Reparations under International Law for Enslavement of African Persons in the Americas and the Caribbean

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PROGRAM

Note: All times below are given in Jamaica Standard Time, which is currently equivalent to the Central Time zone in the United States. (Jamaica does not observe Daylight Savings Time.)

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MAY 20

1:00 pm: Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Catherine Amirfar, President, American Society of International Law
- Patrick Robinson, Honorary President, American Society of International Law; Judge, International Court of Justice

1:15 pm: Opening Address: The Historical Context of the Business of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery
- Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies
- Moderator: Patrick Robinson, Honorary President, American Society of International Law; Judge, International Court of Justice

2:15 pm: BREAK

2:25 pm: Examining (il)legality of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery under International Law – Part I
- Transatlantic Chattel Slavery 1450–1550: Mamadou Hébié, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University
- Discussion moderator: Verene Shepherd, Centre for Reparation Research, the University of the West Indies
3:25 pm: BREAK

3:35 pm: Examining (il)legality of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery under International Law – Part II
- Transatlantic Chattel Slavery, 1550-1815: Parvathi Menon, Erik Castren Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki
- Transatlantic Chattel Slavery, 1815-1888: Michel Erpelding, Max Planck Institute for International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law
- Sexualized Practices and Institutions of the Slave Trade and Slavery: Patricia Viseur Sellers, Kellogg College, University of Oxford
- Discussion moderator: Gay McDougall, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice / Center for Race, Law and Justice, Fordham University Law School

4:50 pm: BREAK

5:00 pm: Global Quantification of Reparations for Transatlantic Chattel Slavery
- Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies
- Discussion moderator: Adrien Wing, University of Iowa College of Law

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MAY 21

1:00 pm: Global and Comparative Perspectives on Reparations
- Reparations for Transatlantic Chattel Slavery in Brazil: Humberto Adami, President, National Truth Commission on Slavery, Brazil
- Remedies for Gross Breaches of International Law, with Particular Attention to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery: Claudio Grossman, American University Washington College of Law; United Nations International Law Commission
- Discussion moderator: Charles Jalloh, Florida International University College of Law; United Nations International Law Commission

2:00 pm: BREAK

2:10 pm: The Legacy of Enslavement—Contemporary Dimensions and Remedies
- Reparations for Racial Discrimination Rooted in Colonialism and Slavery: E. Tendayi Achiume, UCLA School of Law; United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
- The Claim for Reparations for the Tulsa Massacre of 1921: Eric Miller, Loyola Law School
- Discussion moderator: Jeremy Levitt, Florida A&M University College of Law

3:10 pm: BREAK

3:20 pm: Concluding Address: Contemporary Institutionalized Racism as a Breach of International Human Rights Norms
- Philippe Sands, Centre on International Courts and Tribunals, University College London

4:05 pm: BREAK

4:15 pm: The Ascertainment of a Rule of International Law Condemning Transatlantic Chattel Slavery: Final Observations & Concluding Remarks
- Patrick Robinson, Honorary President, American Society of International Law; Judge, International Court of Justice