

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



UN DECLARATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS: CAN IT SERVE AS A STRONG VISIONARY & MORAL COMPASS?: A CIVIL SOCIETY DISCUSSION

FINAL PROGRAM FOR SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE ACTION DAY SIDE EVENT
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THE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FUTURE SOCIETY AFRO4UN, BLACK FUTURE SUMMIT ORGANIZER

As part of its High-Level Week 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is holding the Summit of the Future. “Heads of State and Government will gather at UN Headquarters in New York on 22-23 September 2024 to address the critical challenges and gaps in global governance....This Summit aims to reaffirm commitments to the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) and the UN Charter...” regarding the creation of a better world today. See <https://www.un.org/en/high-level-week-2024#:~:text=World%20leaders%20will%20gather%20to,for%20present%20and%20future%20generations%E2%80%9D>. As part of this convening at the UN, world leaders will consider and likely adopt a Pact for the Future, which includes a Declaration on Future Generations as well as a “Global Digital Compact.” Links to the current drafts are on the UN Summit website here: <https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future#:~:text=Having%20welcomed%20the%20submission%20of,will%20take%20place%20this%20year>.

Some civil society/ non-governmental/non-profit groups will participate directly in the Summit and/or

hold side events before the Summit, especially on the two UN Action Days, 20-21 September 2024, set aside by the UNGA immediately prior to the Summit. The AFRO4UN's Black Futures Summit [BFS] is one of those events; it consists of a series of panels focusing on future needs and rights of People of African Descent in Africa and the African Diaspora including the need for self-determination, autonomy, and connectedness, both now and in the future. This online only session regarding the draft Declaration for Future Generations is part of the BFS. After a Welcome by a PAD Elder, the panel discussion will be centered around the draft Declaration on Future Generations as a possible strong visionary, moral and spiritual framework for not only strengthening global governance, but for use by civil society at all levels of society to more effectively address the systemic problems that the SDGs relate to from an international human rights lens (as well as from a needs-based approach).

The discussion will also be partially framed by the traditional African principles and values established long ago which continue or at least should continue to play a crucial role in framing the future, especially regarding: the interconnectedness of our world; the importance of learning from our past; and how to become greater stewards to our communities and the environment both locally and globally. The two principles that will be highlighted are Sankofa (To Go Back and Retrieve in order to move forward) and Ubuntu ("I am because You are").

See Biographical Sketches, sponsor information, and Additional Resources in sections below.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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**Her Royal Majesty Queen Mother of the African Diaspora, Bénin Republic
Dr. Dòwòti Désir
Kpodjito of the Royal Palace of the African Diaspora
Commander in Chief, Imperial Corps Agoodjié of the African Diapsora**

Her Royal Majesty Queen Mother Dr. Dòwòti Désir, [also known as, Sa Majesté la Reine Mère Sêmévo the First] was enthroned on behalf of the Haut Conseil des Rois des Bénin/High Counsel of Kings of Bénin [HCRB] as the, Queen Mother of the African Diaspora. The Kpodjito, “She Who Birthed the Leopard”, of the Royal Palace of the African Diaspora, is the Emissary of the HCRB. She is the Founder and Commander-in-Chief of an educational and leadership program for youth and women-of-color the, Imperial Corps Agoodjié of the African Diaspora, and its Youth Warriors division.

An interfaith leader, and Manbo Asogwe (High Priest) in Haitian Vodou, she is the Founder of, The AfroAtlantic Theologies & Treaties Institute, and a 2018 Fellow of, The Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy of the Interfaith Center of New York. Queen Mother Sêmévo works with various organizations in the United States of America, Africa, and the Caribbean. She is the National Secretary in Charge of the Diaspora for the Organization of Religious & Traditional Intellectuals of Benin/ORITRAB. She is also a member of the US based Board of Directors of the Center for Dharma Practice and serves on the Advisory Council of the God Box Foundation.

