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Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs Delivers Statement on Behalf of CARICOM at the Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, New York

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On 30th May, 2023, Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne participated in the Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The overarching theme for this session, which is being held during the period 30th May, 2023 – 2nd June, 2023 is “Realizing the dream: A United Nations Declaration on the promotion, protection and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent.” The session is focused on five thematic areas: global reparatory justice, Pan-Africanism, transnational migration, data-collection for recognising and addressing systemic and structural racism and health, well-being and intergenerational trauma.

Minister Browne delivered the Statement on behalf of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and underscored that “We must not lose the momentum in our pursuit of recognition, justice and development. We must address critical structural injustices and make right the wrongs that have been committed.”

The Permanent Forum on People of African Descent was established by Resolution 75/314 during the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in August 2021, as a global consultative mechanism aimed at improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent.

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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs delivering the Statement at the Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent. At left is His Excellency Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, New York. In the background is Mr. Vladimir Budhu, First Secretary at the Permanent Mission.



Minister Browne with His Excellency Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations, New York and Mrs. Devita Abraham-Clifton, Counsellor at the Mission, during the Permanent Forum.

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