

# COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIFTH PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS (1945–2025)



## International Conference Of Pan-african Progressive Forces

From Manchester to Accra: Reclaiming Pan-African Political Unity,  
Sovereignty, and Reparatory Justice



Dates: 18–19 November 2025 Venue: Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park, Accra, Ghana  
Convened by: Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF)

***THEME: "From Historical Memory to Economic and Political Justice"***



# REPORT



## About This Report

This report documents the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces, convened in Accra, Ghana, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress of 1945. It presents the historical context, political significance, outcomes, and global impact of the conference, with particular emphasis on its success in fostering cross-ideological unity and advancing the demand for reparatory justice.

The report is intended for public and external audiences, including governments, international partners, media organizations, academic institutions, and Pan-African and diaspora stakeholders. It serves both as a historical record and a strategic communication instrument, projecting the conference as a landmark political achievement in contemporary Pan-Africanism.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces  
Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress  
(1945–2025)

Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park, Accra | 18–19 November 2025

The International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces, convened by the Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF), marked a historic milestone in the contemporary Pan-African movement. Held to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress of 1945 in Manchester, the conference successfully reconnected historical memory with present-day struggles for economic justice, political sovereignty, reparative justice, and continental unity.

Hosted at the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park in Accra, the conference brought together 326 in-person participants from 57 countries across Africa and the diaspora, alongside over 100 live online participants and hundreds more who engaged with post-conference digital content. Participants represented a broad ideological and institutional spectrum, including progressive political parties, Pan-African movements, trade unions, youth and women organizations, intellectuals, civil society actors, and diaspora formations.

Politically, the conference achieved what remains rare and exceptional in Africa's contemporary political landscape: the successful convening of actors from diverse political persuasions and ideological traditions around a



shared, agreed political framework rooted in anti-imperialism, Pan-African solidarity, and reparative justice. Long-standing mistrust, fragmentation, and historical exclusions were consciously confronted through dialogue, confidence-building, and principled engagement, resulting in a forum characterized by unity of purpose rather than division.

The conference culminated in the adoption of two landmark outcomes:

-  The Accra Declaration, and
  -  The Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice,
- which together articulate a collective commitment to advancing Pan-African cooperation, reparations, and coordinated political action across national and regional contexts.

Beyond its political achievements, the conference registered extraordinary global media success. Within five days of the event, conference-related publications and broadcasts achieved an estimated 600,000 views of video materials and more half a million global media reach, amplified by major international media platforms including Pan-Africa TV which is aired in 46 countries in Africa, DW, Sputnik, Xinhua, CGTN, People's Dispatch, and leading African media houses. This unprecedented visibility significantly elevated the profile of the Pan-African Progressive Front and reinforced its position as a leading convening force within the global Pan-African movement.

As a commemorative, political, and mobilizing platform, the conference stands as a defining moment in the ongoing effort to translate Pan-African ideals into coordinated political action, reaffirming the relevance of the Manchester legacy while charting a confident path from historical memory to economic and political justice.

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# PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The objectives of this report are to:

- Document the conference within the historical continuum of Pan-African struggle
- Highlight the political significance and outcomes of the Accra convening
- Showcase the successful model of cross-ideological political coordination used
- Showcase the unprecedented global media reach and visibility achieved
- Contribute to the archival and institutional memory of modern Pan-African political organizing

## SCOPE & METHODOLOGY

- This report draws on:
  - Official conference records and proceedings
  - Adopted declarations and resolutions
  - Media coverage and digital analytics
  - Organizational documentation from the Pan-African Progressive Front
  - Participant engagement and post-conference assessments

### **DISCLAIMER** !

All data presented herein reflects information available at the time of publication. The views expressed in this report reflect the collective positions and outcomes of the conference and do not necessarily represent the official policies of any individual organization, government, or institution represented by participants.

# CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION



The International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces, convened in Accra on 18–19 November 2025, represents one of the most significant political gatherings in the contemporary history of Pan-Africanism. Organized by the Pan-African Progressive Front (PPF) to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress of 1945, the conference was conceived as both a moment of historical remembrance and a forward-looking political intervention aimed at repositioning Pan-Africanism as a living, organized, and action-oriented movement.

Held at the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park, a site synonymous with Africa's liberation struggle, the conference brought together political parties, liberation movements, trade unions, youth

organizations, intellectuals, civil society actors, and diaspora formations from across Africa and across the world. The choice of venue, timing, and thematic framing projected the conference's central message: that Pan-Africanism must once again evolve from symbolic commemoration into coordinated political practice capable of confronting the structural realities facing Africa and people of African descent globally.