The Chairperson of Siren: Protectors of the Rainforest, and the Iroko Foundation, entities concerned with the current and future health of the planet and the role of indigenous women and youth in its care. A human rights activist, she serves as the International Advisor of the Abolish Slavery Network (USA); and is the Ambassador to North America of the International Movement for Reparations (Martinique). The Past Chairperson of the NGO Committee for the Elimination of Racism, Afrophobia and Colorism located at the United Nations, also focuses on children’s rights and sustainable development in Africa. She is the patron of La Solidarité Orphelinat/The Solidary Orphanage) in Kénouhoué, Bénin Republic. A thought leader in African transnationalism, she has presented before the African Union, 2nd UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent (2023), Organization of American States, the International Black Women’s Congress (Oni Award Recipient), the International Clergy Association (Lifetime Achievement Chieftancy Awardee) as well as, multiple academic and cultural institutions.

As an educator, curator, photographer and author, the Queen Mother has traveled extensively documenting the historic sites, memorials, and monuments of the transatlantic slave trade in captive Africans. From 2017-2018, she served as the designated UNESCO Desk Review Expert for the New Approaches and Interpretations to Slavery Museums and Sites International Conference. Her publications include: Wanga: Haitian Hoodoo; and two books in commemoration of the International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024: Wòch kase wòch: Redlining A Holocaust, Memorials

and the People of the AfroAtlantic, and its companion, Goud kase goud: Conjuring Memory in Spaces of the AfroAtlantic. The Queen Mother studied and obtained her Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degrees respectively from Barnard College, Columbia University; The Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College; and The New Seminary. Her Royal Majesty is the, Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute 2024 Scholar-in-Residence.

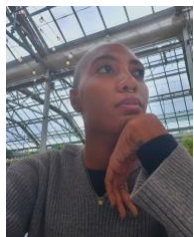
Residing on both sides of the Atlantic, the Queen Mother has a son, creative entrepreneur, Prince Martial “Longma” Davis, Her Majesty’s Royal Photographer. For more details see: www.queenmotherdowoti.org and www.imperialcorpsagoodjie.org.

MODERATOR AND PANELISTS



Lauren Brownlee (Moderator)
Deputy General Secretary
Friends Committee on National Legislation

Lauren Brownlee, a member of Bethesda Friends Meeting (BYM), is Deputy General Secretary at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. She leads FCNL's Governance, Community and Culture department and helps to steward FCNL’s shared anti-racism, anti-bias, justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion commitments. Lauren previously served on FCNL’s General Committee and Friends General Conference's Central Committee, and currently serves as a co-clerk of the Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism Steering Committee and a co-clerk of the on the American Friends Service Committee's Community, Equity, and Justice Board Committee. Lauren earned her B.A. in Classical Civilization and Greek from Wellesley College and her M.A. in Global, International, and Comparative History from Georgetown University. She also is a graduate of the Friends Council on Education’s Institute for Engaging Leadership in Friends Schools. Lauren is an alumna of Sidwell Friends School and served there after college as assistant director of auxiliary programs and a history teacher. Before coming to FCNL, Lauren was the upper school head at Carolina Friends School and, before that, the director of social action at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.



Ralycia Andrews
Member
Garifuna Nation

Ralycia (Ray—lee—see-ah) Andrews is a proud Garifuna, Vincentian, aspiring Anthropologist, feminist and cultural activist. With a BA in Caribbean Cultural Studies from University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus, Andrews’ work is driven by ancestral veneration and sustainable development through servant leadership. She has engaged with issues related to race, ethnicity and gender both within and outside of the Caribbean in addition to exploring indigenous religions and spiritualities. Andrews has been a delegate of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Ubuntu

Leaders Academy fostered by the UN, a student fellow in the Ubuntu Dialogues Program at Michigan State University, and a Young Scholar Researcher and Ambassador within the African American Policy Forum focusing on black girl research and activism. Some of her publications include Walamiseru, “Our Sad Experience” which highlights the plight of anti-indigeneity and nature of the Garifuna presence in St. Vincent and “Why College, Why Now?” an intersectional research project on black girls and women pursuing higher education. As an avid researcher her most notable project is the Portrait Project which explores the use of art as a means of revisionism within indigenous communities in the Caribbean, Andrews’ work is form of liberatory practice that aims to strengthen diasporic knowledge. For her, it is imperative that her life’s work be an offering to the divine.



Dr. Evan Auguste, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology
University of Massachusetts Boston

Evan Auguste, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Boston. He completed his Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a major area of focus in forensic psychology at Fordham University in 2022. Auguste is a 2014 graduate of Middlebury College.

