



Black History Month and the International Decade for People of African Descent

“AFRO-INSPIRED CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS”

Thursday, February 23rd, 2017

Hall of the Americas

2:00pm

- 2:00** Opening and welcome: Secretary General, **H.E. Luis Almagro Lemes**
- 2:10** “A look at Afro-inspired culture in the Americas”: Assistant Secretary General, **H.E. Nestor Mendez**
- 2:20** Presentation on the OAS Plan of Action for the International Decade for Peoples of African Descent, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity, **Mrs. Ideli Salvatti**
- 2:25** Presentations on Afro-inspired culture:
- The history of reggae music, **Mr. Dermont Hussey** (Jamaica)
 - Afri-Garifuna jazz by **Mr. James Lovell** and **Mr. Vincent Martinez** (Belize)
 - The History of pan music by **Von Martin** (Trinidad and Tobago)
 - National Geographic Ancestry reveal: testimony from 2016 recipient test kit, **Mr. Henry Jimenez** and **Dr. Miguel Vilar**, National Geographic (Colombia)
- 4:00** Closing remarks/ vote of thanks, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary General, **Ambassador La Celia A. Prince**
- 4:05** Official opening of Art Exhibition on “Afro Life and Culture in the Americas” by **Assistant Secretary General, H.E. Nestor Mendez**
- 4:07 - 5:30** Reception and entertainment:
- Cultural performances:**
- Afri-Garifuna jazz (Belize)
 - Steel pan (Trinidad & Tobago)
 - Josanne Francis
 - Terri Gussom
 - Taevaughn Reyes
 - Belinda Caesar
 - Kelton Norris
 - Congo Dance (Panama)



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