



Racism and Racial Discrimination

UN Entities

- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/CERDIndex.aspx>
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/IndexSRRacism.aspx>
- Ad-hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/AdHocCommittee/Pages/AdHocIndex.aspx>
- Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/Pages/IndependentEminentExperts.aspx>
- Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/IntergovWG/Pages/IWGIndex.aspx>
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - Fight against Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/fight-against-discrimination/>

Treaties, Declarations and UN Documents

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CERD.aspx>
 - Background information in the Audiovisual Library of International Law:
<http://legal.un.org/avl/ha/cerd/cerd.html>
http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Sicilianos_HR.html
- Report of the Durban Review Conference
<http://undocs.org/A/CONF.211/8>
- Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (World Conference against Racism, 2001)
<http://undocs.org/A/CONF.189/12>
- UNESCO – Fight against Discrimination - Normative instruments
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/fight-against-discrimination/normative-instruments/>

Databases

- OHCHR's Database on practical means to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
<https://adsdatabase.ohchr.org/SitePages/Anti-discrimination%20database.aspx>

UN Conferences and Observances

- 21 March - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: <http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/>
- 2015–2024: International Decade for People of African Descent: <http://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/>
- 2011 - International Year for People of African Descent: <http://www.un.org/en/events/iypad2011/>
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/IntlYearPeopleAfricanDescent.aspx>
- Let's Fight Racism Campaign: <http://www.un.org/en/letsfightracism/>
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: 50 years of fighting racism (Celebration Event - 26 November 2015): <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/50/Pages/Icerd50.aspx>
- 10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action – General Assembly High-Level Meeting, 22 September 2011: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011/>
- Durban Review Conference, Geneva, 20 – 24 April 2009: <http://www.un.org/en/durbanreview2009/>
- World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban (2001): <http://www.un.org/WCAR/>
- United Nations - Key conference outcomes on racism: <http://www.un.org/en/development/devagenda/racism.shtml>

Selected Statements and Speeches of the Secretary-General

- Urging rejection of hate speech, racism on Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Genocide, Secretary-General Says Rwanda's experience holds many lessons for humanity (SG/SM/19544, 12 April 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19544.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges world communities to 'stand together and protect each other' against rising racism, xenophobia, in remarks at Cairo Mosque (SG/SM/19528, 2 April 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19528.doc.htm>
- All society 'diminished' when people are attacked over their ethnicity, beliefs, Secretary-General says at event on elimination of racial discrimination (SG/SM/19513-GA/12129-OBV/1870, 25 March 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19513.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in anniversary message, calls on all states to translate Anti-Genocide Convention into action amid rising hatred, racism, xenophobia (SG/SM/19379-HR/5415-OBV/1846, 30 November 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm19379.doc.htm>
- Strongly condemning Pittsburgh shooting, Secretary-General calls for united front to roll back forces promoting racism, Anti-Semitism, xenophobia (SG/SM/19322, 27 October 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm19322.doc.htm>
- Anti-semitism rising even in countries with no Jews at all, Secretary-General tells event on power of education to counter racism, discrimination (SG/SM/19252-RD/1022, 26 September 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm19252.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, commemorating 1994 Rwanda Genocide, warns of risks posed by escalating xenophobia, racism, human rights abuses (SG/SM/18988-OBV/1787, 13 April 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm18988.doc.htm>
- Inclusive Efforts Must Target Persistent Racial Discrimination Plaguing Communities Worldwide, Secretary-General Says on International Day (SG/SM/18942-GA/12004-RD/1020, 20 March 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm18942.doc.htm>
- World yet to overcome racism as slavery's legacy 'resounds down the ages', Secretary-General tells tribute event for victims of transatlantic trade (SG/SM/18472-GA/11901-OBV/1716, 24 March 2017): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/sqsm18472.doc.htm>
- Leaders must counter hateful speech, stresses Secretary-General at International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (SG/SM/18468-GA/11897-OBV/1714, 21 March 2017): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/sqsm18468.doc.htm>