The Accra convening was notable for its scale and diversity as well as for its political maturity. Participants represented a broad ideological spectrum, including progressive electoral parties, revolutionary movements, labour organizations, youth formations, and diaspora advocacy groups. Many of these actors operate in politically constrained or hostile environments, making their convergence under a single political framework particularly significant.





Rather than suppressing ideological differences, the conference provided a structured space for dialogue, negotiation, and consensus-building around a shared minimum political program.

The outcomes of the conference, most notably the Accra Declaration and the Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice, reflect this collective commitment. These documents articulate a common understanding of Africa's historical and contemporary condition, reaffirm opposition to imperial domination in all its forms, and call for coordinated political action across borders. Importantly, they situate reparatory justice not as a moral appeal alone, but as a concrete political demand rooted in historical truth and economic necessity.

Beyond its political substance, the conference achieved extraordinary global visibility. Within five days of its conclusion, media coverage related to the event reached an estimated 600 million people worldwide, amplified through

international broadcasters, regional media houses, digital platforms, and social media networks. This level of exposure is exceptional for a non-state, movement-driven political gathering and significantly enhanced the global profile of the Pan-African Progressive Front.

The conference also reaffirmed Ghana's enduring role as a hub of Pan-African political thought and action. From the leadership of Kwame Nkrumah in the mid-twentieth century to contemporary initiatives that reconnect Africa with its global diaspora, Ghana continues to occupy a unique place in the Pan-African imagination. Hosting the conference in Accra symbolically bridged past and present struggles, reinforcing continuity between historical liberation movements and current efforts to secure economic sovereignty and political dignity.





## Chapter 2 Historical Foundations: From Manchester (1945) to Accra (2025)

**T**he Fifth Pan-African Congress, held in Manchester in 1945, stands as one of the most consequential political gatherings in modern African history. Unlike earlier Pan-African congresses, which were largely intellectual or elite-driven, the Manchester Congress marked a decisive shift toward mass political mobilization. It brought together future heads of state, trade unionists, activists, and intellectuals who would go on to lead independence struggles across Africa and the Caribbean.

The central demand of the Manchester Congress was unequivocal: an end to colonial domination and the right of African peoples to self-determination. Its resolutions articulated a vision of

Africa free from imperial control and committed to social justice, economic equality, and political sovereignty. In many respects, the political architecture of post-colonial Africa was shaped by the ideas and networks forged in Manchester.

Eighty years later, the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces was consciously framed as a continuation of this historical trajectory. While the formal structures of colonialism have largely receded, the conference recognized that neo-colonial domination persists through economic dependency, unequal



trade relations, debt regimes, external political interference, and the extraction of African resources for the benefit of global capital.

The Accra conference, therefore, posed a fundamental question: What does liberation mean in the twenty-first century? The answer advanced by participants was clear: political independence without economic sovereignty remains incomplete, and historical injustices that have never been repaired continue to shape present inequalities.

In selecting Accra as the host city, the conference deliberately invoked the legacy of Ghana's independence in 1957 and the Pan-African vision championed by Kwame Nkrumah. Ghana's early commitment to African unity, including its support for liberation movements across the continent, positioned it as a natural site for renewing Pan-African political coordination.

The Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park, where the conference was held, served as both a symbolic and practical reminder of the sacrifices and aspirations that underpin the Pan-African project.

Importantly, the Accra conference departed from purely commemorative approaches to Pan-African history. Rather than romanticizing the past, it emphasized historical continuity with political responsibility. Participants acknowledged that while earlier generations confronted colonial rule directly, the present generation must grapple with more complex and diffuse forms of domination. This requires new strategies, alliances, and organizational forms capable of operating across borders and political systems.



The conference thus positioned itself as a bridge between eras, honouring the revolutionary clarity of Manchester while adapting its lessons to contemporary realities. In doing so, it reaffirmed that Pan-Africanism is not a static ideology but an evolving political practice shaped by changing historical conditions.



## Chapter 3 Conference Objectives, Theme, and Strategic Orientation

The International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces was organized around a clear strategic vision: to create a credible political platform capable of fostering unity, coordination, and collective action among progressive forces across Africa and the diaspora. This objective informed every aspect of the conference's design, from participant selection and agenda setting to the framing of outcomes and declarations.

At its core, the conference sought to address three interrelated challenges confronting the Pan-African movement today. First, the persistent fragmentation of progressive political forces, often divided by ideology, national context, or historical mistrust. Second, the absence of sustained platforms for cross-border political coordination beyond ad hoc meetings or symbolic gatherings. Third, the marginalization of reparatory justice and economic sovereignty within mainstream global political discourse.

The conference theme was therefore crafted to emphasize unity without uniformity. Participants were not expected to abandon their ideological identities or organizational autonomy.





