

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

“Consolidating the normative framework of the struggle for justice for victims of slavery, deportation and colonization : Contribution of international law and United Nations mechanisms for just and lasting reparations ”

October 23, 2025 (Geneva)

Hour	
9:00 AM - 9:30 a.m.	Registration / Installation
Opening Ceremony	
Moderator: <i>HE Abdallah Saleh POSSI, Ambassador, permanent representative of the United Republic of Tanzania in Geneva, Chairperson of the African Group</i>	
9:30 – 9:35	Welcome’s remarks by the moderator (5 min)
9:35 – 9:40	Address by HE Mr. Mxolisi NKOSI , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa in Geneva (5 min)
9:40 am - 9:45 a.m.	Address by HE Emmanuel Kwame Asiedu ANTWI , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ghana in Geneva (5 min)
9:45 a.m. - 09:50 a.m.	Address by S.E. Mme Ann-Kathryne Lassègue , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Haiti in Geneva (Coordination of Caribbean Community States (CARICOM)) (5 min)
09:50 am - 09:55 a.m.	Address by Mr. Volker Türk , United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (5min)
09:55 a.m. - 10:02 a.m.	Opening address by HE Prof. Robert DUSSEY , Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, African Integration and Togolese Abroad (7 min)
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Panels and discussions	
Panel 1 : “Reparatory justice for victims of slavery, deportation and colonization: what role and contributions of international law and the United Nations?”	
Moderator: <i>Mr. Délidji Eric DEGILA, Professor of practice of International Relations, Special Advisor to the Director, African Strategy</i>	
10:20 – 11: 10	panelists: - Mr Abdoul Aziz THIOYE, Deputy Director, Global Operations Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); - United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) (representative to be designated); - Madame. Catherine S. Namakula, member of the Working Group on People of African Descent; Mr. Modibo SACKO, Chairperson of the African Court of Human and people’s rights (AfCHRP); - Mr. Fuad ZARBIYEV, Professor of International Law, Co-Director, LL.M in International Law, Geneva Graduate Institute

Panel 2 : "Paths towards the Constitution of the United Front for the Reparation of the Harms Suffered by the Victims of Slavery, Deportation and Colonization" Moderator: S.E. Mme. Kadra AHMED HASSAN, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the UN	
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	panelists: - HE Richard Brown, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Jamaica in Geneva; - Mr. Remy Ngoy Lumbu, Chairperson of the African Commission of Human and people's rights (ACHRP); - Mr. Allan Ngari, Advocacy Director for Human Rights Watch's Africa division - Mr. Jan Lonn, World against Racism Network; - Madame Sima Luipert, representative of the Nama people (Nama Traditional Leaders Association (NTLA); - Mr. Celeste UGOCHUKWU, African Diaspora Council of Switzerland (ADCS)
12:00-12:10	Closing ceremony: - Remarks by HE Mr. Mxolisi NKOSI, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland (5 min) - Closing address by H.E Prof Robert DUSSEY (5 min)
12:10-12:30	Refreshment