His identities as a Haitian-African American man have informed his work on examining how the U.S.’s history of anti-Blackness has shaped psychological realities both in and outside of the country’s borders. He is the director of the A.S.I.L.I. Collective, a research group whose work focuses broadly on addressing the mental health consequences of structural anti-Blackness through the lens of Black liberation psychology.

For his work, Dr. Auguste has received numerous awards including the Santander International Internship Fellowship, the Association of Black Psychologists President’s Service Award, selection to the American Psychological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program’s Psychological Summer Institute, a Coalition of Ethnic and Racial Psychological Associations Leadership Institute Development Fellowship, William Trotter Institute's Restorative Justice Fellowships, and the Haitian Apostolate Inc. Distinguished Speaker Award, among others.



Nia Imani-Walker
Educator & CO-Founder
Ujima Friends Meeting


Nia Imani-Walker is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is an elementary education instructor in North Carolina. She was born into Quakerism and raised with Quaker practices. as she is an alumni of both George School, a Quaker international boarding high school located in PA, and Hampton University (a Historically Black College University) in Virginia. Once an active member of Germantown Friends Monthly Meeting, Sister Nia now identifies as a Baptist Quaker and has joined Baptist Grove Church, in Durham, NC where she resides with her wife. Imani-Walker is also an active member of Ujima Friends Monthly Meeting, where she has served on the Clerking

Committee as treasurer for the past two years. Nia is the youngest founding member of Ujima Friends Monthly Meeting and was an academic advisor at the associated Ujima Friends Peace Center, which developed as a response to state sanctioned violence in 2017. Her training and experience is based on the intergenerational model of culturally-informed service learning from The Freedom School Movement that has been evolving since the summer of 1964. Overall, cultural expression, holistic education, and international interdependence are guiding principles in her work, values and practices.

SPONSORS



Garifuna Nation



The Garifuna Nation through its President Egbert Higinio has agreed to be a cosponsor of this panel because it believe that the subject matter directly relates to major facets of the Garifuna Nations struggles throughout the Americas as both an indigenous nation and as People of African Descent, including the Nation’s struggles in Trinidad-Tobago around self-determination, reparations and food sovereignty. These are among the topics that they think are important for the panel to touch upon and are recommending that one of their young adult members be one of chosen panelist; President Higinio and others are in the process of identifying a particular Garifuna young adult.



Black Quaker Project

The Black Quaker Project (BQP), which “celebrates the lives and contributions of Quakers of Color worldwide and documents and addresses their concerns,” has also agreed to be a cosponsor of the panel (<https://www.theblackquakerproject.org/>).

Reparatory/Retrospective Justice is a major focus of its outreach and in reach work, guided by the Quaker testimonies of Truth, Peace, Equality, Community and Justice. Dr. Harold D. Weaver Jr. is its Founder and current CEO. As an Associate at Harvard University’s Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, and the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Hal spent his earliest days on a small Black college campus in Savannah, GA, later moving to Pennsylvania and attending Westtown School and Haverford College. From his early experience in Communist Moscow as a member of an official USSR-USA young adult exchange group, Hal has been a lifelong cultural ambassador. He has traveled the world breaking down barriers and building bridges between cultures, often using film as the medium through The Black Film Project and the China-Africa-Russia Project. A pioneer in Africana studies, he founded and chaired the Africana Studies Department at Rutgers. Last fall, Hal continued his mission to correct Cold War historiography by delivering lectures in Moscow, the UK, and Istanbul, on Paul Robeson, African decolonization, African students in the USSR, and his own transnational experiences in cultural diplomacy. Hal continues to break down barriers within the Religious Society of Friends, too, with his ministry, The Black. Quaker Project. He has served in governance roles with several organizations, including the Quaker United Nations Office and the American Friends Service Committee. Much of his work, including within Quaker spaces, centers on

learning from and utilizing the international reparatory/retrospective justice movement to heal communities, repair past harms against Black people across the diaspora, and to build a better future.

BQP is not and will not be recommending any specific speakers or panelists. However, because of the importance of its **Reparatory/Retrospective Justice** work using the highlighted terms, this terminology needs to be used in the BQP summary as a cosponsor. Additionally, the general topic of reparations or related work needs to be substantively addressed to some degree and Dr. Weaver is confident that it will be based on the Garifuna Nation’s panelist if chosen. For a recent example of BQP’s work on this very issue here—in conjunction with the world-renowned South African human rights activist and politician Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge (<https://youtu.be/gTULHYiY1YI?feature=shared>)—you can view the recent video of the presentation by Dr. Weaver at the recent 2024 Friends World Committee for Consultation hybrid World Plenary held in South Africa here: (<https://youtu.be/Tr8oOoHHlyI?feature=shared>). FWCC is one of the civil society organizations that has ECOSOC consultative status at the UN. Dr. Weaver’s presentation.



