



Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

International Decade for People of African Descent: Recognition, Justice and Development

Panel Discussion: Self-Representation as a Strategy to Fight Racism

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

United Nations Headquarters

ECOSOC Chamber

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.



This panel will discuss the issue of self-representation as it relates to identity and power. As the experiences of the various panelists will show, visibility through self-representation is an important instrument in promoting the full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights by people of African descent and in combating racism and racial discrimination. The panelists will present experiences about how individuals, communities and nations have used self-representation as a tool for social change and as a way of achieving political and cultural representation within societies.

Panelists:

Mr. Celso Athayde, Founder of CUFA, Central Union of Favelas and CUFA Films, Brazil

Ms. Mahen Bonetti, Director of the African Film Festival (AFF), New York

Ms. Macdala Prévot, Filmmaker, Graduate of Ciné Institute, Haiti

Dr. Lenora Fulani, Director, Operation Conversation: Cops & Kids; Co-Founder, All Stars Project, USA

Mr. Raull Santiago, "Papo Reto Media Collective", Complexo do Alemão, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Mr. Thomas Allen Harris, Filmmaker, Director "Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People"

Fab 5 Freddy, Hip hop pioneer, Visual artist, Filmmaker, Chief Creative Consultant of The Africa Center, New York

Moderated by the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota

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