

**Africans Rising**

For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

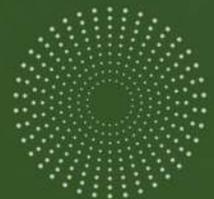
# **AFRICAN LIBERATION WEEK 2026**

**THEME**

**United Africa:  
The Future We Want**



**TOOLKIT**



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# 1. INTRODUCTION



**Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace and Dignity** is a global Pan-African movement of people and organisations working to build an Africa rooted in solidarity, justice, peace, and dignity. The movement seeks to strengthen the unity of African peoples and mobilise collective action to address the challenges affecting the continent.

African Liberation Week (ALW) is a continent-wide mobilisation that brings together Africans across the continent and the diaspora to organise activities that promote justice, accountability, and Pan-African solidarity.

Since its inception, African Liberation Week has mobilised hundreds of thousands of Africans through community actions, dialogues, protests, artistic expression, and public education campaigns. These actions have strengthened grassroots movements, fostered cross-border collaboration, and amplified the voices of Africans advocating for a better future.

The 2026 African Liberation Week continues this tradition by focusing on a bold and necessary question: What does a united Africa look like, and how do we build it?



## 2. ABOUT AFRICAN LIBERATION WEEK

African Liberation Week is commemorated annually around 25 May, which marks the historic formation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, now known as the African Union.

OVER THE YEARS, THE MOBILISATION HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY

-  Launch of Africa Liberation Week with over 300 actions across 42 countries
-  #StopTheBleeding campaign against illicit financial flows
-  Campaign against modern slavery and human trafficking
-  #Rise4OurLives mobilisation responding to COVID-19
-  Expansion from African Liberation Day to African Liberation Week
-  Mobilisation around the Borderless Africa Campaign.



### 3. THEME FOR 2026

## United Africa: The Future We Want

African Liberation Week 2026 invites Africans across the continent and the diaspora to reflect on and engage with the vision of a truly united Africa.

This vision draws from long-standing Pan-African ideals and contemporary calls for continental integration. A united Africa is a continent where Africans can move freely across borders, share a common citizenship and passport, trade within a shared economic space, and collaborate to promote peace, security, and prosperity.

It is also a continent where Africans collectively shape their political, economic, and social systems to serve the interests of their people.

This year's mobilisation encourages communities to engage in conversations, workshops, and activities that explore what this future could look like and how it can be achieved.

## 4. WHAT DOES A UNITED AFRICA MEAN?

***African Unity: the best way to lift Africans out of poverty and other socio-economic challenges.***

***- Samia Yaba Christina Nkrumah, at AAMA 2024***

Across the continent, Africans increasingly recognise that unity and integration are necessary for the future prosperity and stability of the continent.



## What Does a United Africa Mean?





## 5. OBJECTIVES OF AFRICAN LIBERATION WEEK 2026



- 🎯 Strengthen grassroots participation in conversations about Africa's future
- 🎯 Encourage communities to imagine and articulate visions of a united Africa
- 🎯 Promote Pan-African solidarity and cross-border collaboration
- 🎯 Mobilise citizens to engage with continental integration processes
- 🎯 Amplify community voices and perspectives on African unity



## 6. HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE



African Liberation Week is driven by community-led initiatives. Individuals, organisations, student groups, community leaders, artists, and activists are encouraged to organise activities that engage people in meaningful conversations about Africa's future.

Activities can be organised in:

Communities and neighborhoods

Public spaces

Online platforms

Cultural centres

Faith communities

There is no single format for participation. What matters most is that activities create spaces for reflection, dialogue, and collective imagination.

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## 7. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Organise community discussions where participants explore questions such as:

What does a united Africa mean for our community?

How would free movement change our lives?

What institutions should exist in a united Africa?

Community dialogues can bring together youth, community leaders, civil society organisations, and local residents.



### YOUTH FORUMS

Young people are central to Africa's future. Youth groups and student organizations are encouraged to organize discussions in universities, schools, and youth centres about the future of African unity and integration.



### PUBLIC LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Invite experts, scholars, activists, and policymakers to discuss topics such as:

**Pan-Africanism and African integration**

**The African Continental Free, Trade Area, the role of citizens in building a united Africa or free movement across Africa**





## CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Art can powerfully communicate visions of Africa's future.

Participants may organise:

- Poetry and spoken word events
- Music and cultural performances
- Mural painting
- Film screenings
- Photography exhibitions



## SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Online platforms provide opportunities to engage Africans globally.

Participants can share reflections using the hashtags:

- #UnitedAfrica**
- #AfricaLiberationWeek**
- #AfricansRising**
- #AfricanUnity**



## SOLIDARITY ACTIONS

Organize actions that demonstrate solidarity with struggles across Africa. This may include campaigns addressing human rights, peace, climate justice, or economic justice.



Theme suggestions may include **“My Vision for a United Africa.”**



## 8. FACILITATING DIALOGUE



When organizing activities, facilitators should encourage open and respectful conversations. Participants should feel comfortable sharing their ideas, perspectives, and experiences.

Some guiding questions include:

- What does a united Africa mean to you?
- How would African unity affect your daily life?
- What challenges currently prevent African unity?
- What role can citizens play in advancing integration?
- What institutions should exist in a united Africa?
- How best can pan African movements mobilize and organise themselves for a united Africa



## 9. DOCUMENTING YOUR ACTIVITIES



Documenting activities helps share the impact of African Liberation Week across the continent.

Organizers are encouraged to:

- Take photos and videos
- Record key insights from discussions
- Share social media updates
- Submit short reports after events

This information will help showcase the collective impact of the mobilization.



## 10. REGISTRATION



All organizers are encouraged to register their events so that they can be included in the official African Liberation Week map.

Registration also allows Africans Rising to support organisers with guidance, promotion, and coordination.

Registration link: [www.africansrising.org/2026-african-liberation-week](http://www.africansrising.org/2026-african-liberation-week)