



# Africans Rising

For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

**2024**

**AFRICAN LIBERATION WEEK**

**May 20-26**

**TOOLKIT**

**“A Borderless Africa  
for All Africans”**

**#BorderlessAfrica, #AbolishVisas4Africans, #AfricansRising**

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# About the guide

This guide was created to help mobilize Africans across the globe for African Liberation Week (May 20-26) 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 Unity 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 is a global Pan-African movement of people and organizations, working for unity, justice, peace and dignity for all Africans wherever they live. The Movement 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 Week 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.



## First edition

The first-ever mobilisation took place on May 25, 2017, when two thousand volunteers, partners, supporters and friends organised a total of 300 actions & events in 42 countries on the African continent and the Diaspora, to mark the launch of the Africans Rising Movement.



## Past Years

In the past years, Africans Rising movement and its members have used the week of African Liberation Day (May 25) to recognize issues of illicit financial flows, slavery, and health. From 2023, the mobilisation has been focused on amplifying the Borderless Africa campaign while pushing other agendas on Climate, Economic, Energy and International crises that affect the continent.



## This Year

Borderless Africa, a free movement campaign is a product of the All-African Movements Assembly (AAMA) held from 29-31 August, 2022, in Arusha, Tanzania. The goal of the campaign is to achieve an Africa where Africans can move around their own continent without the current restrictions in place.

# African Liberation Week 2024

The 2024 African Liberation will be celebrated under the broad theme “A Borderless Africa for All Africans”. This year’s mobilisation is a continuation of last year’s mobilisation and will be used to continue to push the vision of an Africa where Africans can move around their own continent without the current restrictions in place, for better trade, integration and development.

Most importantly during this year’s ALW Celebration, we will host the Borderless Africa Convening from the 23rd to the 25th of May in Lusaka, Zambia. The Borderless Africa Convening will bring together key stakeholders working on free movement, to share their experiences, learn from each other's efforts and re-strategize on the best ways to achieve this shared vision of a Borderless Africa.

A continent-wide “Borderless Africa March” will take place on May 25th across several countries in Africa to urge more countries to ratify the African Union's protocol on free movement and bring visibility to the Borderless Africa Campaign.



# Theme & Schedule

## Date

African Liberation Week will be observed from 20th to 26th May, 2024.

## Theme and sub-themes

The 2024 African Liberation Week's mobilisation is focused on the broad theme of **“A Borderless Africa for All Africans”**

Africans Rising's members will also organise activities on these 2 important sub-themes.

### Sub-themes

- 1. Pan-African Solidarity with African Countries Affected by Conflicts**
- 2. Climate and Environmental Justice, Gender Justice, and Economic Justice**



# How can you take action during African Liberation Week?

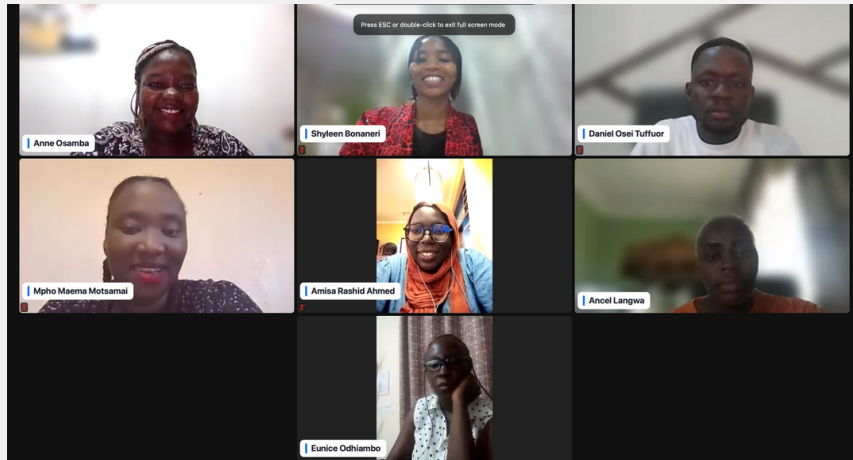
There is no one way to take part in the Africans Rising African Liberation Week mobilisation. Any activity or event that celebrates, commemorates, honours, reflects on or convenes around issues of Africa and African liberation can become part of this global day of Pan-African unity.

As a movement, Africans Rising is here to connect the work of grassroots activists and organisations. 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



# Actions you can take



## Online discussion

Organise a discussion/convening (online or in your local community) with friends, activist networks or the public to discuss issues around the main ALW theme, sub-themes and other issues relevant to Africa and African liberation.



## Peaceful March

Organise and rally people to join a peaceful march in your community advocating for a Borderless Africa.



## Letter writing

Write letters about issues affecting your community and deliver them to governments and other relevant institutions.





# Learning Exchange

## Debate

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.

## Research

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).

## Artistic Activities

Share your artistic expression online or in your community of what it means to have a healthy mind, body and soul.



## Artistic Activities

Create a short poem, opinion piece, article or a short video of yourself speaking on African Liberation Week. "Let us Remove Borders for fellow Africans because...". Share with your community or online.



**Wear a Tshirt (red, black or green)**



Wear a shirt with one of the Pan-African colours (red, black or green) during the week of African Liberation Week. Take a picture and share it online with the hashtags [#BorderlessAfrica](#), [#AbolishVisas4Africans](#) and [#AfricansRising](#).

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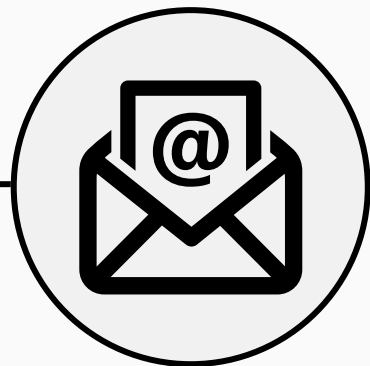
**Take a photo**

Take a photo that captures your actions for African Liberation Week and post it on social media using the hashtags [#BorderlessAfrica](#), [#AbolishVisas4Africans](#), [#AfricansRising](#). Tag Africans Rising on all posts.



## Share a picture

Share a picture of a historical landmark, place, traditional attire or art that represents Africa or African liberation.



## Contact-us

Still not sure how to get involved? Get in touch with us at [engagement@africans-rising.org](mailto:engagement@africans-rising.org) and we can collectively figure out how you can engage with the campaign.



# Call to Action

Are you ready to join us this 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 (20 - 26 May). 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](https://africansrising.org/africanliberationweek)



# Share

If you feel inspired about what you've learned about Africans Rising and the African Liberation Week mobilisation, 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:

Follow us on social media and let us know why you are advocating for #BorderlessAfrica by using the hashtag **#BorderlessAfrica, #AbolishVisas4Africans, #AfricansRising**

 [AfricansRising](https://twitter.com/AfricansRising)  [Africans\\_Rising](https://www.facebook.com/Africans_Rising)  [Africans\\_Rising](https://www.tiktok.com/@Africans_Rising)  [AfricansRising](https://www.youtube.com/AfricansRising)

<http://africansrising.org/africanliberationweek>

Download this toolkit and share it with other leaders, organisers, grassroots activists or organisations you know

Encourage your friends, neighbours and colleagues to plan their own African Liberation Week Event

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