



Recognition and Acknowledgement of The International Decade for People of African Descent

In 2013, the United Nations declared 2015 to 2024 the International Decade for People of African Descent. The theme of the decade is “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development”.

The United Nations states that “Studies and findings by international and national bodies demonstrate that people of African descent still have limited access to quality education, health services, housing and social security.”

This decade calls on us to acknowledge, celebrate and emphasize the important contributions people of African descent make in our workplaces, union and society.

It also shares a call to the international community to promote sustainable and concrete ways to fight discrimination. This discrimination includes and is not limited to high rates of police violence, racial profiling, mass imprisonment, and structural racial discrimination in education, health, housing, and employment.

The decade acknowledges that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. This call for action is needed to ensure full inclusion in society.