This July (2019) we are bringing together leaders of African descent who are working in our communities on the issues of water and food sovereignty for a meeting at U.N. Headquarters during the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

We will learn together, share resources, and strengthen the connections between communities of African descent to increase access to clean water, protect watersheds, and develop strategies to respond to the water-related impacts of climate degradation.

This effort builds on our 2017 and 2018 and forums is consistent with the objectives of the Second U.N. Decade of Indigenous People:
1. Promote non-discrimination and inclusion...
2. Promote the full and effective participation...in decision making
3. Redefine development policies that are culturally appropriate...
4. Adopt targeted policies/programs for the development of peoples [of African descent]
5. Develop strong monitoring mechanisms to improve the lives of [of African descent.

The African Diaspora Earthcare Coalition, convened by Quaker Earthcare Witness and its United Nations Working Group, works to educate, advocate, and create solidarity networks supporting clean water, the retention of agricultural land, and food sovereignty for people of the African descent. The Coalition is comprised of organizations and colleagues from the worldwide African diaspora.

Last year, the United Nations inaugurated the International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development as the U.N. Decade for People of African Descent continues.

The threats of drought, famine, and other anthropogenic and climatic events are inextricably linked to water.

• Water scarcity already affects four out of every 10 people. (WHO)
• Increasing temperatures on the planet and more variable rainfalls are expected to reduce crop yields in many tropical developing regions, where food security is already a problem. (WHO)

“Water is at the heart of adaptation to climate change, serving as the crucial link between the society and the environment,” according to the U.N., and so are the 200 million people of the African Diaspora.

Your donation will help to further this work by bringing these committed change-makers together to amplify their work and share key resources.

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