

**Joint Proposals for the Year 2011 Regarding:**

**Ten year anniversary of the adoption of the DDPA  
(WCAR Durban Declaration and Program of Action)**

**&**

**UN International Year of People  
of African Descent**

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## **African Diaspora organizations - Networks and Experts, Organizations of Black, Migrant and Refugee Women, Youth and Student organizations (which are part of the Civil Society) in the Netherlands**

- Foundation National Monument Dutch Slavery Past (Better known as the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past-LPS)
- Tiye International, National Platform of organizations of Black, Migrant and Refugee Women (BMR) and Youth<sup>1</sup>
- Foundation African European Women's Movement "Sophiedela" (including the Department of Youth)
  - Foundation African World Studies Institute
    - AAD Network Netherlands
  - Funky Fresh Entertainment, Youth Movement
    - CYTA: Connecting Youth Through Africa
    - PanAFSTRAG Europe / Netherlands
- AUADS / GB (African Union (6thRegion) African Diaspora Europe Region / Chapter The Netherlands)
  - Haiti SOS Crisd'Enfants International NGO / Chapter Holland
    - African Diaspora Community Council
      - JABRIJO Administration
    - D-Difference! Project - Guidance and
      - IBUNTU Events
  - Collective Saramaccan officials in the Netherlands
    - Haiti Progrès Foundation
  - Alma Foundation / Simpla Projects and Advice
    - Foundation Stage Kwakoe
    - Organization Bigi Famirie Amsterdam
      - Maranatha Netherlands
      - Foundation VOSAW
      - Mother Heart Foundation
    - LERAMAN & Culinary Arts
- Foundation Advocacy Surinamese Elders "Moria" Utrecht
  - Foundation DDYammie
- Black Intellectual Gathering Foundation
  - Foundation No Limits
  - Foundation Keti Koti
  - Foundation Kinki Leba

As Results of The RoundTable Expert Meeting on September 22, 2010  
in the City of The Hague<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>NGO with Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC of the United Nations

<sup>2</sup> With support of the Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa and the Netherlands Department of Foreign Affairs

## I. CONCLUDE THAT:

- 1) The United Nations Member States at the UN World Conference against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Durban in August / Sept 2001) emphasized the "urgent need" to implement the commitments formulated in the "Program of Action of the DDPA (Durban Declaration and Program of Action with 219 action paragraphs) in National Action Plans including the creation of measures and development of effective tools for implementation and monitoring of the actions;
- 2) The United Nations Member States at the UN World Conference against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance declared Africans and people of African descent ("... DDPA II: GENERAL VICTIMS .. "of racism. ..) as a "specific group" of victims of all forms of racism, whereby national UN Member states are urged to take extra measures to combat respectively prevent and eradicated all forms of racism against Africans and people of African descent;
- 3) The Trans Atlantic Slave Trade, Slavery and Colonialism were the largest crime against humanity<sup>3</sup> because of the extent, duration and barbaric character. States that have not yet offered excuses for the committed crimes are asked to apologize and to repair the damage resp. the effects that have contribute to the consequences as results of those horrible crimes;
- 4) The United Nation Member States at the UN Durban Review (April 2009)<sup>4</sup> and the represented Non Governmental Organizations including the Civil Society take note of what the Member States have undertaken to combat racism and concluded that a large number of countries did not implement specific actions regarding people of African descent as stipulated in the DDPA;
- 5) The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (HCHR) during the Review<sup>5</sup> repeatedly expressed her concern about the progress of implementation of the DDPA by a large number of UN Member States;
- 6) The UN General Assembly for these reasons adopted the reaffirmation of the DDPA, by the Durban Review International UN Conference, as described in Article 1 of the Durban Review Final Resolution, which means that all UN member states have committed to develop National Action Plans;
- 7) This also applies for the EU member states in general and the Netherlands in particularly to develop a National Action Plan and that these nation states are obliged to achieve specific actions with regard to people of African descent<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>3</sup> (DDPA: Paragraph 13"Sources, Causes...")

<sup>4</sup> UN Durban Review 2009 was designed to evaluate some UN member states have achieved high and

<sup>5</sup> which the Netherlands did not participate

<sup>6</sup> The UN General Assembly during the 2001 WCAR Durban constitute people of African descent as special target group under which UN member states are bound to give specific attention to, actions and measures against wishes all forms of racism and its effects

8) Dutch Officials & Policymakers at the National Government, Educational institutions: the so called Centers of Knowledge: Anti Racism Bureaus & Organizations, Anti Discrimination and Human Rights Institutions in the Netherlands, lack knowledge of forms of multiple discrimination, regarding (black) African People (Afrofobia)<sup>7</sup>. As the result of the lack of knowledge by these institutions (mostly headed and steered by white people) there is no invisibility in data, racism monitors and statistics of racist acts against African people.

