



Racism and Racial Discrimination

Citing 'weight of history', senior UN officials of African descent issue call to 'go beyond and do more' to end racism (UN News, 14 June 2020):

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/06/1066242>

UN Entities

- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/CERDIndex.aspx>
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/IndexSRRacism.aspx>
- Ad-hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/AdHocCommittee/Pages/AdHocIndex.aspx>
- Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/Pages/IndependentEminentExperts.aspx>
- Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/IntergovWG/Pages/IWGIIndex.aspx>
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - Fostering Rights, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination
<https://en.unesco.org/themes/fostering-rights-inclusion>

Treaties, Declarations and UN Documents

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CERD.aspx>
 - Background information in the Audiovisual Library of International Law:
<http://legal.un.org/avl/ha/cerd/cerd.html>
http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Sicilianos_HR.html
- Report of the Durban Review Conference
<http://undocs.org/A/CONF.211/8>
- Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (World Conference against Racism, 2001)
<http://undocs.org/A/CONF.189/12>
- UNESCO – Fostering Rights, Inclusion and Non-Discrimination - Normative instruments:
<https://en.unesco.org/themes/fostering-rights-inclusion/normative-instruments>

Databases

- Anti-discrimination database - OHCHR's Database on practical means to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
<https://adsdatabase.ohchr.org/SitePages/Anti-discrimination%20database.aspx>

UN Conferences and Observances

- 21 March - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day>
- 2015–2024: International Decade for People of African Descent:
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/decade-people-african-descent>
- 2011 - International Year for People of African Descent:
<http://www.un.org/en/events/iypad2011/>
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/IntlYearPeopleAfricanDescent.aspx>
- Stand up for human rights: Fight racism: <https://www.standup4humanrights.org/>
- Let's Fight Racism Campaign: <http://www.un.org/en/letsfightracism/>
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: 50 years of fighting racism (Celebration Event - 26 November 2015):
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/50/Pages/Icerd50.aspx>
- 10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action – General Assembly High-Level Meeting, 22 September 2011:
<http://www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011/>
- Durban Review Conference, Geneva, 20 – 24 April 2009:
<http://www.un.org/en/durbanreview2009/>
- World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban (2001): <http://www.un.org/WCAR/>
- United Nations - Key conference outcomes on racism:
<http://www.un.org/en/development/devagenda/racism.shtml>

Further information

- UN News Centre on Racism: <https://news.un.org/en/tags/racism>
- UN News Centre on Hate Speech: <https://news.un.org/en/tags/hate-speech>
- United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech:
<https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/hate-speech-strategy.shtml>
- Ask DAG: What is the UN doing to combat racism and racial discrimination?
<http://ask.un.org/faq/306811>

Selected Statements and Speeches of the Secretary-General

- Secretary-General denounces 'Tsunami' of xenophobia unleashed amid COVID-19, calling for all-out effort against hate speech (SG/SM/20076, 8 May 2020):
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20076.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, commemorating 1994 Rwanda Genocide, urges world to reject hate speech, forces of polarization (SG/SM/20036, 6 April 2020):
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20036.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General warns racism still pervasive, calls for action, marking International Day to Remember Slave Trade Victims (SG/SM/20019, 24 March 2020):
<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20019.doc.htm>
- Amid alarming surge of xenophobia, racism, Secretary-General calls on states to urgently heed genocide warning signs, in Message for International Day (SG/SM/19900-OBV/1944, 9 December 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19900.doc.htm>

- In Message to group tackling hate speech, Secretary-General affirms United Nations support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex rights (SG/SM/19762-HR/5445-PI/2273, 24 September 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19762.doc.htm>
- We must all do better at looking out for each other, Secretary-General stresses while launching United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech (SG/SM/19627, 18 June 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19627.doc.htm>
- Urging rejection of hate speech, racism on Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Genocide, Secretary-General Says Rwanda's experience holds many lessons for humanity (SG/SM/19544, 12 April 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19544.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges world communities to 'stand together and protect each other' against rising racism, xenophobia, in remarks at Cairo Mosque (SG/SM/19528, 2 April 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19528.doc.htm>
- All society 'diminished' when people are attacked over their ethnicity, beliefs, Secretary-General says at event on elimination of racial discrimination (SG/SM/19513-GA/12129-OBV/1870, 25 March 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19513.doc.htm>

Selected Articles in UN journals

- UN Chronicle, Issue 3, 2007: "The Solidarity of People": <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/solidarity-peoples/>
- SHS Newsletter 02, 2003: "Understanding and combating the different forms of racism": <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001312/131271e.pdf>

Selection of Publications available online

- Newsletter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/Newsletter.aspx>
- Racial Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities in the COVID-19 Crisis (OHCHR, 29 April 2020): https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Minorities/UN_Network_Racial_Discrimination_Minorities_COVID.pdf
- Colour? What colour? Report on the fight against discrimination and racism in football (UNESCO, February 2016): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002357/235721e.pdf>
- Developing National Action Plans against Racial Discrimination: a practical guide (OHCHR, 2013): <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-13-03.pdf>
- Selected Decisions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Volume 1: Thirty-sixth to seventy-fifth sessions (August 1988 – August 2011) <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/CERDSelectedDecisionsVolume1.pdf>
- Dimensions of Racism: Proceedings of a Workshop to commemorate the end of the United Nations Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (2005): <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/DimensionsRacismen.pdf>
- United to Combat Racism: Equality, Justice, Dignity (2001): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001233/123354e.pdf>
- The Struggle Against Discrimination: A Collection of International Instruments adopted by the United Nations System (1996): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0010/001060/106049e.pdf>