GET YOUR PAN-AFRICAN ON!

55th African Liberation Day
#25May2018

ACTIONS & EVENTS GUIDE

Africans Rising
For Justice, Peace & Dignity

#KilimanjaroDeclaration
#AfricansRising
#BringYourFaya
#AfricaDay

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This guide was created to help mobilise all Africans for the 55th anniversary of the African Liberation Day, also marking the first year anniversary of the Africans Rising movement launch. So it's time for you to ignite your Pan-African fire and join us in celebrating our African Pride!

As a catalysing movement, Africans Rising supports and co-creates actions throughout the year. We want people to take ownership of planning national and regional events. For #25May2018, We're keeping it real; you have complete autonomy and creative control over your event and your message. We are here to support you in the spirit of the pan-African solidarity and unity.
Africans Rising is a Pan-African movement of people and organisations, working for peace, justice and dignity. We are determined to foster an Africa-wide solidarity and unity of purpose of the peoples of Africa to build the future we want – a right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity.

Our vision, as outlined in the Kilimanjaro Declaration; is a decentralised, citizen-owned future that will build support and solidarity for local struggles. As a catalysing movement, Africans Rising supports and co-creates events throughout the year, with African Liberation Day (Africa Day) on the 25th of May being the annual apex organising moment.

This year, we hope to tell more stories of African unity and witness a greater social, political and economic triumphs of the peoples of Africa. Africans Rising amplifies efforts and the work done by:

Artists
Environmentalists
Entrepreneurs
LGBTQI
Tech Innovators
Filmmakers
Musicians
African Diaspora
Cultural Activists

African Civil Society Organisations (CSO)
Local NGOs &International NGOs
Trade Unions
Student Unions
Faith Based Groups
Feminist Activists
Scholars & Scientists
Athletes
**25 May 1963**
32 Heads of African States form the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and establish the African Liberation Day

**October 2015**
*actionaid*
Africa Civil Society Centre (ACSC)
An alliance of African civil society groups

**May 2016**
*Africa Civil Society Initiative*

**24 August 2016**
The Arusha Validation Conference

**25 May 2017**
55th African Liberation Day
1 Year Anniversary of Africans Rising

**25 May 2018**

Volunteers 2000
Actions & Events 300
Countries 42
Online Mentions 10 Million
54th African Liberation Day
Launch of Africans Rising for Justice, Peace & Dignity
#AFRICANSRISING

How to Take Action This #25May2018
Gather with your group, community, school friends, family members OR stand up solo at your town square to read the Kilimanjaro Declaration or hand out flyers.

Express the demands of the declaration and articulate your message your in whichever method you deem fit; some people will use **slam poetry**, some will **sing or rap the words**, others will **paint** their vision, or use **sign language**.
Stand up together to signify your intention to build a new Africa and say **IN ANY LANGUAGE!**

We are **a United Africa. We are Africans Rising for Justice, Peace & Dignity.**
Dress for Consciousness

Put on a red ribbon for #StopTheBleeding2018 or a green one for #AfricansRising
Wear a wristband, armband or headband
Take a group photo with a red/green background (wall, door, painted surface)
Collectively hold red cards to symbolically protest inequality and illicit financial flows
Awareness about Access

Between 06:00 PM and 08:00 PM

Turn off your lights in solidarity with millions of Africans with no access to electricity, lighting a candle is also an important tribute to the martyrs of causes that have been fought all across our beautiful continent. Light a candle or many more and share!
LOOK AT HOW A SINGLE CANDLE CAN BOTH DEFY & DEFINE THE DARKNESS.

ANNE FRANK
Actions & Events ideas
For this year’s edition of our annual mobilisation, we are focusing on the broad themes of **Justice, Peace & Dignity**

We invite you to share your plans and ideas for African Liberation Day

So far, we have received proposals from activists and fellow Africans who will organize:

- Film Screenings
- Lectures at public & universities libraries
- Reggae fitness classes
- Capacity Building Webinars
- Open mics at Local Businesses & Restaurants
- Iftar discussions
- Beach Cleanups
Plan or join an African trade union march and rally to demand the dignity of all Africans
Organise a national day of prayer for your country/region and community (Ramadhan Tarawih prayers, bible group convenings, host a discussion at your religious institution...
• Gather 10 or more people, depending on your country’s assembly laws.
• Apply for permit from local authorities if necessary
• Inform a local radio/journalist about your stunt in advance
• Display a large banner with a message & write #AfricansRising pr print the logo
• Print T-shirts with messages that promote #25May2018
• Hand out copies of your press release/ leaflets or the Kilimanjaro declaration
• Use an electronic device and a WIFI connection available to sign up new members
• Have a friend or a passerby take a photo or a video of your stunt
Organise a public lecture
Share papers on various themes that concern the peoples of Africa
We welcome publications written in African languages
Organize urban spaces tour, villages or towns to learn about African architecture
Visit museums and historical landmarks
Plan a flash mob in a central part of your town