## II. WHEREAS:

1) The UN Member States<sup>8</sup> have declared the year 2011 as the year for the commemoration of ten years of the adoption of the WCAR in Durban/South Africa (2001-2011). What means a new opportunity to implement the DDPA & the Final Resolution of the Durban Review 2009;

2) The UN General Assembly in Resolution no. 64/169 (18 December 2009) declared the year 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent. What means a new opportunity for UN member states to develop effective policies and strategies to combat all forms of racism regarding people of African Descent;

4) In a letter dated February 18, 2010 by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, NGOs were invited to present proposals at the Ninth session (April 2010) of the Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent (WGPAD) "regarding the UN International Year of People of African Descent";

5) In the Netherlands, Tiye International and the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past responded to the invitation of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. This, also on behalf of;

1. Networks and organizations AAD Netherlands;
2. UN BONDRU Republic Suriname
3. And in cooperation with Pan African and International organizations and Networks,

to present General proposals<sup>9</sup> during the session of the WGPAD (April 2010);

6) The Human Rights Council (HRC) at its 14th session (May 31-june 18 this year) has adopted a proposal from the represented NGOs what implicates that civil society including NGOs actively will be involved in the preparation, development and implementation of activities regarding "2011 UN International Year for People of African Descent" and "Durban 10"

7) The UN Secretary General was asked by the HRC to bring about proposals for approval by the UN General Assembly (November 2010) regarding the two major in

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<sup>7</sup>Report "Focus on Black" (2005); Netherlands ECRI Monitoring Report (2008/2009), Final evaluation (2008) has lifted the National Platform for Consultation on Racial Discrimination (NPRD) CERD Report (2010);

<sup>8</sup> Partly as a result of the 2009 Durban Review

<sup>9</sup> Proposals from a national and international perspective

2011;

8) With the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past and Tiye International agreements were made to organize participation at national (Dutch) level under the AD civil society NGOs, networks and experts to learn from their ideas, suggestions and initiatives within the framework of the 2011 UN International Year for People of African Descent and Durban + 10;

9) For the implementations specified in the previous paragraph on Wednesday, September 22, a first consultation RoundTable organized pursuant to which participants have drawn conclusions, recommendations and project ideas. This has to see as a good practice how to involve NGOs including the civil society during the decision-making process. More Important is the result of the follow up government action;

### III. CONSIDERING:

1) By WGPAD presented proposals (April 2010) concerning the implementation of the 2011 UN International Year for People of African Descent;

2) By WGPAD presented conclusions and recommendations regarding the implementation by UN Member States of the DDPA (April 2010 and June 2010/HRC) to the extent that it concerns people of African descent;

3) BY WGPAD presented conclusions and recommendations regarding the implementation by the UN Member States of the DDPA (April 2010 and June 2010/HRC) to the extend of People of African Descent concerns;

4) The conclusions and recommendations recorded in the Dutch NGO lobby document<sup>10</sup>/position papers of 19 March 2009 within the scope of Durban Review 2009;

5) The content of the April 23, 2009 explicit Joint Statement on behalf of the in previous paragraph mentioned Dutch Civil Society NGOs at the UN General Assembly under the Durban Review 2009<sup>11</sup>;

6) The content of the joint proposals (January/February 2010) of Tiye International (on behalf of the connected Black, Migrant and Refugee women's organizations in the Netherlands) and the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past (on behalf of the AAD Organizations, Networks and Experts in the Netherlands) within the scope of the Session (February 2010) between the CERD (Commission on Elimination of Racial

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<sup>10</sup> The content was developed after consultation/deliberation and Participation from a broad formation of NGOs, including part of civil society in the Netherlands, on the implementation of DDPA by the Dutch government in particular and the EU member states in general. The documents are presented to the responsible authorities in the Netherlands represented in the Interdepartmental consultations Netherlands and formed the basis for the presentation at the UN General Assembly, Durban Review 2009

<sup>11</sup> Holding the conclusions and recommendations (proposals) drafted in the lobby documents of the Dutch NGO's including part of the Civil Society

Discrimination) and the Dutch governmental delegation about the Dutch Anti Racism Policy;

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FROM:**

**African Diaspora organizations - Networks and individual experts, organizations of Black, Migrant and Refugee Women, Youth and Student organizations which are part of the Civil Society in the Netherlands**

#### **IVa. Within the scope of the UN year for people of African descent to achieve transparent at International level:**

- 1) Reaffirm their commitment with the proposals of WGPAD (April 2010 and June 2010) & the proposals of all other represented NGO's during the WGPAD session. We urge the UN member states to take all these proposals into consideration;
- 2) Reaffirm their fully agreement with the proposals of the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past and Tiye International presented during the (April 2010) WGPAD session and was reaffirmed during the HRC session (June 2010).

