

**Gulf States Human Rights Working Group • Equity and Inclusion Campaign  
Greater New Orleans Organizer's Roundtable • US Human Rights Network's UPR Project**

**Universal Periodic Human Rights Report - Gulf Region Consultation**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 9 am - 3 pm  
Xavier University  
Student Center - Ballroom  
1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA**

**Moderator: Everette H. Thompson, Amnesty International USA**

**9:00-9:30 am - Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of UPR Consultation Process**

Ron Bechet, Xavier University; Monique Harden, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights; Christopher N. Camponovo, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, United States Department of State

**9:30-10:30 am - Racial Discrimination: 30 Min. Panel Discussion; 30 Min. Open Feedback and Discussion**

Ron Chisom, People's Institute for Survival and Beyond; Sharon Hanshaw, Coastal Women for Change; Julie Fernandes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice

**10:30-11:15 am - Environmental Justice & Sustainability: 20 Min. Panel Discussion; 25 Min. Open Feedback and Discussion**

Brenda Robichaux, Principal Chief of the Houma Nation; Tyronne Edwards, Zion Travelers Cooperative Center; Patty Whitney, Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing

**11:15-12:00 pm - Criminal Justice: 20 Min. Panel Discussion; 25 Min. Open Feedback and Discussion**

Norris Henderson, Voices of the Ex-Offender; Nsombi Lambright, Mississippi ACLU; Mónica Ramírez, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice

**12:00-12:30 pm - Break for Working Lunch**

Dr. Norman Francis, President of Xavier University

**12:30-1:15 pm - Housing & Economic Justice: 20 Min. Panel Discussion; 25 Min. Open Feedback and Discussion**

Sharon Jasper, MayDay New Orleans; Leevones G. Dubose, Bay Area Women's Coalition; Jennifer Jones, Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**1:15- 2:00 pm- Health & Healthcare: 20 Min. Panel Discussion; 25 Min. Open Feedback and Discussion**

Mary Joseph, Children's Defense Fund; Dr. Alice Graham, Interfaith Disaster Taskforce; Marjorie McColl Petty, Director, Region VI, United States Department of Health and Human Services

**2:00- 2:45 pm - General Discussion and Feedback**

**2:45-3:00 pm - Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Ajamu Baraka, U.S. Human Rights Network; Adren O. Wilson, Equity and Inclusion Campaign; Christopher N. Camponovo, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, United States Department of State