



INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

2015-2024

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Across the country, many people of African descent continue to live in poverty and poor health, have low educational attainment and are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. It is important to underline that the experience of African Canadians is unique because of the particular history of anti-Black racism in Canada, which is traceable to slavery and its legacy, through specific laws and practices enforcing segregation in education, residential accommodation, employment and other economic opportunities
- ❖ For Black people in Canada, racial profiling is endemic in the strategies and practices used by law enforcement; “carding” also disproportionately affects Black people in Canada
- ❖ Overall, more than 200 ethnic or cultural origins were reported by the Black population in Canada.
- ❖ According to the 2013 UN Report on People of African Descent in Canada, the black population experienced 44 % of racial hate crimes.
- ❖ The government of Canada officially recognized the International Decade for People of African Descent in 2018.

ABOUT THE DECADE

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent with the theme “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development.” In proclaiming this Decade, the international community is recognizing that people of African descent represent a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected.

3-minute video that introduces the Decade:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=hFkQdEQ1BxA

UN Report on People of African Descent in Canada at:

<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G17/239/63/PDF/G1723963.pdf?OpenElement>

Regional responses implementation strategies and activities at:

<https://www.un.org/en/events/africandescentdecade/plan-action.shtml>

Learn about the diversity of Black Canadians at:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2019002-eng.htm>

LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED

Federation of Black Canadians:

<http://fbcfcn.ca/>

Black History Month:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Film: The Skin We're In:

<https://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/m/episodes/the-skin-were-in>

Fact Sheets: <https://colourofpoverty.ca/fact-sheets/>

Webinar on anti-Black racism and Afrophobia in the Canadian context:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3QinCVqkc8>

Other resource options:

<http://dojustice.crcna.org/article/28-days-honouring-black-canadian-experience>

Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network – a body of the Canadian Council of Churches

www.councilofchurches.ca/social-justice/undoing-racism



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