#DistrictStrong
Design and **share** posters or original designs that illustrate your African pride and tackle issues known to our people

**Paint** a mural to commemorate Africa Day 2018

**Allow** free entry to your museum /gallery for youth and kids

**Open** your workshops to the public (pottery, carpentry, photography, ceramics...)

**Visit** a local museum and **invite** an art professor to give a tour of that museum

**Exhibit** your exclusive art collection

**Take** a chance on an aspiring African artist, buy their work or give them a new gig
PERFORMANCE ARTISTS: DANCE & THEATRE

- **Find** a local drama club and buy a ticket to their show
- **Direct** a school theatre production
- **Organize** a community flashmob
- **Host** a fashion show featuring African designers (African hairstyles, African textiles and more...)

#AfricanArtist
MUSICIANS

Record a song or host a concert for free
Organise a block/ neighbourhood party
Identify a local choir/band and attend to their nearest performance
Plan an open mic in a local restaurant/ cafe
- Find a local drama club and buy a ticket to their show
- Direct a school theatre production
- Screen and African Movie
- Organize a community flashmob
- Host a fashion show featuring African designers (African hairstyles, African textiles and more...)

#SnapAfrica
ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE

Organise a community clean up
Host a local awareness session about any environmental issue or an eco-living workshop
Bike or walk to work/school
Turn off the lights

#stopthesoot #Dayzero
- Train for a mountain climbing or a local bike tour
- Teach kids how to skate or bike
- Share the profile of your African athlete role model
- Host a free fitness session at your local gym
- Plan a yoga session in your backyard
- Hike up to the highest peak within proximity
- Participate in a game (soccer, basketball, rugby...)
WEAR ALL AFRICAN.

#MadeInAfrica
HAVE YOU MADE-UP YOUR MIND?

Remember no event is too small and ALL ideas are welcome - We look forward to hearing from you – and together, making some noise!

- We are attempting to give as much support as possible at every mobilisation level.
- Our Operational Team and Interim Working Group (IWG) will look into all event proposals and determine the necessary support channels through outreach within our partner networks.
- Our Mobilisation Volunteers in almost every major African city to assist our members

Share your plans right now by writing to 25may@africans-rising.org

Email Us  Event Proposal
A symbol of Africa’s lush vegetation, it’s simply the color of life. With millions of people wearing green or a touch of green and taking firm actions for justice, peace and dignity, we will display an inspiring renewal of hope and an organic growth of our collective prosperity.

A symbol of the sacrifices made by our ancestors for the liberation from colonial rule. Red also signifies the ongoing bleeding of wealth from the continent through illicit financial outflows and, the destruction of Africa’s natural resources which benefits greedy corporations, and a narrow economic and political elite.

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RESOURCES

Videos

Photos

Other

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Media

Remember ‘Media’ doesn’t just mean the broadsheet newspapers. It means your church newsletter, local newspapers, nearby student newspapers and your organisation’s website. In winning the fight for the vision of Africans Rising, this is equally important, if not more important than what we usually think of as ‘media’.

Share your articles and press releases media@africans-rising.org

To submit your ideas or questions, email: 25may@africans-rising.org

Join the conversation on Twitter

Post your pledge on Instagram

Watch and share our videos

Join the actions and events on Facebook

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The Kilimanjaro Declaration

In steps

Thank you for Joining Our Movement

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Individual Giving

In steps

A major aspect Africans Rising sustainability approach is premised on volunteerism and individual for everyone involved in growing this Pan-African movement for justice, peace & dignity. We were humbled and inspired by the spontaneous giving from the delegates at the Validation Conference in August 2016, the contributions of several individuals and organisations and, the example of Kumi Naidoo volunteering as Launch Executive Director.

in 2017 the individual giving and discounts reached $100 000. That represents a sizeable 20% of the total budget. It demonstrates that the act of individual giving is alive and we aim to use this good start to inspire others all over Africa and in the Diaspora, to join in this process of creating a self-sustaining, and a people driven, movement to build Pan-African unity for justice, peace & dignity.

Donate now and help build Pan-African unity

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A SINGLE STICK MAY SMOKE, BUT IT WILL NOT BURN.

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