Georgia General Assembly, House of Representatives USA (Republic of Korea / USA)
Marco Pérez Jiménez, University Program of Studies of Cultural Diversity and Interculturality (PUIC), UNAM (México)
Vivian Shaw, Professor, Sociology, Harvard University (USA)
Kyung tae Park, Professor, Department of Sociology, Sungkonghoe University (Republic of Korea)
Gyonggu Shin, Special Adviser to the Mayor of Gwangju (Republic of Korea)

12:55 ~ 14:15 LUNCH

14:30 ~ 15:40 PANEL 10. ADDRESSING DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM IN AI, INCLUDING ONLINE HATE SPEECH co-organized with Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section (UNESCO)

Moderator: Dafna Feinholz, Chief of Section, Bioethics and Ethics of Science, UNESCO

Participants:
Karel Fracapane, Focal Point for Holocaust Education, UNESCO
Emma Wright, Director, Institute of AI (UK)
Maria Elena Estavillo, Director-General, Centro-I for the Society of the Future (Mexico)
Ames Dhaj, Professor, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) – Virtual
Peter-Paul Verbeek, Professor of Philosophy, Ethics Sciences and Technology, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) – Virtual
Guilltherme Canela, Chief, Section of Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, CI, UNESCO – Virtual

15:45 ~ 16:55 PANEL 11. INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEE IN THE POST-COVID ERA co-organized with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO

Moderator: Mohammad Mousa, Programme officer, Canadian Commission for UNESCO

Participants:
Alexandra Aguilar Bellamy, Senior Researcher and Editor-in-Chief of academic publications in human rights, National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM (Mexico)
Dana Graber Ladek, Chief of Mission / Representative of the International Organization for Migration, IOM (Mexico)
Marie-Elena John, Senior Racial Justice Specialist, UN Women (USA)
Andrés Ramirez Silva, General Coordinator, Mexican Commission for Aid to Refugees, COMAR (Mexico)
Josep Herreros, Protection Representative, UNHCR Mexico
Ellene Sana, Executive Director, Center for Migrant Advocacy (Philippines) – Virtual
Nelofar Sorosh, Member, UNESCO Youth and Sport Task Force (Mexico) – Virtual

17:00 ~ 17:10 COFFEE BREAK

17:15 ~ 18:25 PANEL 12. MOBILIZING RESOURCES TO FIGHT RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION co-organized with UNESCO Cluster Office in Costa Rica

Moderator: Julien Pellaux, Director of Partnerships, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO

Participants:
Alexandra Haas, Director, Mexico Office, Oxfam (Mexico)
Carla D. Thompson, Vice President, Program Strategy, W.K Kellogg Foundation (USA)
Jeremy Gilley, Founder of Peace One Day (United Kingdom)
Guoqi Wu, Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department, IFAD – Video message
Scherto Gill, Director and Senior Fellow, Global Humanity for Peace Institute, Guerrand Hermès Foundation (United Kingdom) – Virtual
Tynesha McHarris, Co-founder of the Black Feminist Fund (USA) – Virtual
18:30 ~ 19:10 CLOSING CEREMONY: THE WAY FORWARD

Master of Ceremony: Jeremy Gilley, Founder, Peace One Day (United Kingdom)
Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Helena Hofbauer, International Program Director, Ford Foundation (Mexico)
Carla D. Thompson, Vice President, Program Strategy, W.K Kellogg Foundation (USA)
Simon Picker, President, Fundación en Movimiento (Mexico)
UNESCO Medal Recipient, Champion for Social Inclusion
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10.00 ~ 11.30 ARAB LATINOS
Organizer(s): Social and Human Sciences’ Sector, UNESCO
“Arab Latinos” is an innovative UNESCO programme that highlights the specific intercultural encounter between the Arab States and the Latin America and Caribbean region and its socio-cultural impacts. Beyond the usual reductive stereotypes of “Latinos” and “Arabs”, the programme aims at emphasizing the richness and complexities of these multi-cultural groups. It also promotes the diversity of artistic and intellectual expressions against stereotypes and discriminations by strengthening contemporary intercultural initiatives between both regions, while contributing to human, social and economic development.

