



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 October 2014

Excellency,

As you are aware, by its resolution 68/237, the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the International Decade for People of African Descent commencing 1 January 2015 and ending on 31 December 2024.

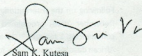
Due in large part to the efforts of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the General Assembly is poised to adopt a programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent that will inspire the United Nations and the international community in efforts to restore the rights and dignity of people of African descent.

In accordance with the aforementioned resolution, I have the honour to inform that I will launch the International Decade for People of African Descent at an event that will be held on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2014 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters. I have the further honour to invite you, in your capacity as Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to deliver remarks, not exceeding ten minutes, at the official Launch.

A Concept Note is included with this invitation for your reference. A Provisional Programme will be availed shortly.

I look forward to your positive consideration of this invitation and to your participation in the event to launch the International Decade for People of African Descent.

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



Sam K. Kutesa

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad Douale  
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Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation  
of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action  
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