



## Side Event Proposal for the Fifth Session of the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (PFPAD)

**Title:** Reparative justice, restitution, and Haitian youth: rethinking historical legacies and contemporary transformations

**Date:** Thursday, 16 April 2026

**Time:** 19:00 (Geneva, CEST) | 13:00 (New York, Montreal, Port-au-Prince)

**Co-organizers:** GRAHN-Monde (Groupe de Réflexion et d'Action pour une Haïti Nouvelle), Kolektif Ayisyen AfwoDesandan (KAAD)

**Language:** French (with the possibility of exchanges in English)

**Description:** This side event will explore the intersections between reparative justice, historical restitution, and contemporary dynamics in Haiti. It will examine the restitution of the 1825 independence indemnity imposed on Haiti, as well as the enduring impacts of historical injustices and structural inequalities. Particular attention will be given to Haitian youth, in Haiti and in the diaspora, as key agents of transformation. The discussion will contribute to global reflections on reparative justice, inclusive governance, and the promotion of the rights of people of African descent.

**Location:** University of Geneva, UNI MAIL (Room MS 160), 40 Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve, 1205 Geneva, Switzerland

### Online Participation (Zoom):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81705565772?pwd=SY8Z678ZezcOu6geJUdgSpDDEvpBZ5.1>

Meeting ID: 817 0556 5772

Passcode: 503053

### Speakers:

#### Dr Jacques Nési

Political Scientist, Member of the Haitian National Council for Restitution and Reparation

**Topic:** Restitution of the independence indemnity imposed on Haiti in 1825 through the financing of structural development projects for the Haitian nation

#### Monique Clesca

Former UN Official, Spokesperson of the Kolektif Ayisyen AfwoDesandan (KAAD)

**Topic:** Haitian crisis: historical injustices, structural inequalities, and the transformative role of youth within a framework of reparative justice

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Admission:** Free

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