12.00 ~ 13.30: UNMASKING RACISM IN AND THROUGH EDUCATION
Organizer(s): Education Sector, UNESCO / Georg Eckert Institute
The struggle against any form of racism is a central element of UNESCO’s work to build peace in the minds of men and women, notably through global citizenship education (GCED) which seeks to strengthen understanding and solidarity among peoples. From an educational perspective, confronting intolerance begins with supporting responsible citizenship and commitment to human rights. Therefore, UNESCO now releases Unmasking Racism, Guidelines for Educational Materials a report about how racism may be conveyed, and also dealt with in textbooks and new guidance for education stakeholders on how to fully address the issue.

15.00 ~ 16.30: CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE EXPRESSIONS OF AFRO-DESCENDANT YOUTH IN CENTRAL AMERICA
Organizer(s): UNESCO Cluster Office for Central America
This side-event will bring together young people of African descent from Central America representing civil society organizations, governments and intergovernmental agencies to share experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the fight against racism and discrimination from new inclusive, innovative, creative and cultural narratives based on youth perspectives and intergenerational dialogues.

17.00 ~ 18.30: LAUNCH EVENT OF THE GLOBAL COALITION AGAINST SYSTEMIC RACISM AND REPARATIONS
Organizer(s): Global Coalition Against Systemic Racism and Reparations / Afrodescendant Institute for Study, Research and Development
The Global Coalition against Systemic Racism and Reparations is a collective effort developed by civil society organizations with the cooperation of public, private, political, social, business, cultural and productive actors, to help eradicate racism and its consequences. This global platform was presented in the framework of the first commemoration of the International Day of People of African Descent, on August 31st of 2021, in the official commemoration organized by the government of Costa Rica with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations System.

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9.30 ~ 11.00: TOOLS AGAINST DISCOURSES OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION IN COMMUNICATION: EXPERIENCES FROM MEXICO
Organizer(s): UNESCO / CINU / ACNUR / OIM / RacismoMX
The United Nations have historically promoted international cooperation against racism and discrimination, in this area UNESCO, together with scientists and institutions from around the world, demonstrated the scientific falsehood of racist theories, dismantling the concept of race in the 1950s of the 20th century. Humanity is currently facing an upsurge in racism, discrimination and hatred, and the responses must be collective. This panel brings together voices from the United Nations System in Mexico, civil society (RacismoMX and Poder Prieto) and the media to share tools and experiences that promote the recognition and promotion of the diversity of social and cultural realities, based on dignity, in order to contribute to building a freer, fairer, more equitable and peaceful world.

11.30 ~ 13.00: BUILDING A NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION
Organizer(s): The North American Leaders’ Summit (Canada, Mexico, United States)
In this roundtable in the framework of the UNESCO Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination, government officials of Canada, Mexico and the United States, as well as civil society leaders from the three countries will discuss and exchange on cooperation methods to boost multi-sectoral efforts to eliminate systemic racism, discrimination and hate, and build a trilateral Partnership for racial equity and inclusion in North America.

14.30 ~ 16.00: AN ANTI-RACIST COMPANY: IS THAT POSSIBLE?
Organizer(s): Council to Prevent and Eliminate Discrimination of Mexico City (COPRED)
The side event organized by COPRED in Mexico City seeks to follow up on the signing of the Anti-Racist Agreement signed by the companies that belong to the Gran Acuerdo por el Trato Igualitario (GATI by its acronym in Spanish), in order to provide them tools and good practices that they could implement in their workplaces.

16.30 ~ 18.00: YOUTH CAFE – INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE TO FIGHT RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION
Organizer(s): UNESCO / UNFPA
The Youth Cafe is a space to exchange ideas and experiences between youth and adults about racism, discrimination, and other related topics. The objective of this side event is to discuss the fight racism and discrimination in all of its forms, through youth participation, intergenerational dialogue and partnerships.