#### **IVb. To realize on *national* level within the scope of the UN Year for People of African Descent:**

- 1) Official Start of the Year 2011 (in the Netherlands) should have a National approach at least through a Statement carry out by: the (Dutch) Governmental Cabinet, the (Dutch) Parliament (Senate and House of Commons)<sup>12</sup>
- 2) National High Level Panel annex Congress similar to what the HRC has proposed;
- 3) To stimulate Local governments to organize or support events. The events must meet the following criteria: awareness and expertise training (educational); cultural exchange (with a sustainable effect);
- 4) Relevant (Dutch) governmental departments should carry out the message of the year by supporting projects and activities within the range of their responsibilities. These include Education, Employment, Culture (including Musea/exhibition centers) and Scientific Institutions and relevant institutions within the framework of development, peace and security, from the perspective of an African centered approach;
- 5) Support the production of a documentary/series on the contributions of the African (Diaspora) People to sustainable development in the World respective the Netherlands: in the sphere of economics/business world, arts and culture; education and science; social welfare/health care, politics, sports and media;

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<sup>12</sup> Proposal (New Year reception in January 2011). Impetus given by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

6) Three Day Festival for the general public. Activities: *Presentations/Workshops, Fashion / Design, Music and Dance Festivals* (hereby presentations of forms of AD traditions and cultural expressions, Culinary Market, Promotion and Presentations of AD entrepreneurs)<sup>13</sup>;

7) The Support of a Project “Mobile Exhibition on African Diaspora” Phenomenon/Leaders;

8) Concert at the end of 2011 the UN International Year of People of African Descent;

9) To extra underline the UN Year 2011 during all special commemorative data in 2011, which specifically refer to an event that represent people of African descent. Black History Month, February 2011, International Womens Day, March 8, 2011, International Anti Racism Day, March 21, 2011, Emancipation, Day July 1, 2011, International Day of Hope, October 12, 2011 and Human Rights Day, December 10, 2011, in particular will pay attention to an issue that refers to people of African descent.

#### **IVc. AIMED AT DURBAN + 10**

1) At Dutch/National member state level: at least implement the following resolutions: WCAR Durban DDPA 2001, Final Resolution Durban Review 2009. This also includes the creation of a National Action Plan against Racism where specific attention will be paid for concrete output and outcome aligned at African people;

2) Formulate, adopt & implement a National Action Plan against Racism  
1) while formulating to take seriously in consideration the content of the following documents (it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel:

a) The conclusions, recommendations and proposals of NGOs including the AAD Organizations and Networks as formulated in the Joint Statements (lobby document) (March 19, 2009) of the Durban Review 2009;

b) The CERD recommendations (May 2010) to the Dutch Government to combat racism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Particular attention is asked for what the CERD has recommended with regard to People of African descent;

2) To active involve the (AD) NGOs including the civil society in the development of the National Action Plan against Racism;

3) Establishment of a National Commission on Reparations for people of African Descent, including those in the former Dutch colonies, to study the damages done to

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<sup>13</sup> The entrepreneurs int. al for matching organizations and individuals effort internship and apprenticeship projects (June 2011)

Joint proposals African Descendants (AD), Black Migrant Refugee Women (BMR), Youth and Student NGOs, Networks and Experts in the Netherlands within the scope of 2011: Durban 10 & IYPAD

the victims of transatlantic slave trade, colonialism and slavery and its continuing legacies for people and nations of today and measures to provide reparations<sup>14</sup>;

4) To offer full apologies to the descendants of the victims of the Dutch Slavery Past;

5) Support the establishment of a Commission for the Study & Research on the (still existing) negative stereotype attitudes towards people of African descent (in the Netherlands), with a scope towards the (Dutch) Media, Education, Labor Market, Justice and Police, Health and in the context of Cultural and Historical Dutch traditions (including the everyday languages). Major goal: to promote the awareness that should lead to adjustment of the imaging such as effective training and capacity building; the elimination of the effects of the racist acts and to promote equal opportunities and equal treatment;

6) The National Project "*readjusting and revision of Dutch history education*" regarding the Dutch slave trade, slavery and colonialism;

7) To reinforce the Commission of Human Rights, Peace and Security among others Tiye International in cooperation with the National Platform Dutch Slavery Past. This, to<sup>15</sup> accomplish/fulfill a role as centers of knowledge and experience in the domain/area of various types of (multiple) racism, discrimination, violation of human rights/women's rights and inclusive on the base of race (e.g. Afrofobia).

