

Africans Rising

For Justice, Peace & Dignity

African Liberation Week 2022 Toolkit

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Africa for Africans
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About this Guide

This guide was created to help mobilize Africans across the globe for African Liberation Week (May 23-29), and in particular, African Liberation Day which is recognized every year on May 25. African Liberation Week is the largest annual mobilization of Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity.

Africans Rising is excited to co-create activities and events across the continent and the diaspora through this day of collective action. While African Liberation Day takes place on May 25, any event that happens in the spirit of Pan-African unity throughout the month of May is a welcome addition to our global mobilization. This guide outlines some of the ways both big and small that anyone can join us - and we hope you will!

About Africans Rising

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity is a Pan-African movement of over 30,000 people and organizations, working for justice, peace and dignity for all Africans wherever they live. The organization provides a space for progressive African civil society leaders and groups engaged in various civic struggles to convene, connect, collaborate, share knowledge and build solidarity among people and across issues. Africans Rising promotes citizens' organizing and enables civic movements in their work for social justice.

About African Liberation Day (May 25) - History

African Liberation Day is an annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity on May 25, 1963. The day is recognized to promote unity and solidarity among African people and states. It also is the anniversary of the launch of Africans Rising on May 25, 2017.

In the past, the Africans Rising movement has used the week of African Liberation Day (May 25) to recognize issues of illicit financial flows, slavery, and health. This year, the mobilisation is under the theme “Africa for Africans”, which captures the need for unity and ownership in facing African struggles. This year’s theme is accompanied by the sub-themes Decolonization, Gender Justice, and Health, which allow for focus on key areas for mobilization in 2022. We will conduct the virtual campaign for African Liberation Week with the hashtags #Rise4OurLives and #AfricaforAfricans.

About African Liberation Week 2022

- This year, Africans Rising is commemorating African Liberation Week with the theme “**Africa for Africans**”.

Through this year’s African Liberation Week mobilization, and through all of our work, Africans Rising is focused on bringing together members of the Africans Rising movement to work together towards a coordinated struggle to raise awareness on the unfinished business of decolonisation, water justice and equitable access to quality health.

2022 Theme & Schedule

- **Date**

The African Liberation Week will be observed from 23rd May 2022 to 29th May 2022.

- **Theme and sub-themes**

Broad theme:

Africa for Africans

This theme re-echoes the historical call by Marcus Garvey for Africans to unite and take ownership and control of our homeland. In this context, “Africans” includes all people of African descent wherever they may be. The relevance of this theme in contemporary times is seen in the rush by new and old global powers upon the resources of Africa.

Sub-themes:

- I. Decolonisation – Capturing the unfinished business of decolonisation
- II. Gender Justice – Ensuring gender equality in carving the Africa We Want
- III. Health – Equitable access to quality healthcare amid COVID-19

How can you take action during African Liberation Week?

There is no one way to take part in the Africans Rising African Liberation Week mobilization. Any activity or event that celebrates, commemorates, honours, reflects on or convenes around issues of Africa and African liberation can become part of this global day of Pan-African unity.

As a movement, Africans Rising is here to connect the work of grassroots activists and organizations. That is why we are encouraging anyone who is interested in planning their own event, however, may be fit. Our movement is here to amplify your voices, your work and your efforts to bring positive change to your communities.

On the following pages, you will find a few ideas about actions you can join in this year's African Liberation Week celebrations:

- Organise a discussion/convening (online or in your local community) with friends, activist networks or the public to discuss issues relevant to Africa and African liberation.
- Write letters about issues affecting your community and deliver them to governments and other relevant institutions.
- Start a dialogue and/or research and educate your community about challenges affecting your community. Create a space for discussing the options and solutions for building a healthier community.
- Share your artistic expression online or in your community of what it means to have a healthy mind, body and soul.
- Create a short poem, opinion piece, article or a short video of yourself speaking on African Liberation Day. "Africa lives in me because..." Share with your community or online.
- Light a candle for one minute alone or with your community members in memory of all that have lost their lives due to the current pandemic or in the struggle for African liberation.
- Wear a shirt with one of the Pan-African colours (red, black or green) during the week of African Liberation Day. Take a picture and share it online with the hashtags #AfricaforAfricans, #Rise4OurLives and #AfricansRising.
- Take a photo that captures your actions for African Liberation Week and post it on social media using the hashtags #AfricaforAfricans, #Rise4OurLives and #AfricansRising.

- Carry out research on African Liberation week and how/which Pan-African leaders paved the way for African Countries to gain back their Independence. (Share your discoveries with a friend, family and/or neighbour).
- Share a picture of a historical landmark, place, traditional attire or art that represents Africa or African liberation.
- Still not sure how to get involved? Get in touch with us at engagement@africans-rising.org and we can collectively figure out how you can engage with the campaign.

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Call to Action

Are you ready to join us for #AfricaforAfricans during African Liberation Week?

Now that you've come to the end of this toolkit, we hope you feel confident and ready to join us this African Liberation Week (May 23-29). Remember, no action is too small, no idea is too wild! If your community is planning an event in the spirit of Pan-African unity let us know!

To register your African Liberation Week and/or African Liberation Day event with us, visit our website and fill out the registration form at africansrising.org/africanliberationweek

Share

If you feel inspired about what you've learned about Africans Rising and the African Liberation Week mobilization, be sure to share the news with your friends, family, colleagues and communities!

Here are a few other ways you can amplify the call for Pan-African solidarity during African Liberation Week:

- Download this toolkit and share it with other leaders, organizers, grassroots activists or organizations you know
- Encourage your friends, neighbors and colleagues to plan their own African Liberation Week Event
- Donate to Africans Rising. Every donation helps strengthen our capacity to support the work of African grassroots activists and movements. Find out how you can donate at africansrising.org/donate
- Follow us on social media and let us know why you are advocating for #AfricaforAfricans by using the #AfricaforAfricans and #Rise4OurLives

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