Dr. Marie-Edith Lemy, Ph.D., MPH

Co-Leader

ICSWG for PFPAD

Dr. Marie-Edith Lemy, Ph.D., MPH, is an accomplished clinical psychologist and global social justice advocate. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Seton Hall University and has postdoctoral training in Neuropsychology. Dr. Lemy is committed to working with at-risk youth and their families, teaching and training future psychologists and educators, and providing professional development in her field.

A global advocate for social justice, Dr. Lemy focuses on marginalized groups, including people of African descent, immigrants, elders, people with “less “-abilities, linguistic minorities, and those living in poverty. She has collaborated with the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPSI) to provide psychotherapeutic support to survivors of sexual violence and kidnapping in Haiti and refugees crossing the U.S. border. This work led to her involvement with the United Nations Permanent Forum of People of African Descent (PFPAD), where she co-leads the International Civil Society Working Group (ICSWG). In this role, Dr. Lemy has helped implement presentations to enhance members' skills and knowledge, supporting their advocacy efforts and keeping them informed about Haiti and the global African population.

Dr. Lemy’s efforts on behalf of Haiti and the Haitian diaspora have led to significant contributions, including the inclusion of the humanitarian crisis in Haiti as a PFPAD ‘s goal and advocating for reparations from France to Haiti. She is currently engaging civil society in both Haiti and the United states as well as the global Haitian and African diaspora in the United Nations Summit of the Future.

In addition to her advocacy work, Dr. Lemy is the Co-chair of the Haiti Working Group at the International Center for Multigenerational Legacy of Trauma (ICMGLT), researching the intergenerational traumatic

impact of enslavement and colonization on the Haitian population. Her extensive travel across Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia has enriched her understanding of diverse cultures and human experiences. Dr. Lemy is multilingual, fluent in English, Haitian-Creole, French, and has a strong working knowledge of Spanish, with a deep understanding of human development, life stages, and intersectionality, enabling her to address unique challenges faced by individuals in various contexts.



The African American Future Society (TAAFS)

The [African American Future Society](#) is a global membership research organization established to share an African American worldview using AI, intelligent machines, foresight and future scenarios.

The African American Future Society, in preparation for the United Nations Summit on the Future, co-created Afro4UN, collaborating with Black organizations, Afrofuturists, Futurists, and civil society organizations from around the world to contribute to a strong United Nations system. Let's develop the Future we want and a sustainable future for us all.

COORDINATORS



DR. PAULA RHODES

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATOR, ADVOCATE & ATTORNEY

DR. RHODES, THE PRIMARY DRAFTER OF THE SESSION'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, SERVES AS CLERK OF THE COORDINATING TEAM, WHICH INCLUDES DR. ANTHONY ALEXANDER, HER PART-TIME INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLERK, AND LINA MARTINEZ-MONTGOMERY, GARIFUNA NATION VICE PRESIDENT. SHE IS SERVING IN HER INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AFRO4UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY WORKING GROUP FOR THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT (ICSWG PFPAD) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS; SHE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ADVOCACY FOR AFRICA NETWORK(ADNA-UBUNTU).

SHE IS CULTURALLY A PERSON OF AFRICAN DESCENT BORN AND RAISED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (NOLA) DURING THE LAST DAYS OF FORMAL SEGREGATION AND THE HEIGHT OF THE USA CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS OF THE 1940s-1970s. ACCORDING TO HER NOLA ELDERS HER FIRST JOB(UNPAID) WAS TO DO HER HOMEWORK BECAUSE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF ANCESTORS HAD DIED FOR HER TO BE ABLE TO GET AN EDUCATION . SHE DID HER HOMEWORK AND INSPIRED BY HER NOLA COMMUNITY, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (ESPECIALLY THE NON-VIOLENT WING) AND OTHERS, BEGAN HER CAREER AS IN EDUCATOR IN FIFTH GRADE AS A VOLUNTEER TUTOR OF FIRST GRADERS . SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER EDUCATOR IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES TO THIS DAY .

