

Beyond Colonial Histories

Keynote lecture by Bryan Stevenson & Panel Discussion about Museums and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Thursday, 30 March 2023

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. EST in the ECOSOC Chamber

Artwork for the Slavery Exhibition Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, based on: Anonymous, Enslaved men digging trenches, c. 1850, Amsterdam Rijksmuseum. Purchased with the support of the Johan Huizinga Fonds/Rijksmuseum Fonds. Design by Irma Boom

Join the Panel Discussion 'Beyond Colonial Histories' organized by the UN Department of Global Communication in collaboration with the Rijksmuseum, the National Museum of the Netherlands. The event is related to the exhibition "Slavery: Ten True Stories of Dutch Colonial Slavery", supported by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations and the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New York, which is currently on view at the UN Headquarters in New York. The moderated discussion will focus on the history of slavery and highlight current efforts by museums to include the voices of people of African descent; the importance and focus of ongoing research; inclusive programming; and dealing with the colonial past.

The event will be live-streamed at <https://bit.ly/3M36wEQ>

WELCOME REMARKS:

Melissa Fleming, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications

Monique Ruhe, Cultural Attaché, Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New York

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

- **Bryan Stevenson**, Founder & Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative
- **Taco Dibbits**, General Director of the Rijksmuseum
- **Valika Smeulders**, Head of History Department, Rijksmuseum
- **Richard Benjamin**, Head of the International Slavery Museum
- **Alissandra Cummins**, Director of the Barbados Museum & Historical Society

MODERATOR:

Arthur Kibbelaar, Strategic Advisor for Diversity & Inclusion of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS:

Courtenay Rattray, Chef de Cabinet for the UN Secretary-General



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Limited seating available by registration only
on first come first served basis