Instead, the conference aimed to identify areas of common ground that could serve as the basis for coordinated political action. This approach reflected a pragmatic understanding of political reality: that durable alliances are built not on enforced consensus, but on negotiated agreement around shared priorities.

Strategically, the conference clearly showed that the Pan-African Progressive Front as a facilitator rather than a competitor within the Pan-African political ecosystem. By acting as a convening platform, PPF aimed to create space for dialogue and cooperation without imposing hierarchical control. This positioning was critical to building trust among diverse actors and ensuring broad participation.





The inclusion of reparatory justice as a central thematic pillar further distinguished the conference from many contemporary political gatherings. Participants affirmed that the legacies of slavery, colonialism, and racial exploitation are not historical abstractions but living structures that continue to shape global inequality. By adopting a Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice, the conference elevated the issue from advocacy to coordinated political demand.



The conference's objectives and strategic orientation reflected a deliberate effort to move Pan-Africanism from rhetoric to organization, from commemoration to coordination, and from fragmentation to collective political purpose.



## Chapter 4 Political Analysis & Evaluation of Outcomes

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### 4.1

#### ***Pre-Conference Political Landscape***

Prior to the Accra convening, progressive political forces across Africa and the diaspora operated largely within fragmented national and sectoral silos. While shared commitments to anti-imperialism, social justice, and sovereignty existed in principle, they were rarely translated into coordinated political action. Differences in ideological orientation, organizational culture, and tactical priorities often resulted in parallel initiatives rather than collective strategies.

Additionally, the absence of neutral, trusted convening platforms exacerbated fragmentation. Many movements lacked spaces where disagreements could be openly




discussed without fear of marginalization or political domination. In this context, the decision by the Pan-African Progressive Front to position itself explicitly as a facilitator rather than a hegemonic actor was a critical political choice that shaped the conference's success.

#### ***4.2 Managing Ideological Diversity***

One of the defining political achievements of the conference was its ability to accommodate ideological diversity without collapsing into incoherence. Participants represented a wide spectrum of political traditions, including socialist, nationalist, labour-oriented, and community-based movements.





Rather than attempting to impose a singular ideological line, the conference adopted a minimum political program approach.

This approach focused on areas of convergence: anti-imperialism, reparatory justice, economic sovereignty, and Pan-African solidarity, while allowing space for ideological plurality. Structured plenaries, moderated panel discussions, and closed-door consultations created conditions in which disagreements could be aired constructively. The result was not unanimity on every issue, but a shared recognition of the necessity for coordinated action in the face of common challenges.

### **4.3 Consensus-Building and Political Maturity**

The adoption of the Accra Declaration and the Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice reflected a high degree of political maturity among participants.

Drafting processes were inclusive and iterative, allowing for input from multiple delegations. Language choices were carefully negotiated to ensure political clarity without alienating key constituencies.

Importantly, consensus was achieved without coercion. This reinforced confidence among participants that the conference was a genuine space for political engagement rather than a performative exercise. The declarations thus carry political legitimacy precisely because they emerged from negotiated agreement rather than unilateral imposition.

### **4.4 Strategic Political Outcomes**

The political outcomes of the conference can be grouped into four main areas:

### ***Reaffirmation of Collective Identity:***

Participants reaffirmed their identification as part of a broader Pan-African progressive movement, transcending national boundaries and organizational affiliations.

### ***Elevation of Reparatory Justice:***

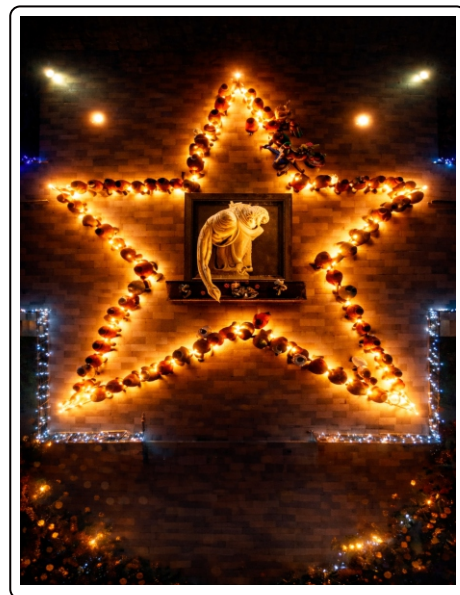
Reparations were repositioned as a political demand requiring organized action, not merely moral advocacy. This shift has implications for future engagement with international institutions and governments.

### ***Strengthening of Political Networks:***

New relationships were forged, and existing networks were reinforced, creating pathways for future collaboration and coordinated campaigns.

## ***4.5 Limitations and Future Political Challenges***

While the conference achieved significant political gains, it also revealed ongoing challenges. Sustaining unity beyond the event will require deliberate follow-up mechanisms, clear communication channels, and continued trust-building. Ideological differences have not disappeared, nor should they be expected to. The test of the conference's political success will ultimately lie in its ability to translate declarations into coordinated action over time.





