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## **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT**

**Georgetown, Guyana** – The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) joins the international community in observing the International Day for People of African Descent. This year's observance comes as the United Nations launches the Second International Decade for People of African Descent (2025–2034), under the theme **"Recognition, Justice, and Development."** Adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2024, the Decade underscores the importance of acknowledging the rights and invaluable contributions of people of African descent worldwide.

In Guyana, the ERC recognizes the enduring role of our African brothers and sisters in shaping our nation's history, identity, and progress. The renewal of the Decade resonates deeply with our society, reminding us of the need to address historical injustices while advancing equality, justice, and respect for all.

On this occasion, the ERC calls on all Guyanese to honor the legacy and contributions of people of African descent while promoting unity, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence among our diverse communities.

***Ethnic Relations Commission***