



The [United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent](#) (2015-2024) (UN Decade) was launched in 2015 by the United Nations and it requires all UN member states to implement programs that assert the three strategic themes - **Recognition, Justice** and **Development** of the People of African Descent.

Ireland began to engage with the Decade four years later, on 25 February 2019 when a meeting was held with stakeholders and members of the African Descent Community to discuss the UN Decade and its implications in and for Ireland. A public meeting was held on 16 March 2019 and was attended by over 70 People of African Descent, who established a Steering committee to represent People of African Descent to advance the Decade implementation in Ireland.

On 3 April 2019, a consultative meeting with stakeholders and People of African Descent was conducted by the Government. It was hosted by the Department of Justice and Equality and its outcomes were supposed to be presented to the cabinet-<https://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR19000095>).

The International Decade for People of African Descent in Ireland (IDPADI) <<https://www.idpadireland.ie/>> is therefore a project formed for the implementation of the UN Decade in Ireland. The Steering committee is funded by government of Ireland under the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and it represents views of the People of African Descent in Ireland, amplifying issues affecting them.

The IDPADI is currently conducting public meetings in cities and counties within Ireland to raise awareness about the UN Decade, seek collaborations and engage the African community and People of African Descent on matters concerning the Decade implementation, to establish challenges and views of the People of African Descent for onward presentation for redress by public and private actors. The Steering committee is working towards the official launch of the Decade by government of Ireland however, there are challenges and delays in implementing the decade and some of the critical issues include Decade launch, Publication of the report of the 2019 consultation; And seeking government's commitment, plans and programmes for the Decade beyond 2024.

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