## Chapter 5 Media & Global Impact Analysis Anatomy of a 600 Million Reach

The media impact of the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces constitutes one of its most striking achievements. Within five days of the conference's conclusion, media coverage related to the event reached an estimated 600 million

people globally, with over 600,000 views across Africa and globally, with over 600,000 views across Africa and globally, positioning the conference among the most widely covered Pan-African political gatherings in recent decades.



## ***5.1 Strategic Media Orientation***

This outcome was not accidental. From the outset, the conference adopted a media strategy that emphasized clarity of message, symbolic resonance, and political relevance. The framing of the event around the 80th anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress provided a powerful historical hook, while the emphasis on reparatory justice aligned the conference with ongoing global debates on historical accountability and racial justice.

The choice of Accra and the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park further enhanced visual and narrative appeal, offering media outlets compelling imagery and symbolic continuity.

## ***5.2 Media Platforms and Reach***

Coverage spanned multiple media ecosystems, including:

- International television and digital broadcasters
- Regional and continental African media
- Diaspora-focused outlets
- Online news platforms and independent political media
- Social media networks, where video clips, quotes, and declaration excerpts circulated widely



The multiplicity of platforms ensured that the conference reached diverse audiences, from policymakers and activists to students and grassroots organizers.

### **3 Narrative Themes in Coverage**

**Analysis of media content reveals several dominant narrative themes:**

- **Historical Continuity:** Frequent references to Manchester (1945) and the legacy of African liberation movements.
- **Political Unity:** Emphasis on the conference's success in bringing diverse political forces together.
- **Reparatory Justice:** Framing of reparations as a legitimate political demand with global relevance.
- **Renewed Pan-African Leadership:** Positioning of the Pan-African Progressive Front as an emerging convening force.





Notably, coverage was largely substantive rather than sensationalist, focusing on political ideas and outcomes rather than personalities alone. This contributed to the conference's credibility and long-term reputational value.

#### ***5.4 Digital Amplification and Virality***

Social media played a critical role in amplifying conference content. Short video excerpts from keynote speeches, panel discussions, and declaration readings circulated widely, often accompanied by captions linking historical injustices to contemporary political struggles. The rapid spread of these materials reflects both effective messaging and a receptive global audience.

The scale and speed of digital engagement proved the growing importance of movement-driven media ecosystems, particularly in contexts where traditional gatekeepers may be less accessible.





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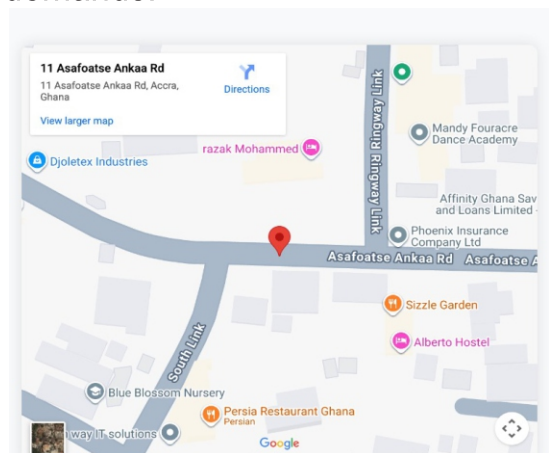
# Chapter 6 Conference Operations, Logistics & Organizational Execution

The successful delivery of the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces was underpinned by a complex and carefully coordinated operational framework. Convened under tight timelines and amid expanding participation, the conference required the integration of multiple logistical components, ranging from delegate registration and venue management to transportation, security, media coordination, and volunteer deployment. The ability to execute these functions effectively contributed significantly to the conference's overall credibility and impact.

## 6.1 Planning and Coordination Framework

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Conference planning was undertaken through a centralized coordination structure led by the Pan-African Progressive Front, supported by a dedicated Secretariat and specialized operational teams. Planning processes were adaptive rather than rigid, reflecting both the political nature of the convening and the evolving scale of participation. This flexibility proved critical in accommodating late confirmations from international delegations and responding to unforeseen logistical demands.





Regular coordination meetings ensured alignment across teams responsible for program content, logistics, media, and stakeholder engagement. While the compressed planning cycle presented challenges, it also fostered a culture of rapid decision-making and problem-solving that proved effective during the execution phase.

## **6.2 Venue Management and Technical Production**

The selection of the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum Park as the primary venue provided both symbolic resonance and practical advantages.

The site's historical significance reinforced the conference's political messaging, while its open and adaptable spaces allowed for plenary sessions, panel discussions, media engagements, and informal networking.

