



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNESCO ROUTES OF ENSLAVED PEOPLES PROGRAMME

CONSTRUCTING EQUALITY, HEALING AND UNDERSTANDING

Wednesday, 9 October 2024
Room 1, 18:30 – 22:00

18:30 – 18:45

Master of Ceremony: Reverend Professor Keith Magee, Chair, The Guardian Foundation

Reading of a poem of Aimé Césaire by **Mr Jacques Martial**

**Opening Speech & Launch of the UNESCO Network of Places of History and Memory
Linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade**

- **Ms Audrey Azoulay**, Director-General of UNESCO

**18:45 – 19:30 – High-level round table on the Routes of Enslaved Peoples
Programme**

Moderated by **Reverend Professor Keith Magee**, Chair, The Guardian Foundation

- **Mr Alain Godonou**, Special Advisor to the President for Heritage and Museums (Benin)
- **Ms Lillitsy Hernández Oliva**, Vice-Minister of Culture (Cuba)
- **Mr Ricardo Landero Miranda**, Vice-Minister of Social Development (Panama)
- **Congresswoman Barbara Lee**, 12th District of California (United States of America) - Online
- **Mr Mark Okraku-Mantey**, Deputy Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture (Ghana)
- **Ms June Soomer**, Chair, UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (Saint Lucia)



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19:30 – 20:00

Introduction by **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Short statements by the countries participating in the UNESCO Network of Places of History and Memory Linked to Enslavement and the Slave Trade

20:00 – 20:45 – Expert round table

The session will highlight regional and national specificities and good practices in addressing the history and legacies of enslavement, especially inequalities faced by people of African descent.

Moderation by **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

- **Mr Jacques Aguia Daho**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Arts (Benin)
- **Mr Noël Bertrand Boundzanga**, Professor, Université Omar Bongo (Gabon)
- **Mr Peter Flegel**, Executive Director, Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat (Canada)
- **Ms Amber Greene**, Deputy Special Representative for Racial Equity and Justice, Department of State (United States of America)
- **Mr Laënnec Hurbon**, President of the National Committee of the Slave Route (Haiti)
- **Ms Michaela Moua**, EU Commission anti-racism coordinator (Finland)
- **Mr Bacary Sarr**, Secretary of State for Culture, Creative Industries and World Heritage (Senegal)
- **H.E. Ms Monique van Daalen**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to UNESCO

Closing statements: **Mr Firmin Edouard Matoko**, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations

20:45 – 21:15

Reading of a poem of Michel Ducasse by **Mr Jacques Martial**
Then **Capoeira performance**

21:15 – 22:00 – Cocktail



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Thursday, 10 October 2024
Restaurant, 7th floor, 10:30 – 12:30

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee and tea

11:00 – 12:30 – Collective Healing, Social Justice and Communal Wellbeing: An Intergenerational Approach

Introduction by **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

The UNESCO Collective Healing Initiative, launched in 2018 in partnership with the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace, is a global grassroots movement dedicated to addressing the lasting consequences of dehumanization and confronting contemporary racism and discrimination. Community partners will present their firsthand experiences and highlight the transformative potential of this work in fostering collective healing and well-being across generations and cultures, valorizing the voice of affected communities.

- **Mr Allan-Charles Chipman**, Executive Director, Initiatives of Change (United States of America)
- **Ms Amina Dikedi-Ajakaiye**, President of Creators of Peace International (Nigeria/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- **Ms Mariana Gonçalves**, University of São Paulo (Brazil)
- **Ms Laurence Marian**, First Caraïbes (France)
- **Rev. Sylvester “Tee” Turner**, Co-Founding Director, Richmond National Slavery Museum Foundation (United States of America)



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Thursday, 10 October 2024
Room II, 18:00 – 22:00

18:00 – 19:30

First Dialogue for Reparatory Justice

Introduction and moderation by **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Mobilizing Member States, civil society (both descendants of enslaved peoples and enslavers), scholars and media partners, the session will reflect on an actionable framework to implement reparatory justice.

- **Mr Dieudonné Boutrin**, Co-founder, La Coque Nomade-Fraternité (France)
- **Mr John Dower**, Co-founder, Heirs of Slavery (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- **Mr Arley Gill**, Chairman, Grenada National Reparations Commission (Grenada)
- **Mr Pierre Guillon de Princé**, Co-founder, La Coque Nomade-Fraternité (France)
- **Rev. Prof. Keith Magee**, Chair, The Guardian Foundation (United States of America) – video message
- **Mr Olivier Pascal-Moussellard**, Senior Journalist, Télérama (France)
- **Ms Ebony Riddell Bamber**, Director, Scott Trust Legacies of Enslavement Programme (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- **Ms June Soomer**, Chair, UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (Saint Lucia)
- **Ms Fernanda do Nascimento Thomaz**, General Coordinator of Memory and Truth of Slavery and the Trafficking of Enslaved Persons, Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship (Brazil)
- **Ms Laura Trevelyan**, Co-founder, Heirs of Slavery (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- **Mr Aly Ndiaye, alias Webster**, Historian, rapper and hip-hop artist (Canada/Senegal)



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19:30 – 20:45 – Lightning talks with the UNESCO Network of Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Officials

Introduction by **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences.

Setting the stage and moderation by **Mr Peter Flegel**, Executive Director, Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat (Canada).

Founding members will share their insights on how to foster racial equality and justice, including how to establish inclusive public policies and implement laws using human rights-based approaches.

- **Mr Fabio Bruni**, Ombudsperson, Ministry of Racial Equality (Brazil)
- **Mr Josué Manuel Gutiérrez Córdor**, Ombudsman (Peru)
- **Mr César Córdova Valverde**, Ombudsperson (Ecuador)
- **Ms Iris Elliott**, Head of Policy and Research, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Ireland)
- **Mr Samuel Engblom**, Deputy Director General of the Equality Ombudsman (Sweden)
- **Ms Amber Greene**, Deputy Special Representative for Racial Equity and Justice, Department of State (United States of America)
- **Mr Niklas Hoffman**, Coordinator for International Affairs, Federal Anti-discrimination Agency (Germany)
- **Ms Brankica Janković**, Commissioner for the Protection of Equality (Serbia)
- **Mr Ricardo Landero Miranda**, Vice-Minister of Social Development (Panama)
- **Ms Michaela Moua**, EU Commission anti-racism coordinator (Finland)
- **Mr Mattia Peradotto**, Director, National Office Against Racial Discrimination (Italy)
- **Ms Nepheli Yatropoulos**, Advisor on European and International Affairs, Defender of Rights (France)

20:45 – 21:15 – Concert

- **Ms Maë Defays** (France)
- **Mr Aly Ndiaye**, alias **Webster** (Canada/Senegal)

21:15 – 22:00 – Cocktail

