

United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Invitation – Civil Society Consultation

Building an International Human Rights Anti-Racism Agenda in the Shadow of Populist Nationalism”

Geneva, on 3 July 2018

13h00-14h30

United Nations Office in Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XI

Since assuming her role in November 2017, the new UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, is committed to building a strong network of civil society organizations, social movements, community-based actors, academics and others working in the field of racial discrimination. As a result, she plans to host periodic consultations with relevant stakeholders around the world in order to involve them in the agenda setting of her mandate.

Alongside her first presentation before the UN Human Rights Council at its 38th session, the Special Rapporteur will be convening a civil society consultation in Geneva. The meeting will take place **on Tuesday 3 July 2018 from 13h00 to 14h30 in Palais des Nations Room XI.**

The Special Rapporteur would like to hear and exchange views with stakeholders from Europe regarding

- trends and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the European region and globally
- key trends, issues and challenges in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the wider European region;
- efforts and experiences in combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the current era;
- key changes in European legal, policy and political landscape that have positively or negatively impacted racial equality work in the region;
- emerging effective strategies for combatting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the present era; and
- suggestions on how international human rights actors, especially the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Racism, can better advance the racial justice goals of local and national advocates to impact communities in Europe

Inputs from civil society actors will contribute to shaping the agenda setting goals of the Special Rapporteur.

In addition, the Special Rapporteur would like to have a discussion on the topic of her first thematic report to the General Assembly to be presented at its 73rd session (October 2018), which will address the impact of populist nationalism on racial equality and related human rights concerns.

Modality

Speaking slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. One hour will be reserved for presentations by participants followed by a thirty minutes interactive discussion.

Given the expected limited time available for presentations and in order to allow every participant to provide inputs to the Special Rapporteur on the abovementioned issues or other relevant matters, written submissions are strongly encouraged. Submitted information may vary in length but should at the very least summarize the core of participant contributions to the consultation. Unless participants indicate a preference for submissions to be kept confidential, the Special Rapporteur may make these publicly available after the consultations, so that stakeholders unable to participate in the meetings can nonetheless benefit directly from the insights it generates. All presentations/submissions should be sent to racism@ohchr.org.

Confirmation of participation should be sent to racism@ohchr.org with the title of this invitation, sharing your name, affiliation and issue of focus, **no later than Monday 25 June 2018**. Kindly indicate whether you would need accreditation to access the UN premises.