Technical production elements—including staging, sound, lighting, interpretation, and live-streaming were deployed to professional standards. Despite the outdoor nature of the venue and the complexities associated with multi-day programming, sessions were conducted with minimal disruption. The integration of interpretation services further ensured

accessibility for participants from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

### **6.3 Delegate Registration, Accreditation, and Protocol**

A structured registration and accreditation process was implemented to manage participant flow and maintain security. Delegates were categorized by role and affiliation, enabling differentiated access where necessary while preserving an inclusive atmosphere. Protocol arrangements for high-profile participants were handled discreetly, balancing security considerations with the conference's open and participatory ethos.

The diversity of participants, ranging from political leaders and trade unionists to youth activists and diaspora representatives, required careful attention to protocol sensitivities.

The successful management of these dynamics contributed to a collegial environment conducive to dialogue and collaboration.



## 6.4 Transportation, Accommodation, and Hospitality

Transportation logistics covered airport arrivals, intra-city movements, and daily transfers between accommodation facilities and the conference venue. While the volume of late arrivals and schedule changes created pressure points, responsive coordination ensured that participants were able to attend key sessions with minimal disruption.

Accommodation arrangements prioritized proximity, security, and affordability. Hospitality services were designed to facilitate informal interaction among participants, recognizing the importance of relationship-building alongside formal deliberations.



## 6.5 Volunteer Mobilization and Support

Volunteers played a critical role in the operational success of the conference. Deployed across registration, logistics support, protocol assistance, and participant guidance, volunteers acted as the visible interface between organizers and attendees. Their presence contributed to the smooth flow of activities and reinforced the conference's collective and movement-oriented character.

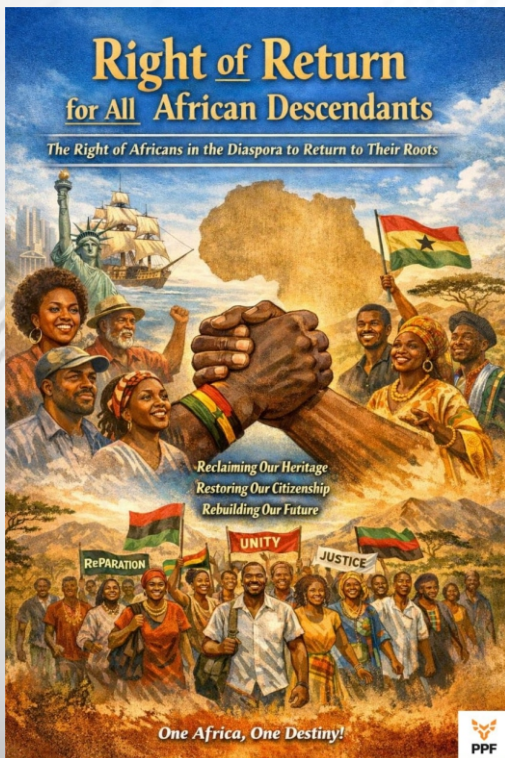
Volunteer coordination emphasized clarity of roles, responsiveness, and teamwork. This approach not only enhanced operational efficiency but also strengthened a sense of shared ownership among participants and supporters.



## 6.6 Operational Resilience and Adaptive Management

The conference's operational success was characterized by its resilience under pressure. Challenges, including late program adjustments, transportation bottlenecks, and fluctuating attendance, were addressed through real-time coordination and decision-making. Rather than detracting from the conference, this adaptive management reinforced confidence in the organizers' capacity to deliver complex political events.

Overall, the operational execution of the conference demonstrated that movement-based political convening can achieve professional standards of delivery without sacrificing political integrity or inclusivity.



## Chapter 7 Declarations, Resolutions & Substantive Outcomes



At the heart of the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces were its substantive political outcomes, crystallized in the adoption of two key documents: the Accra Declaration and the Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice. Together, these declarations articulate the conference's political vision and provide a framework for future collective action.

### *7.1 The Accra Declaration: Political Unity and Collective Purpose*

The Accra Declaration reaffirms the foundational principles of Pan-Africanism, which focus on unity, sovereignty, and collective struggle against all forms of imperial domination. It situates contemporary African challenges within a historical continuum, linking present inequalities to the legacies of slavery, colonialism, and racial exploitation.

#### *Key commitments articulated in the declaration include:*

- Strengthening political coordination among progressive forces
- Defending national and continental sovereignty
- Promoting social justice, economic equity, and democratic participation
- Opposing external political and economic interference in African affairs





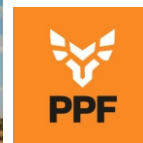
The declaration reflects a shared understanding that Africa's liberation remains incomplete without structural transformation of the global political and economic order.

