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What about DPAC?

Welcome to Diaspora Pan African Center Newsletter. It is a pleasure to have you.

If this is your first time here, you are probably wondering “What is pan Africanism?” “Why Pan Africanism?” “What is DPAC about?”

First of all, this newsletter has been established to provide a forum where members and other interested parties can flesh out some of the questions and concerns about DPAC, its mission and how as an organization we seek to inform and educate on matters concerning Pan Africanism and the Diaspora community.

As the president of DPAC, along with my colleagues and experts in Pan Africanism, who form the executive board of the organization, we seek to provide various forums to converse intellectually and otherwise on matters related to the experience of people of African descent.

Why Pan Africanism?

Pan-Africanism is not just a chapter in a history book—it is an intellectual thought, a mindset, a movement and a global call for unity, solidarity and support for people of African descent. It is the realization that people of African descent share similar experience amid unique and diverse historical trajectories. Whether you are based in Lagos, London, Australia, Italy or Los Angeles, if you are a person of African descent, this message is for you! Join us to appreciate and empower the new generation not to forget who they are.

DPAC recognizes Pan Africanism as an interdisciplinary theory and discourse that offers varied perspectives to the experience of people of African descent. It is for this reason that our center

recognizes various thematic forums to help direct conversations based on topics of interest. We urge everyone to seek out an area of interest to which they can contribute, lead or support conversations in those areas.

It is especially important that younger voices of people of African descent are represented as they are significant tools for conveying the wisdom that will be generated.

So, What Is Pan Africanism?

At the heart of **Pan-Africanism is connection, unity and solidarity of** people of African descent. It is the awareness that people of African descent share a common history, a common struggle, and a collective future.

As an intellectual idea, Pan Africanism informs reflections on the African experience. Pan African is informed by the African philosophy that is rooted in Sankofa- the need to look back into history to understand the present and to prepare for the future. The dialectical process that human experience is calls for reflection on how knowledge about the past may provide solutions about the future. While pan Africanism is renowned as a resistance movement associated with to colonialism and racial oppression, it also speaks to empowerment, cultural pride, and global solidarity for people of African descent.

Pan Africanism: The Vision

Pan-Africanism is built on a few key pillars:

Unity among people of African Descent

Freedom from imperialism, colonial rule and systemic oppressions like racism

Empowerment through education, economics and culture

Pride in African identity, Culture and knowledge

In short, Pan Africanism is about centering the African, acknowledging their contributions to knowledge and society.

The vision of DPAC is to empower people of African descent residing the in the African diaspora. This empowerment occurs in intellectual conversations at conferences, webinars, social events including cultural exhibitions. We invite members and those interested to sign up for events that are listed and to share events that members can learn something from.

Why Pan-Africanism Still Matters

Though it began over a century ago, Pan-Africanism is far from over. The values expressed in intellectual thoughts of those who preceded us continue to manifest and to speak to current

situation. It is for this reason that the Pan African spirit continues to be experienced in movements such as:

- The Transatlantic and continental partnerships focused on sustainability, education, and economic growth.
- Discourses about #BlackLivesMatter and End SARS
- The global rise of Afrobeat, Afrofuturism, and Black-led creative industries
- The push to support Black-owned businesses.

Pan-Africanism is a living ideology that reminds people of African descent that “***we are stronger when we work together***”—not just across countries, but across continents and communities.

Final Thoughts

Pan-Africanism invites us to reimagine what’s possible when people of African descent everywhere unite in purpose, in pride, and in power.

So, whether you are reading this in Nairobi, New York, or anywhere in between—know that this movement includes *you*. Let us keep the conversation going.

Join our Diaspora Pan African Center membership to help us to motivate and encourage many to band together for self-determination, for pride in African cultural heritage, food, music, fashion, knowledge and much more that Africa offers.

Sign up here for membership or donate to support our efforts in educating the younger generation about the experience of people of African descent in the diaspora and on the continent of Africa.

<https://diasporapanafricancenter.org/>

Stay well, stay safe, think Pan Africanism, Hail Ubuntu!
Until Next time.

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Further readings on Pan-Africanism
<https://thetricontinental.org/pan-africa/shivji-interventions-1/>