Due to this it will be possible to:

a) be considered as full-fledged stakeholders within the context of the New Dutch College of Human Rights;

b) to promote recognition and visibility (in data and statistics in the context of handling complaints, investigation and advice towards the relevant executive bodies.

## **IVd. Create conditions aimed at the United Nations year for people of African Descent**

### **Government (Dutch Government)**

1) The Creation of a National Fund for the purpose of the implementation of a coherent program aimed at "2011, the UN International Year for people of African descent" With the aim to finance sustainable projects and other (micro) initiatives; to finance a National annex Information Campaign. In short a Fund to finance all that

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<sup>14</sup> Take note of what the USA December 12 movement who play a crucial role during the WCAR in Durban has accomplished until to date and for Republic Suriname perspective the Study of Drs. Armand Zunder, President of the Federation of African Surinamese Organization on Reparations from a Dutch perspective And all other studies that has been realized until today such as from the International Reparation Movement; The Pan African Roots Movement (Chicago); NCOBRA (USA);

<sup>15</sup> Tiye International on behalf of the BMR Women and affiliated youth organizations, the AD Organizations and Networks



contributes to the propagation of the Year and the implementation of sustainable projects and information to citizens in the Netherlands<sup>16</sup>;

2) That a National Budget will be available for the establishment of a National Coordination Structure with an Executive Project bureau, that will accomplish and manage specified under IVd.1, with an recognizable and active role for Tiye International and the National Platform Dutch Slavery past.

#### **IVe. Other Initiatives and Programs (For the Self reparation) aimed for Recognition, Visibility, Social & Economical Justice, and Sustainability, within an integrated Approach**

1) The realization of an African Diaspora Forum functioning as National AD broadly composed organ that support and advice followers. Important goal: to realize more cooperation and connection. Efforts should be made to promote unity and solidarity;

2) The creation of a National AD Strategy Committee. This Commission will act as AD Expert Committee on various issues concerning the African Diaspora People;

3) A Project for the Strengthening of the Black Intellectual Gathering (Black Student Movement in the Netherlands) and other Black Youth Movements. Purpose: To achieve a national umbrella structure with a powerful (international) focus;

4) Project Strengthening the African World Studies Institute (STAWSI Netherlands) as a Knowledge Centre regarding diverse issues of Concern of People of African Descent. Aimed for programs and activities such as Study, Research and Advice also on issues regarding Afrofobia. Developing curricula and provide (African History) Training from an African Centred Perspective/methodology, including capacity building aspects; Develop curricula for Empowerment/Youth Leadership Training. Furthermore the realization of a database of AD Experts in which specific issues can be drawn from and mentoring and coaching programs for students, and young internships and young (independent) entrepreneurs.

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<sup>16</sup> In this context, Dutch ministries, government-subsidized institutions include welfare, arts and culture/education and employment and provincial and local governments through a circular etc. are encouraged to make available budget to realize project plans at regional and local level

Joint proposals African Descendants (AD), Black Migrant Refugee Women (BMR), Youth and Student NGOs, Networks and Experts in the Netherlands within the scope of 2011: Durban 10 & IYPAD

These proposals has already been brought under the attention of the Dutch Government and National Parliaments

Via The Office of the Human Rights Commission  
Send to the UN Intergovernmental Working Group to discuss during the eight session (11-22 October 2011)

CC to

Members of the Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent  
Members of the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
Members of the Human Right Council  
AFRICAN GROUP (representatives in Genève)  
GRULAC (reperesentatives in Genève)  
CARICOM (representatives in Genève)  
EU Group (representative in Geneva)  
USA (representative in Geneva)  
Asia Group (representative in Geneva)  
Others Groups (representatives in Geneva)

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**Cooperating Pan African (Diaspora) International Organisations & Networks:**

UN Bondru Republic/Suriname;  
SRDCoalition Western Hemisphere (USA/ Canada/ Guadeloupe /Martinique/ Central America);  
African Union African Diaspora EUROPE Facilitating Working Group  
PanAfstrag International;  
Pan African Diaspora Union WHS/EUROPE;  
International Youth and Student movement for the United Nations (Sweden);  
SOS Crisd'Enfants International ONG: Switzerland, Haiti, Dominican Republic, USA-Florida, Spain, the Netherlands)