## ***7.2 Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice***

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## The declaration calls for:

- Creation of a PanAfrican institutional architecture for reparatory policy, initially composed of the following mechanisms:
  - o A Joint Institute for the Assessment of Harm and Documentation of Colonial Legacies, tasked with developing unified methodologies, consolidating archival materials, and generating expert analysis for multilateral fora and relevant international mechanisms;
  - o A Pan-African Reparatory Justice Fund, operating under principles of transparency and accountability, to fund and implement priority programmes in education, health, **infrastructure, and culture.**

### 7.3 Legitimacy and Political Weight of the Declarations

The political legitimacy of both declarations derives from the inclusive and negotiated processes through which they were adopted. Drafting involved deliberations during commissions and plenaries, ensuring that language reflected collective consensus rather than unilateral positions. This process reinforced confidence in the declarations as genuine expressions of shared political will.

### 7.4 Beyond Declarations: Network Formation and Alignment

In addition to formal declarations, the conference facilitated:

- Strengthened relationships among organizations
- Alignment of political priorities across borders
- Informal agreements on future collaboration and information-sharing

These outcomes, while less visible than formal texts, are critical to the conference's long-term impact.

## Chapter 8 Strategic Outlook

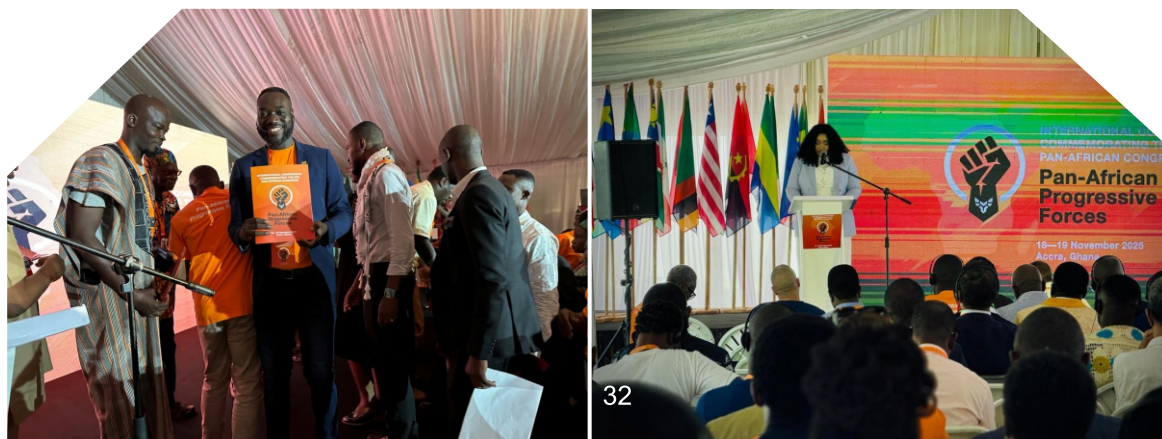
The International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces provides valuable lessons not only for future convenings but for the broader evolution of Pan-African political organization.


These lessons are drawn from both the conference's achievements and the challenges encountered in bringing together diverse political forces across borders and ideological traditions.

### 8.1 Political Unity Is Possible, but Must Be Engineered

Perhaps the most important lesson emerging from the Accra conference is that political unity among progressive forces is achievable when it is deliberately designed rather than assumed. Unity did not emerge spontaneously; it was cultivated through inclusive agenda-setting, careful facilitation, and respect for ideological plurality. This experience challenges the widespread assumption that fragmentation within the Pan-African movement is inevitable.

The conference demonstrated that minimum political programs, grounded in shared historical analysis and contemporary realities, offer a practical pathway toward unity without erasing difference. Future convenings should build on this approach, investing early in trust-building and transparent communication.



A world map is shown in the top left corner, with a small red flag icon over Africa. Below the map, a group of people is seated around a circular table in a meeting room, suggesting international collaboration.

This outcome suggests that reparatory justice can serve as a cornerstone for future Pan-African mobilization, particularly in engagement with international institutions, former colonial powers, and global civil society.

### 8.3 Media as a Strategic Political Instrument

The conference's media success underscores the importance of strategic communication in contemporary political organizing. Media exposure is not merely a by-product of political activity; it is a force multiplier that shapes legitimacy, reach, and influence. The scale of global attention achieved in Accra illustrates how clear messaging, symbolic resonance, and disciplined narrative framing can elevate movement-based initiatives to the global stage.

Future efforts should institutionalize media and communications planning as a core strategic function rather than an auxiliary task.

### 8.4 Organizational Capacity and Sustainability

While the conference demonstrated strong organizational resilience, it also highlighted the need for sustained institutional capacity. Delivering complex political convenings requires not only commitment and adaptability but also systems, resources, and long-term planning. The Accra experience provides a foundation upon which the Pan-African Progressive Front can build more robust organizational structures to support future initiatives.