- States must combat lingering racism, human rights abuses, Deputy Secretary-General tells General Assembly Meeting to Commemorate Victims of Slavery (DSG/SM/952-GA/11769-OBV/1599, 29 March 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/dsgsm952.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges greater resolve to fight racism, celebrate African culture worldwide, in Message for International Observance (SG/SM/17602-OBV/1585, 17 March 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sqsm17602.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General, marking Fiftieth Anniversary of Anti-Racism Convention, urges internet to be used as powerful tool in fight against racial discrimination (DSG/SM/921-RD/1015, 2 December 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/dsgsm921.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General commemorates anniversary of Chaim Herzog's speech condemning General Assembly Resolution equating Zionism with racism (SG/SM/17319, 11 November 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm17319.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in Message for International Observance, urges robust policies to end discrimination, universal ratification of Anti-Racism Convention (SG/SM/16586-OBV/1433-RD/1014, 11 March 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm16586.doc.htm>
- Racial discrimination strikes at dignity, rights of individuals, stresses Deputy-Secretary-General at International Day Commemoration (DSG/SM/758-GA/11490-OBV/1314, 21 March 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/dsgsm758.doc.htm>
- Condemn ideas based on hatred, incitement to intolerance, Secretary-General urges in message marking Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (SG/SM/15715-OBV/1307-RD/1012, 18 March 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sqsm15715.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in observance message, equates fight against homophobia with struggle to eliminate racism, promote gender equality (SG/SM/15028-HR/5128, 16 May 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sqsm15028.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls international day opportunity to contrast positive sports values with despicable racism scarring even professional competition (SG/SM/14883-OBV/1190, 19 March 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sqsm14883.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls on all people to join UN in drive to stamp out 'weapon' of racism, which is used to undermine peace, engender fear, incite war crimes (SG/SM/14172-RD/1010-OBV/1077, 20 March 2012): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/sqsm14172.doc.htm>
- In inclusiveness lie seeds of harmony, Secretary-General tells symposium on South Africa's contribution to fight against racism, xenophobia (SG/SM/13833-RD/1008, 22 September 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13833.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in message for International Day, says overcoming racism compels us to address public policies, private attitudes that perpetuate it (SG/SM/13453-OBV/966-RD/1005, 17 March 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13453.doc.htm>
- Sports empowers disenfranchised communities, influences perceptions, inspires millions, says Secretary-General in Message for Day to Eliminate Racism (SG/SM/12790-OBV/859-RD/1003, 16 March 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm12790.doc.htm>
- Opening remarks by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, at the closing press conference of the Durban Review Conference (Geneva, 24 April 2009): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=8511>
- Closing Statement of Ms. Navanethem Pillay United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Durban Review Conference (24 April 2009): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=8550>
- Secretary-General heartened by consensus on Durban review conference outcome; hopes those who did not participate will soon rejoin fight against racism (SG/SM/12197-RD/1001, 21 April 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sqsm12197.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General deplores Iranian president's use of Durban review conference platform to accuse, divide, incite (SG/SM/12193, 20 April 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sqsm12193.doc.htm>
- Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on speech by president of Iran at the Durban Review Conference (20 April 2009): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=8851>
- Secretary-General, at Durban review conference, says fight against racism 'a truly great and noble cause that binds us as human beings' (SG/SM/12192-RD/1000, 20 April 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sqsm12192.doc.htm>
- Opening Statement of Ms. Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Durban Review Conference (Geneva, 20 April 2009): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=8978>

- World has witnessed disturbing rise in hatred, bigotry, says Secretary-General, urging on day to eliminate racism for all states to work together to defeat it (SG/SM/12129-OBV/768-RD/999, 10 March 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sqsm12129.doc.htm>

Selected Articles in UN journals

- UN Chronicle, Issue 3, 2007: "The Solidarity of People": <http://unchronicle.un.org/issue/solidarity-peoples/>
- SHS Newsletter 02, 2003: "Understanding and combating the different forms of racism": <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001312/131271e.pdf>

Selection of Publications available online

- Newsletter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/Newsletter.aspx>
- Colour? What colour? Report on the fight against discrimination and racism in football (UNESCO, February 2016): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002357/235721e.pdf>
- Developing National Action Plans against Racial Discrimination: a practical guide (OHCHR, 2013): <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR-PUB-13-03.pdf>
- Selected Decisions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Volume 1: Thirty-sixth to seventy-fifth sessions (August 1988 – August 2011) <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/CERDSelectedDecisionsVolume1.pdf>
- Dimensions of Racism: Proceedings of a Workshop to commemorate the end of the United Nations Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (2005): <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/DimensionsRacismen.pdf>
- United to Combat Racism: Equality, Justice, Dignity (2001): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001233/123354e.pdf>
- The Struggle Against Discrimination: A Collection of International Instruments adopted by the United Nations System (1996): <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0010/001060/106049e.pdf>