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## 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**

- Global Assessment of the Legality of Transatlantic Chattel Slavery: **Nora Wittmann**, Author, *Slavery Reparations Time Is Now: Exposing Lies, Claiming Justice for Global Survival – An International Legal Assessment*
- 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