## Chapter 9 The Way Forward: Institutional Continuity & Political Momentum

The success of the International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces places a responsibility on organizers and participants alike to ensure that its outcomes extend beyond symbolic achievement. Conferences of this nature derive their ultimate significance from what follows the networks sustained, the campaigns

launched, and the political alignments strengthened.



## 9.1 Custodianship of Outcomes

Responsibility for stewarding the conference's outcomes has been vested in the Pan-African Progressive Front Secretariat, which will serve as the coordinating hub for follow-up actions. This custodianship is not intended to centralize authority but to facilitate communication, coordination, and accountability among participating organizations.

## 9.2 Sustaining Political Networks

The relationships forged in Accra represent a critical asset. Sustaining these networks will require regular communication, shared platforms for information exchange, and opportunities for joint action. Digital tools and periodic regional engagements can support this objective while minimizing resource constraints.

## 9.3 From Declarations to Action

Translating the Accra Declarations into tangible political outcomes will require strategic prioritization. Immediate areas for action include:

- Coordinated advocacy on reparatory justice
- Shared political education initiatives
- Mutual support in national and regional struggles
- Engagement with international forums and institutions

The conference has laid the groundwork; the challenge now is execution.

## 9.4 Positioning Accra as a Reference Point

Accra should be understood not as an isolated event but as a reference point for future Pan-African political coordination. By documenting its processes, outcomes, and lessons, the conference provides a model that can inform similar initiatives elsewhere on the continent and across the diaspora.



## **Chapter 10 Conclusion: Accra as a Turning Point in Contemporary Pan-Africanism**

The International Conference of Pan-African Progressive Forces stands as a defining moment in the ongoing evolution of Pan-Africanism. Convened at a time of profound global uncertainty and renewed imperial contestation, the conference demonstrated that Pan-Africanism remains not only relevant but urgently necessary.

By reconnecting the historical legacy of Manchester (1945) with contemporary political struggles, the conference reaffirmed Pan-Africanism as a living tradition grounded in action, solidarity, and collective purpose. Its success in bringing together diverse political forces around a shared agenda represents a rare and valuable achievement in the African political landscape.



The Accra conference did not resolve all challenges facing Africa and its diaspora. Nor did it claim to offer definitive solutions. Instead, it created space for dialogue, alignment, and renewed commitment conditions essential for sustained political transformation.

As a public record, this report affirms the conference's significance and projects a confident vision of Pan-African political cooperation. As a historical document, it situates Accra within a lineage of struggle that stretches from Manchester to the present and beyond. Most importantly, it signals that the work of Pan-African

liberation continues, shaped by new realities but animated by enduring principles.



## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix A: Conference Agenda**

#### Appendix B: Delegate Summary

- Total in-person participants: 326
- Online participants: 100+
- Countries represented: 57
- Gender representation: 40% women
- Youth participation (under 35): 10%
- Audience Composition
- Political parties/movements: 80%
  
- Trade unions: 3%
- Youth organizations: 5%
- Media: 5%
- Academia/intellectuals: 2%
- Diaspora organizations: 5%

#### **Appendix C: Media Coverage**

- International broadcasters and digital platforms
- Regional African media houses
- Diaspora-focused outlets
- Independent political and social justice media
- Social media platforms with global amplification
- Media platforms including Pan-Africa, DW, Sputnik,

Xinhua News, CGTN, People's Dispatch, Eagle News, TELE 50, Mass galafouga24, Ghana Web, My joy online, Citi news online, 3News online, Peace FM online, Insight Newspaper, Africa News, News Republic.



## Appendix D: The Accra Declaration

ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES AT THE END OF THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 5TH PAN-ARICAN CONGRESS IN ACCRA FROM, 18-19 NOVEMBER 2025

### **Preamble**

Eighty years ago, in October 1945, workers, students, intellectuals, women, and freedom fighters of Africa and the global world gathered in Manchester, England for the 5th Pan-African Congress.

Their message was unmistakable: the political and economic liberation of Africa is one indivisible struggle. They denounced colonialism, imperialism, racism, and the theft of African wealth, affirming that the resources of Africa belong to her people and that true independence demands economic emancipation.

They clearly and boldly defined Pan-Africanism for generations to follow as: “The total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific

socialism!” Today, in Accra, we assemble to honour their courage and to carry forward their unfinished mission.

We invoke the memory of Kwame Nkrumah, George Padmore, Amy Ashwood Garvey, W.E.B. Du Bois, Jomo Kenyatta, Ras Makonnen, and the millions of unnamed workers, farmers, youth, students, and freedom fighters who forged the foundations of modern revolutionary Pan-Africanism. Today, the conditions they opposed persist in new forms. Though African nations hold political flags of independence, the structures of economic domination remain: foreign control of finance and trade, the plunder of natural resources, exploitative contracts, and odious debt. African people continue to suffer.



