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Program of the Day

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm, UN Visitor’s Lobby

Welcome and Introduction from Rosa Almanzar and Fatoumata Cisse
Masters of Ceremonies

Opening remarks from Mr. António Guterres
United Nations Secretary General

Message from Mr. Salehe Mussa Seif
Activist and Human Rights Defender from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Message from Mr. Patrick Matara
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Musical Interlude by Ms. Susan McKeown and Mr. Michael Brunnock
Song: Be the Change
Commissioned by ATD Fourth World, featuring testimonies of people living homeless in Dublin, Ireland

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Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world with universal respect for human rights and dignity

Message from H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King
President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Message from Ms. Stacy White
Activist and Human Rights Defender from New York City, USA

Message from Mr. Donald Lee
President, International Committee for October 17

2:15 pm to 2:45 pm, Commemorative Stone

The commemoration will continue with a moment of reflection and solidarity around the Commemorative Stone in honor of victims of extreme poverty located on the North Lawn of the UN Gardens.

Dance by Mala & Dancers

Reading from the text of the Commemorative Stone in the six UN languages by children and young people from the Hyde Leadership Charter School and Lycée Français of New York

Minute of Silence

Symbolic Gesture around the Human Rights Tree
Accompanied by the United Nations Orchestra

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