



United Nations
Outreach Programme on Slavery
and the Transatlantic Slave Trade



Jairo Esquino, member of La Escuelita del Ritmo in Portobelo, Panama. La Escuelita del Ritmo is a grass roots music school offering creative opportunities for marginalized and at-risk youth.

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ONLINE CULTURAL EVENT

**2021 INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY
AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE**

Still We Rise

Programme

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021

8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. EDT

PROGRAMME

Ms. Melissa Fleming

Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications
HOST

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Mr. Xing Qu

Deputy Director-General of UNESCO

Ms. Natalia Kanem

UNFPA Executive Director

Maya Angelou's "Still I rise"

with youth from

Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Kenya, Nigeria and the United States

H.E. Ms. Fatima Kyari Mohammed

Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations

H.E. Ms. A. Missouri Sherman-Peter

Permanent Observer of the Caribbean Community to the United Nations

The Bridge, a mini-documentary

produced by **Cabo Films and UNFPA**.

With the support and participation of members
of **La Escuelita del Ritmo** in Portobelo, Panama.

In conversation

The Honourable Jean Augustine, P.C., C.M., O.Ont, C.B.E.
and **Ms. Melissa Noel**

Resistance

written and presented by **Webster**

for the 2021 International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Biko

produced by Playing for Change, Mark Johnson and Sebastian Robertson

Featuring: Peter Gabriel • United Nations Messenger of Peace and Silkroad's Yo-Yo Ma •
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Angélique Kidjo • Meshell Ndegeocello • Taiko Project • Tushar Lall
• Sebastian Robertson • Silkroad's Cristina Pato • Dynamic Music Collective • Silkroad • Jason Tamba •
The Cape Town Ensemble • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe



The Honourable Jean Augustine, P.C., C.M., O.Ont, C.B.E., is an educator, social activist and politician. She was born in Grenada and immigrated to Canada where she became the first woman of African descent to be elected to Canada’s House of Commons. Among her many achievements, she secured unanimous legislative support to pass a historic motion designating February as Black History Month in Canada. She has received numerous awards for her service to the community.



Melissa Noel is an award-winning multimedia journalist. She has produced video, print and online stories for NBCnews.com, Voices of NY, Ebony Magazine and Caribbean Beat Magazine. Melissa is also a reporter and host for several Caribbean television networks. She is dedicated to producing news stories that center on the experiences and critical issues impacting minority and diaspora communities.



Aly Ndiaye, alias **Webster**, is a veteran hip-hop artist from Quebec. Since 1995, he has been traveling across the globe to deliver concerts, writing workshops and participating as a speaker at conferences. He is passionate about history, and particularly the history of the transatlantic slave trade, and of early African descendants in Canada.



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM BRAZIL (SPEAKING IN PORTUGUESE)

Naiara Chaves Azevedo was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and she continues to live there. She is a journalist and studied at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Currently, she works as a videographer and social media consultant. She concluded a Master of Arts degree in Communication and Culture at UFRJ. She speaks four languages.



Claudio Lima is an artist from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Currently, he works as an actor, singer and digital copywriter. He is also studying for a Master of Arts degree in Social Communication from the Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) where he is conducting research on the subjective depiction of the black man in Brazilian cinema. He is a native Portuguese speaker and also speaks, English and some Spanish.



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM CAMEROON (SPEAKING IN FRENCH)

Yasmina Ndiemo is a pre-university student at Mada International College (MIC) college in Yaoundé, and is currently enrolled in the Yale Young Global Scholars Program 2021. She is a volunteer at several NGOs including ADE (Actions for development and empowerment), Empower Her Africa and Habitat Africa, where she works to promote the sustainable development goals and their implementation in her country. She owns a small-scale business and she aspires to be an Industrial Engineer and an Entrepreneur and develop a platform for youths all over Africa to make their lives better.



