Racism and Racial Discrimination

UN Entities

- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
  http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CERD/Pages/CERDIndex.aspx
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia
  and related intolerance
- Ad-hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards
  http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/AdHocCommittee/Pages/AdHocIndex.aspx
- Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration
  and Programme of Action
- Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban
  Declaration and Programme of Action
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - Fight
  against Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia

Treaties, Declarations and UN Documents

- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
  http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CERD.aspx
  - Background information in the Audiovisual Library of International Law:
- Report of the Durban Review Conference
  http://undocs.org/A/CONF.211/8
- Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (World Conference against Racism, 2001)
  http://undocs.org/A/CONF.189/12
- UNESCO – Fight against Discrimination - Normative instruments

Databases

- OHCHR's Database on practical means to combat racism, racial discrimination,
  xenophobia and related intolerance
  https://adsdatabase.ohchr.org/SitePages/Anti-discrimination%20database.aspx
UN Conferences and Observances


Selected Statements and Speeches of the Secretary-General

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- Secretary-General, in observance message, equates fight against homophobia with struggle to eliminate racism, promote gender equality (SG/SM/15028-HR/5128, 16 May 2013): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/smsg15028.doc.htm
- Secretary-General calls international day opportunity to contrast positive sports values with despicable racism scarring even professional competition (SG/SM/14883-OBV/1190, 19 March 2013): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/smsg14883.doc.htm
- Secretary-General calls on all people to join UN in drive to stamp out ‘weapon’ of racism, which is used to undermine peace, engender fear, incite war crimes (SG/SM/14172-RD/1010-OBV/1077, 20 March 2012): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/smsg14172.doc.htm
• World has witnessed disturbing rise in hatred, bigotry, says Secretary-General, urging on day
to eliminate racism for all states to work together to defeat it (SG/SM/12129-OBV/768-

Selected Articles in UN journals


• SHS Newsletter 02, 2003: “Understanding and combating the different forms of racism”: http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001312/131271e.pdf

Selection of Publications available online

• Newsletter of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial

• Colour? What colour? Report on the fight against discrimination and racism in football

• Developing National Action Plans against Racial Discrimination: a practical guide

• Selected Decisions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,
Volume 1: Thirty-sixth to seventy-fifth sessions (August 1988 – August 2011)

• Dimensions of Racism: Proceedings of a Workshop to commemorate the end of the

• United to Combat Racism: Equality, Justice, Dignity (2001):

• The Struggle Against Discrimination: A Collection of International Instruments adopted
by the United Nations System (1996):