



MASTER CLASS AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATIONS

*Youth as agents of change in the fight
against racism and discriminations*



AGENDA

21 March 2023 UNESCO Headquarters (hybrid format)



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On 21 March 2023, UNESCO will host a global edition of its Master Class Series against Racism and Discriminations at its Headquarters in Paris. As previous editions have shown, this has become a privileged space to empower young people to become antiracism champions in their schools and communities. Around the world, graduates of this Series, have designed and implemented their own local projects and inspired their peers to engage in this important cause.

This global edition will serve as a laboratory of ideas to enable young people to have a voice in this global movement by allowing them to contribute to the evolving nature of the **Roadmap against racism and discrimination**. This document, which is being developed through contributions and ideas from different actors of society, is part of the **Global call against racism**, contained a decision adopted by UNESCO's Member States in December 2020, which urges the international community to step up its efforts to combat the root causes of racism and discriminations. To this end, the third pillar of the Roadmap calls for initiatives that build the capacity of multiple actors to engage in the antiracism campaign. Within this framework, the Master Class seeks to elevate itself as a potent mechanism to involve youth as proactive stakeholders.

Through participatory lectures and thematic workshops, young people are enjoined to enhance their knowledge on various topics related to racism and discriminations. It also gives them the opportunity to reflect on ways in which they could become changemakers in society by being actively involved in local initiatives. By doing so, the Master Class provides an enabling environment to share ideas on leveraging youth agency.

At the end of each edition, participants are asked to express their commitments on future actions that they can implement at their own level, based on the knowledge, skills and motivation that they have gained as graduates of this Series. They, therefore, not only learn and share their ideas, but also commit to implementing them.

Launched in 2019, this Series has already engaged more than 6,500 students to become antiracism champions in their own schools and communities. Last year's global edition alone was attended by 1,500 students from 17 countries and counted with 18 institutional partners and 15 cities. Around 97% of previous editions' attendees said the Master Class both educated and inspired them to be more tolerant, and over 75% said they felt confident to share their knowledge with their families, peers and communities.

9:30 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony

Welcome remarks and opening lecture from Gabriela Ramos,
Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

10:00– 10:20

Dialogue with Xueli Abbing (UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador)
Q&A with the students

10:20 – 10:35

Lessons from the Master Class Gwangju Series

Outcomes of the 7-month Master Class incentive-based project

10:35 – 10:45

Live broadcast from celebrations in the City of Montpellier and the European Parliament

Master Class edition of the City of Montpellier: *Fighting racism through youth champions and municipality staff*
European Parliament/European Union celebration: *Anti-racism week*

10:45 – 11:05

Fireside chat with Xueli Abbing (UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador)
and Sanele Xaba (Youth leader)

11:05–12:00

Master Class of Xavier Mauduit: “The History of Prejudice”

Historian, author and TV/radio anchor, with Q&A

12:00–12:30

Spotlight on Rossy de Palma

UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural Diversity

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

14:00 – 16:00

Parallel thematic workshops

Story Circles on negative narratives against migrants/refugees
Gender/LGBT discrimination
Fighting discrimination through eloquence: the mock trial experience
Racism in social media
Hate speech
Environment and justice
Writers against racism

16:00 – 16:50

Master Class of Tenoch Huerta,
anti-racism activist/author/actor
Q&A

16:50 – 16:55

Live broadcast from the PeaceOneDay webcast celebration

16:55 – 17:30

Closing ceremony

Session on youth’s commitments
Closing remarks by Xueli Abbing and UNESCO