Fotue Talla Yves Roland is a 19 year-old Cameroonian. He originates from the West Region of Cameroon, in the Koung-Khi subdivision. Currently, he is attending a prep programme at Mada International College (MIC). Standing firm to the vision of an inclusive world, he is currently a volunteer at Actions for Development and Empowerment (ADE), Empower Her Africa and AFRIK-INNOV SCIENCE where he promotes the Sustainable Development Goals and African expertise in fields such as Science, Technology, and Entrepreneurship respectively.



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM CANADA (SPEAKING IN ENGLISH)

Noah Brown is a 20-year-old Toronto-based artist and activist. He utilizes his artistic practice to connect with people, creating a stronger sense of community, informing people about black queer identity. In 2018, he graduated from Etobicoke School of the Arts and studied at the Cooper Union in New York until the beginning of the pandemic. He has since formed a music duo with his friend Dante Barrios, named Twosixtelly. Noah was a panelist for an NGO briefing organized by the Department of Global Communications, United Nations, on the role of memorials in telling the history of the transatlantic slave trade and contributions of people of African descent.



Zachary Gaouad is nineteen years old. He is Canadian and French, with Mauritanian and British roots. He has lived and studied in France, Tunisia, the United States and now Canada. He is currently in his second year at McGill University in Montréal studying Political Science. In 2020 he led the Rye Coalition for Change advocating for racial diversity and inclusion in his local community in Westchester County. Zachary loves to write, especially poetry; he sings, composes lyrics and music, and plays tennis and basketball.



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM KENYA (SPEAKING IN KISWAHILI)

Prisca Khagavi is in Grade 12 at Olympic High School in Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. She wants to be the first sibling in her family to go to university and study cardiology. She was inspired to become a cardiologist after going through an open-heart surgery. She is studying science including chemistry and biology in preparation for cardiology studies. She plans to study at Maseno University in the western region of Kenya.



Daniel Lokwe is an ambitious Grade 12 student at Olympic High School and he already considers himself a writer. He writes short stories and aspires to be a leading Kenyan author. He has been writing for his high school, Olympic High School but has not yet been published. Daniel aspires to go to university and study political science and journalism. He loves politics and wants to learn about political science. He plans to study at University of Nairobi in 2022.



YOUTH PARTICIPANT FROM NIGERIA (SPEAKING IN ENGLISH)

Victoria Ibiwoye is a legal advocate and peacebuilding practitioner from Nigeria. In addition to her grassroots advocacy background, Victoria brings international experience having collaborated with institutions like the World Bank Group, UNESCO and the UNODC, to share first-hand experience on inclusive education and sustainable peacebuilding practices. She has spoken at the United Nations and at several high-level meetings calling on leaders and policymakers to prioritize inclusive education. Victoria is a Mandela Washington Fellow and a Diana Legacy Award Recipient. She is currently obtaining her Master's degree in Sustainable Peacebuilding at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



YOUTH PARTICIPANTS FROM UNITED STATES

(SPEAKING IN ENGLISH)

Kyla Golding was born and raised in New Rochelle, NY. She is a first-year student at Harvard University where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in the History of Science and Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality on the pre-medical, medicine and society track. She has participated in over 400+ hours of community service, is a certified United Methodist Lay Leader of eight years, a National Merit Commended Student, a peer mentor, and social justice advocate. Kyla is dedicated to building a career in healthcare through a health equity lens as it pertains to race and gender



(SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

Jennifer Martinez is an 18-year-old from Queens. She is a native Dominican poet, actress, and activist. She is a two-time 2020 and 2021 New York City Youth Poet Laureate Ambassador, a Federal Hall Fellow, and a current member of Urban Word NYC. She is also a freshman at New York University, a workshop leader for GreatHER, a teaching artist and alumna of Developing Artists Theater Company, and a 2020 youth ambassador at NYC Vote's We Power NYC Program. Having performed at various events and locations, she hopes to continue to use her poetry and art as a method of storytelling and advocacy to promote political awareness, discussion, and change.