

# **AGENDA**

## **Women of the Diaspora**

**September 18, 2020**

**11:00 - 1:00 pm EDT/3:00 - 5:00 pm GMT**

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*International Women's Day 2020:  
We Are #GeneralEquality (UN Women)*  
(2:11 minutes)

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### **Opening Session**

**11:00 - 11:30 am EDT**

#### **Why the Summit - The Moderators**

- Honorable Constance B. Newman, Chair of the Board, African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN)
- Ms. Dakota Gant, ARDN Youth Representative, USA

#### **Remarks - Summit Co-Hosts**

- Dr. Djibril Diallo, President and CEO, ARDN
- Dr. Natalia Kanem, Under-Secretary-General (USG), Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- H.E. Epsy Campbell-Barr, First Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica

#### **Guest Speaker**

- Honorable Michaëlle Jean, 3rd Secretary General of La Francophonie and 27th Governor of Canada (TBC)

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#### **Video**

***Chile Protest: A Rapist in Your Path (November 2019)***  
(2:00 minutes)

## Session 1

### Discrimination Against Women on the Basis of Gender and Race

11:30 - 12:00 pm EDT

#### Facilitator:

Dr. Natalia Kanem, UN USG, Executive Director of UNFPA

- **Honorable Diane Abbott, British Member of Parliament, Labour Party, United Kingdom** - *British Structural Racism and Gender Discrimination, and their Impact on Women of the Diaspora*
- **Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole, National Chair, National Council of Negro Women, USA** - *Ending Gender and Race Discrimination Against Women of the Diaspora*
- **Dr. Sonia Sachs, Pediatrician, Public Health Specialist, and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network** - *Health Issues of Women and Girls as a Result of Discrimination*
- **Ms. Dakota Gant, ARDN Youth Representative for the United States** - *Perspectives of Youth and Engaging Young People to End Discrimination*
- **Ms. Aya Chebbi, African Union Youth Envoy** - *Perspectives from within the Africa Continent on Gender, Discrimination and Violence*

#### Video

**Red Card Campaign (1:00 minute)**



## Session 2

### Discrimination Solutions - Case Studies

12:00 - 12:40 pm

#### Facilitator:

**Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, USG, Executive Director of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)**

- **H.E. Epsy Campbell-Barr, First Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica** - *Campaign Against Racism*
- **Ms. Clementina Acedo, Director of Webster University Geneva; former Director of International Bureau of Education, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** - *Inequities in Education Faced by Women and Girls of the Diaspora*
- **Ms. Sara Branco: Lawyer, Consultant at CEERT, and Member of the Black Coalition for Rights, Brazil** - *Beijing+25 and the Generation Equality Campaign: How the Platform of Action Addresses Racism and Black Women of the Diaspora*
- **Ms. Nonhlanhla Jiyane, Director for South Africa and Representative to the Southern African Development Community, ARDN** - *Red Card Campaign to End Violence and Discrimination Against Women and Girls*

#### Video

***Black Lives Matter Plaza with Mayor Bowser, Washington, D.C. (1:16 minutes)***

# Closing Remarks

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## Hosts

12:40 - 1:00 pm EDT

- Dr. Natalia Kanem, USG, Executive Director of UNFPA
- H.E. Epsy Campbell-Barr, First Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica
- Dr. Djibril Diallo, President & CEO, ARDN

## Closing Video

*International Day of the Girl (UNICEF 2018)*  
(2:02 minutes)

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