



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

“The Afro- Diaspora in the Americas”

Thursday, February 25th, 2016

Hall of the Americas

2:30pm

- 2:30 Opening and welcome: Secretary General, **Luis Almagro***
- 2:35 Black History Month at the OAS: Assistant Secretary General, **Nestor Mendez***
- 2:50 Presentation by National Geographic’s Scientific Data Manager, **Dr. Miguel Vilar***
- 3:00 Presentation on the Working Group on the Afro-descendants: Permanent Representative of Colombia, **H.E. Andres Gonzalez***
- 3:05 The Afro-Diaspora in the Americas:*
- Consul General of Venezuela in New Orleans, **Jesus Alberto Garcia***
 - Permanent Representative of Haiti, **H.E Bocchit Edmond***
 - Presentation of National Geographic Genographic Ancestry Kits*
- 3:30 Closing remarks: Chief of Staff of the Assistant Secretary General, **Ambassador La Celia Prince***
- 3:45- 5:30 Reception*

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