



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 June 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit, herewith, a letter from H.E. Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa, in his capacity as facilitator of the consultations on the elaboration of a Programme for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent.

In this communication, the facilitator informs that the first informal consultation on the draft Programme will be held on Friday, 20 June 2014, the venue and time of which will subsequently be communicated in the Journal of the United Nations.

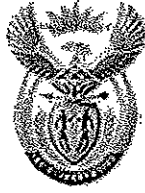
I encourage Member States to continue to actively participate in the discussions on this important matter.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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John W. Ashe

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



13 June 2013

Excellency

Consultations on Programme for International Decade for People of African Descent

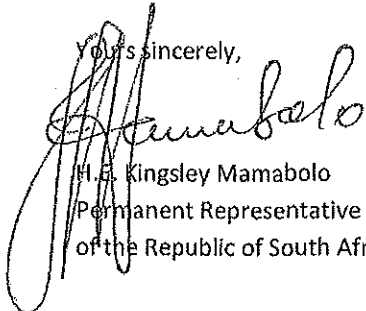
Following my re-appointment by the President of the General Assembly on 17 April 2014 2013 as facilitator to continue consultations with Member States of the General Assembly and other stakeholders, with a view to elaborating a Programme for the Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, to be finalised and adopted during this the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, it is my intention to convene the first informal consultations on a Programme for the International Decade on Friday, 20 June 2014.

However with this in mind, the commencement of the informal consultative process will be subject to the official transmission of the draft Report for a Programme for the International Decade by the Human Rights Council to the President of the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013.

In this regard, please check the UN Journal for details on the times and venues for the consultations that will be convened from 20 June 2014 up and until 30 June 2014.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



H.E. Kingsley Mamabolo
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of South Africa

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