

## Notes for PAD Meeting 9/17/2019

### Resources for Attendees:

Landing page for PAD:

<http://www.idpad.org>

UN UPR Information Page:

<https://www.upr2020.org>

To join a working group:

<https://www.upr2020.org/join-a-working-group>

### **I. Purpose**

- a. You are the Network. In order that USHRN know what people are working on, members should inform the network of work that is being done within their organizations.
- b. To organize around a permanent forum and establish a declaration for the Rights of People of African Descent.
- c. Establishing the validity of anti-blackness as a discrimination issue.
- d. Building on the work of past advocates working on uniqueness of problems experienced by People of African Descent.

### **II. Goals**

- a. Permanent forum at the UN
- b. Multiple forms of advocacy around the permanent forum
  - a. Needs to take place prior to the November decision as to location.
- c. Where should it be housed at the UN? Under which mechanism?
  - a. A decision is expected in November.
- d. What do USHRN members want to see in a permanent forum? We need input from the various member organizations.
- e. Declaration on the rights of PAD for fighting for rights internationally

### **III. Other Talking Points**

- a. HR 40 Slavery Reparations
  - i. We've heard from the UN Special Rapporteur on Racism
- b. Regional meeting in Senegal Oct 23-24 on African Diaspora and the special problems experiences by people of African descent in diaspora

- c. CSW64/ NYC in March 2020
- d. Beijing +25 Paris in July 2020
- e. Mid-year review of Decade of People of African Descent at Howard University has been postponed. New date expected soon.

**IV. Member Hershel Daniels - Friends of the African Union** asks why USHRN are not using the procedures set forth by the African Union on the issue of discrimination in diaspora

- a. Meetings on September 21 and 28th with AU
- b. HR 40 does not call for a report, which is needed

**V. Member Marian Douglas-Ungaro - AfroAmericas**

Facebook: AfroAmericas

Stated that we need formal recognition of the American black population as a diasporic group

- a. This is necessary for justice and development
- b. What are the steps under the Inter-American Council?

**VI. Member Loren Taylor – Chicago, IL – [mail@loren-taylor.net](mailto:mail@loren-taylor.net)**

- a. Stated that there are opportunities for massive change in the next election cycle
- b. Reparations may be an election issue

**VII. Member Tana Meadows**

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Discussed black invisibility and a non-entity policy amongst government agencies

- a. Denial of rights of descendants of African diaspora as an imbedded policy
- b. Language has to be changed so that people of African descent can tell their own stories free from the master narrative of the American government.