SHE IS A GRADUATE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL HAVING ENTERED IT DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF ITS DESEGREGATION. SHE EARNED A BA CUM LAUDE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN 1971 AND RECEIVED THE UNIVERSITY WIDE OUTSTANDING STUDENT SERVICE AWARD. UPON GRADUATING FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN 1974. HER STUDIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK DURING HER UNDERGRADUATE AND LEGAL

STUDIES EXPOSED HER TO NOT JUST CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, BUT THE MORE INCLUSIVE AND HOLISTIC INTERRELATED AND INDIVISIBLE BODY OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND LAW THAT ALSO INCLUDE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & CULTURAL RIGHTS (ESCR, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION); AND GROUP RIGHTS OF PEOPLE INCLUDING SELF-DETERMINATION; SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT.

IN 1975, UPON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE LOUISIANA BAR, SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMEN OF COLOR ATTORNEY ON THE STAFF OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SHE MOVED TO WASHINGTON, DC AND SERVED AS AN ATTORNEY/DEMONSTRATION PROJECT MANAGER FOR LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION ON A CONGRESSIONAL STUDY OF 38 PROJECTS USING PRIMARILY PRIVATE ATTORNEY TO DELIVER CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR. IN 1978, SHE BEGAN A THIRTY-EIGHT YEAR CAREER AS A FULL-TIME LAW PROFESSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR BEGINNING AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND ENDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW IN 2017.

THROUGHOUT HER FULL-TIME CAREER HER PRIMARY RESEARCH, WRITING AND SERVICE HAVE BEEN IN THE AREAS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WITH EMPHASIS ON ESCR AND THE INTERSECTION WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION HAS ALSO BEEN A FOCUS. MUCH OF THIS WORK WAS AS AN EDUCATOR AND PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR AT HER UNIVERSITIES. MOST OF THE OTHER WORK HAS BEEN AS A BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBER OR VOLUNTEER WITH CIVIL SOCIETY/NON-PROFIT GROUPS INCLUDING THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE(AFSC); THE LOUIS A. MARTINET LEGAL SOCIETY; THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE; THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS (NAFSA); THE COLORADO BLACK ROUNDTABLE; AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

SHE CURRENTLY CONTINUES HER WORK AS AN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATOR, ADVOCATE & ATTORNEY GROUPS WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON INTERDISCIPLINARY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES WITH CIVIL SOCIETY/NON-GOVERNMENTAL/NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AT LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER GROUPS SHE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF AND/OR WORKING WITH INCLUDE THE COLORADO BLACK WOMEN OR POLITICAL ACTION(CBWPA); UJIMA FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING; MOUNTAINVIEW FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING; THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLECTIVE ON RACE, PLACE, & LAW(RPL); SAM CARY BAR ASSOCIATION; MOVE TO AMEND; AND CONSULTANT TO THE GARIFUNA NATION. SHE IS ALSO CO-AUTHORING A BIOGRAPHY OF HER MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, LENA RICHARD WITH DR. ASHLEY YOUNG, FOOD HISTORIAN AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

“Education remains one of the black community’s most enduring values. It is sustained by the belief that freedom and education go hand in hand, that learning and training are essential to economic quality and independence.” Marian Wright Edelman

“I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls.” Malala [Yousafzai]

“Everyone has the right to education... Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the sense of its dignity and to the strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship...” Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 26

“... {Further}... education shall enable all persons to participate effectively in a free society ...” International Covenant on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, Article 13



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Empowering women and youth in my Garifuna community and changing the lives of those around me is my true passion. Contributing to the development and self-awareness of my Garifuna people is what I have been doing in the last decades until I came to the US to work as a school teacher in 2016 and moved to Canada in 2021.

The Garifuna Nation is giving me an enormous opportunity to continue serving and bringing our nations under one vision. To fortify our alliances with other nations that also struggle for equality and justice, in the fight for our identity, and in building participatory good governance.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

UN SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE RESOURCES

- [UN Summit of the Future Website](#)
- [Declaration on Future Generations](#)
- [Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [UN Charter](#)

OTHER UN RELATED RESOURCES

- [International Decade for People of African Descent](#)
- [Permanent Forum on People of African Descent](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Magazine format of this program with more resources](#)