



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 Pan-African 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.