

Africans Rising

For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

2025 African Liberation Week Mass Mobilisation

Introduction

Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace and Dignity is a global Pan-African movement of people and organisations. We are determined to foster an Africa-wide solidarity and unity of purpose of the Peoples of Africa to build the Future we want, in which all Africans experience peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity.

The African Liberation Week Mass Mobilisation is set aside to mobilise all Africans - grassroots organisations, trade unions, community groups, women's organisations, faith groups, youth groups, local associations, media, and individuals - to take action on specific themes or issues relevant to the local as well as continental contexts. These may include but are not limited to, actions seeking accountability from governments, challenging the status quo, showing solidarity, community meetings, film showings, protests, webinars and public education campaigns.

Since its inception, African Liberation Week has mobilized millions of Africans, fostered partnerships, and ignited transformative actions across the continent and the diaspora.

History of African Liberation Week Mobilisation

The first-ever mobilisation took place on May 25, 2017, when two thousand volunteers, partners, supporters and friends organised a total of 300 actions & events in 42 countries on the African continent and the Diaspora, to mark the launch of the Africans Rising Movement.

On 25 May, 2018, the “African Liberation Day” Mobilisation took place under the theme “#StopTheBleeding”. The mobilisation grew to hundreds of individual actions and events in 54 countries, including 6 in the African diaspora. Our members came together that year in the struggle against illicit financial flight and the economic plunder of the African continent.

In 2019, the activities for the “African Liberation Day” mobilisation were held under the theme “Africans Not For Sale! Stop Slavery and Human Trafficking” and activities were aimed at reflecting on the past of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and putting an end to modern-day slavery.

In 2020 and 2021, Africans Rising focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and global health crises, under the theme #Rise4OurLives. This helped Africans Rising to support the implementation of Africans Rising's COVID-19 response and health education campaigns in at least 30 countries on the African continent. We also created a Pan-African Solidarity Campaign against COVID-19 and lobbied for the release of incarcerated people through our #FreeThem campaign.

In 2022, the banner for mobilisation changed from “African Liberation Day” to “Africa Liberation Week,” to create more opportunities for our members and allies to join in the commemoration. The broad theme was “Africa for Africans”, echoing the historic call by Marcus Garvey for Africans to unite and take ownership and control of our homeland. Other sub-themes focused on Decolonisation, Gender Justice, Health and Climate & Environmental Justice. In 2022, more than 500 events took place across 49 countries in Africa and the diaspora.

Since 2023, Africa Liberation Week has been commemorated under the theme “**A Borderless Africa for All Africans**” and used to mobilise more than 1000 events across 50 countries in Africa and the Diaspora. The activities brought together individuals and movements to take action in promoting the Borderless Africa campaign and other themes. Key among activities is peaceful marches in various countries and the Borderless Africa convening which was attended by stakeholders pushing the vision of an Africa where Africans can move around their own continent without the current restrictions in place, for better trade, integration and development.

African Liberation Week 2025

Building on eight years of massive and consistent mobilisations, the 2025 African Liberation Week will be a milestone in fostering Pan-African solidarity.

This year, we aim to continue amplifying the movement for a Borderless Africa, rallying Africans to advocate for free movement across the continent. Through partnerships, community actions, and targeted campaigns, we will showcase the power of collective action in shaping Africa's future.

This collaboration will ensure partners and members of Africans Rising will work together to plan various activities that will engage the grassroots and provide support for volunteers who will be organising various activities during the week.

In 2025, we aim to expand our legacy by driving systemic change through strategic alliances, grassroots mobilizations, and cross-border advocacy.

The expected outcomes from the year's mobilisation include:

- Strong partnerships and alliances with key stakeholders.
- Increased awareness and interest through early registrations and volunteer sign-ups.

- Organise multiple orientation meetings
- Support ALW events in diverse ways
- Publish a map to showcase events and their locations
- Increase the visibility of ALW through media collaborations
- Publish pictures & videos from events organised during ALW
- Submit reports of the 2025 African Liberation Week.

Date

African Liberation Week will be observed from **19th May 2025** to **25th May 2025**.

Theme and sub-themes

The 2025 African Liberation Week's mobilisation is focused on the broad theme of “**A Borderless Africa for All Africans**”

Africans Rising’s members will also organise activities on the following important sub-themes.

Sub-themes:

1. *Pan-African Solidarity with African Countries Affected by Conflicts*
2. *Climate and Environmental Justice,*
3. *Gender Justice*
4. *Economic Justice*

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Mobilize Africans across 54 African countries to advocate for the ratification of the AU protocol on free movement.
- Raise awareness of African conflicts through events, campaigns, and media features across the continent.
- Organize 500+ activities addressing Borderless Africa, climate, gender, and economic justice, reaching a combined audience of 5 million people via social media and on-ground events.

MOBILISATION ACTIVITIES

- Activities Calendar and Map
- Stakeholder Engagement with Members & Partners
- Pre-ALW conversation with members. These will offer the opportunity for questions, clarifications and guidance on the mobilisation.
- Organisation of a Pan-African-wide Borderless Africa Marches
- The organisation of events that cover the sub-themes throughout the week

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Activities marking the African Liberation Week will be held from the 19th to the 25th of May 2025. To register your event or activity to be part of the 2025 mobilisation, click this link: <https://forms.gle/nEBQ9e5tDvJemV928>

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