



**FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Debate on Racial Discrimination**

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) thanks the panelists for their interventions.

As we consider progress on the International Decade for People of African Descent, we highlight the importance of the recognition of the relationship between racial discrimination and migration governance and the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination faced by migrants, including youth. This relationship has undeniable consequences for the rights, safety and dignity of people on the move.<sup>1</sup>

We note the work of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth in regard to migration, their youth forum this year identified their concerns and asks and showcased innovation from youth in meeting these concerns.

We call on all States to make these connections at home in national policy making, here in the Council and in other relevant fora including the regional reviews for the Global Compact for Migration and the upcoming International Migration Review Forum.

The activities outlined for the Decade include a call to elaborate national plans of action to promote diversity, equality, equity, social justice, equality of opportunity and the participation of all. As States take action to eliminate racial discrimination, we encourage them to make connections with other processes and plans, including for the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. Participation of migrants, including youth, is necessary in this work.

Racial discrimination is explicitly mentioned in various objectives of the Compact including Objective 15 on access to services, Objective 16 on inclusion and social cohesion and Objective 17 on eliminating all forms of discrimination.<sup>2</sup> However, the emphasis on non-discrimination in the Guiding Principle on human rights makes clear that it must be upheld in any action on the Compact.

Racial justice, which the Decade seeks to promote, must include migration justice.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask the Panel:

- What steps should States take to address the links between racial discrimination and violations of the human rights of migrants and what role can the Council play?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G18/117/79/PDF/G1811779.pdf?OpenElement>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/195](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/195)