The vision of Manchester was not merely to end colonial rule: it was to create a self-reliant, industrialized, socially just, and united Africa. The goal was to lift Africa and its people to a place of power and pride – the power of true sovereignty and self-determination outside the foreign domination that had existed for centuries.

## **Our Declaration**

We, the assembled representatives of Pan-African movements, progressive parties, trade unions, peasant organisations, youth and student groups, women’s organisations, cultural workers, and the African diaspora, hereby proclaim:

### **1. Pan-African Unity**

The complete liberation of Africa requires the full political and economic unification of the continent, guided by popular participation. The wealth of Africa must be socially owned and

democratically managed for the benefit of all its people including its Diaspora.

### **2. Economic Sovereignty & Resource Control**

Africa shall reclaim full control of its natural resources, land, and strategic industries.

### **3. Industrialization & Infrastructure for the People**

Africa shall adopt and implement a continental industrialization plan, prioritizing manufacturing, technology, and value-added production. An Africa-wide network of railways, roads, energy corridors, and digital infrastructure shall connect all capitals and major cities to serve African markets first.

### **4. Agrarian Revolution & Food Sovereignty**

Agriculture must be reorganized to feed African populations before export. We must have complete control over what we grow, produce, and eat.

## **5. Financial Independence**

Africa shall create and adopt its own monetary systems outside the dictates of foreign control. Illegitimate external debts created by decades of imperialist domination and manipulation must be cancelled.

## **6. Education – Science, Technology, and Human Development**

A network of Pan-African universities shall be established to train scientists, engineers, health professionals, and workers of all sectors that are directly linked to the social, industrial, agricultural, and human needs of African people.

## **7. Defence of the Revolution**

Africa shall develop its own military-industrial capacity to secure its sovereignty and protect itself from foreign interventions. There can be no foreign military presence in Africa.

## **8. Reparations & Global Justice**

Africa and its Diaspora shall create a common legal and political framework to secure restitution for slavery, colonialism, and ongoing neo-colonial economic crimes. Reparations and reparative justice strategies will be pursued collectively with solutions that are comprehensive and just.

## **9. International Solidarity**

Africa stands in solidarity with all oppressed peoples of the world and must use its resources, political, and economic power in pursuit of social and human justice.

## **Our Collective Pledge**

Standing on the shoulders of the Manchester delegates of 1945, we vow to complete the PanAfrican revolution they began.

We shall build a united Africa that controls its land, labour, resources, and destiny; that uplifts women, youth, and workers; and that acts as



a beacon of freedom for all humanity. We proclaim that the era of Africa's economic subjugations will no longer be tolerated and the age of Pan-African solidarity, sovereignty, and human development has begun. We call on governments, mass movements, trade unions, peasant associations, and the global African family to mobilize resources, knowledge, and collective power to achieve these aims from now.

### Adoption

Adopted by acclamation in Accra, Ghana, on this day, 19 November 2025, at the 80th Anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress.



## Appendix E: Special Accra Declaration on Reparatory Justice

ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES AT THE END OF THE  
HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
5TH PAN-ARICAN CONGRESS IN ACCRA FROM,  
18-19 NOVEMBER 2025

1. Declare that reparatory justice constitutes a central element in the collective efforts to restore dignity, address the consequences of historical injustices, and strengthen solidarity among the peoples of Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the global African diaspora.
  - unified methodologies, consolidating archival materials, and generating expert analysis for multilateral fora and relevant international mechanisms;
  - A Pan-African Reparatory Justice Fund, operating under principles of transparency and accountability, to fund and implement priority programmes in education, health, infrastructure, and culture.
2. Agree that, over the next twelve months, a key priority shall be the creation of a PanAfrican institutional architecture for reparatory policy, initially composed of the following mechanisms:
  - A Joint Institute for the Assessment of Harm and Documentation of Colonial Legacies, tasked with developing
3. Express our readiness to work jointly with the African Union, its Member States, and international partners to establish an international solidarity contribution mechanism for the Pan-African Fund. This mechanism will enable contributions

from states and private entities that have historically benefited from the exploitation of Africa, based on a framework of voluntary financial contributions — such as contributions of up to 1% of the value of relevant projects or operations. This approach is in line with established international practice regarding solidarity levies and aims to create sustainable financing for development initiatives and cultural restitution.

4. Commit to prepare, ahead of the next Conference, an interim progress report, which will outline a concrete proposal for the operational launch of the Fund, present the preliminary outputs of the Joint Institute, and put forward a set of recommendations for deepening cooperation.

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