

Training on  
***ACHIEVING RACIAL JUSTICE THROUGH UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS***  
*Ecumenical Centre (Salle IV), Geneva, Switzerland,  
26-28 March 2019*

**PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY 25 MARCH**

Arrivals

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH**

0845 – 0900 **MORNING PRAYER**

*Venue: Chapel, Ecumenical Centre  
Rev. Dr Mikie Roberts, WCC*

0915 – 1030 **OPENING SESSION**

**Welcome**

*Prof. Isabel A. Phiri, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches (WCC)  
Mr Peter Prove, CCIA Director, WCC*

**Round of introductions**

**Background information**

*Ms Semegnish Asfaw, WCC/CCIA*

**Screening of video recording by Ms Tendayi Achiume, UN Special Rapporteur  
on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related  
intolerance - tbc**

1030 - 1100 COFFEE BREAK

1100 - 1230 **SESSION 1 – RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AFROPHOBIA, DISCRIMINATION: DEFINITIONS,  
LEGAL FRAMEWORK, BRIEF OVERVIEW OF EXISTING UN MECHANISMS  
THE 2001 DURBAN CONFERENCE AND ITS LEGACY**

*Mr Adrien-Claude Zoller, President, Geneva for Human Rights*

1230 – 1400 LUNCH

1400 – 1530 **SESSION 2 – SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

**List of special procedures, and focus on those dealing with racism (SR  
Racism, Minorities Issues, WGEPAD)  
Communications and complaints mechanism**

*Mr Damianos Serefidis, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
(OHCHR)  
Ms Claire Mathellié, OHCHR*

Country presentations (5 mn each)

**Cameroon** – Rev. Emmanuel Wayi

**Brazil** – Rev. Joana Darc Meireles

1530 – 1600 COFFEE BREAK

1600 – 1730 **SESSION 3 – TREATY BODIES**

**Treaty bodies and those relating specifically to racism (Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - CERD)**

**Communications and complaints mechanism under CERD and the Human Rights Committee**

*Ms Carmen Arevalo Flores, OHCHR*

*Ms Vivian Lozano, OHCHR*

Country presentations (5 mn each)

**South Africa** – Dr Demaine Solomons

**Palestine/Israel** – Ms Carla Khijoyan, WCC

1900 **Fellowship dinner**

Venue : [restaurant Nomades](#)

Rue des Grottes 18, 1201 Genève

### **WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH**

0830 Accreditation at the UN (Palais des Nations)

Venue: Pregny gate, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10

*(Please bring an ID with you + the confirmation of your registration)*

1000– 1300 **Attending the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (WEGAPD)**

Panellists include *Rev. Dr Karen Georgia Thompson, United Church of Christ* (representing the WCC)

Listen to presentations including and engage with WGEPAD members

1430 – 1600 **SESSION 4 – UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

**Upcoming reviews (based on country of origin of participants) and how to engage**

*Ms Jennifer Philpot-Nissen, WCC/CCIA*

Country presentations (5 mn each)

**United Kingdom** – Apostle Jare Oyewole

**Pakistan** - Ms Sunilla Ammar

1600 – 1630 COFFEE BREAK

1630 – 1800 **SESSION 5 - OVERCOMING RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA USING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

*Mr Ojot Ojulu, Lutheran World Federation*

Country presentations (5 mn each)

**USA** – *Rev. Dr Larry Pickens*

**Myanmar** – *Rev. Win Htut Thar Kyi*

**Hungary** – *Ms Virag Kinga Mezei*

1900

**Fellowship dinner**

Venue: [Restaurant Addis-Abeba](#)

Rue de Fribourg 6, 1201 Genève

## **THURSDAY 28 MARCH**

*(In solidarity with the [Thursdays in Black](#) campaign, we encourage you to wear **Black**)*

0845 – 0900

**MORNING PRAYER**

*Venue: [Chapel, Ecumenical Centre](#)*

*Rev. Dr Mikie Roberts, WCC*

0915 – 1045

**THEMATIC SESSION: WHEN RACISM INTERSECTS WITH SEXISM**

*Ms Judith Roberts, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*Ms Sunila Amar, Christian Conference of Asia*

*Ms Efthalia Pappa, Church of Greece*

*Moderator: Rev. Dr Karen Georgia Thompson*

1045 – 1115

COFFEE BREAK

1115 – 1230

Parking Lot

Short quiz followed by discussion

Feedback and additional questions of clarification from participants

*Ms Semegnish Asfaw, WCC/CCIA*

*Ms Jennifer Philpot-Nissen, WCC/CCIA*

1230 -1400

LUNCH

1400 - 1500

**CLOSING SESSION**

**The way forward: next steps**

Avenues for ecumenical cooperation and information sharing

Accessing the UN HR mechanisms in the future

Debrief and evaluation

*Ms Semegnish Asfaw, WCC/CCIA*

*Ms Jennifer Philpot-Nissen, WCC/CCIA*

**Sending off prayer** – *Rev. Dr Mikie Roberts, WCC*

Free time (or attend Closing session at WEGAPD from 3-6pm)