

Delegate Information Brief

International Conference in Commemoration of the Fifth Pan-African Congress

'From Historical Memory to Economic and Political Justice'
Venue: Accra, Ghana

Date: 18-19 November 2025

Introduction and Background

The year 2025 marks a historic milestone in the continuing journey of African liberation, unity, and global solidarity. Eighty years after the convening of the Fifth Pan-African Congress in Manchester in 1945, the ideals that inspired that epochal gathering of self-determination, social justice, decolonization and the affirmation of African dignity remain as relevant as ever.

It is in this spirit that the International Conference in Commemoration of the Fifth Pan-African Congress will be held in Accra, bringing together an estimated 250 participants drawn from 54 African countries and the African diaspora. The conference will serve as both a commemoration and a forward-looking platform to reimagine the political, economic, and social pathways toward a renewed Pan-African century.

The gathering seeks to build on the legacy of visionary leaders such as Kwame Nkrumah, W.E.B. Du Bois, George Padmore, and Amy Ashwood Garvey, while speaking to the contemporary realities of Africa's struggle for sovereignty, equity, and collective advancement in a complex global order.

Conference Objectives

The overarching objective of the conference is to chart a new political and economic model for Africa, one that embodies unity, justice, sustainability, and genuine independence. Specifically, the conference aims to:

- Reaffirm the enduring relevance of Pan-Africanism as the ideological foundation for Africa's liberation and integration in the 21st century.
- Promote dialogue and cooperation among political parties, trade unions, social movements, youth, and women's organizations committed to Africa's transformation.
- Advance a collective framework for political unity, reparative justice, and economic sovereignty.
- Deepen solidarity between Africa and progressive global movements in the fight against neo-colonialism, exploitation, and global inequality.

Format and Structure

The conference will span two days, structured to promote meaningful engagement, reflection, and collaboration. It will feature a hybrid format combining plenary sessions, high-level panels, and focused commissions.

a. Opening Ceremony:

A grand inaugural session will set the tone, featuring solidarity messages official delegations of Progressive Political Parties, international movements, and historical institutions linked to Pan-African heritage as well as from some heads of state. Distinguished guests and dignitaries will include senior government representatives, diplomats, political leaders, and activists from across Africa and the diaspora.

b. Plenary Sessions:

These will feature keynote addresses and discussions led by leading thinkers, academics, and practitioners addressing the central question: 'From Historical Memory to Economic and Political Justice'.

c. Thematic Commissions:

Delegates will then break into commissions, each focusing on one of the central themes:

- <u>SESSION I:</u> Political Unity and African Sovereignty, from Nkrumah's Dream to 21st Century Reality
- SESSION II: Reparations, Historical Justice, and the Restoration of Dignity
- SESSION III: Economic Justice and Alternatives to the Existing Global Economic Order
- <u>SESSION IV</u>: Africa's Role in the Global Context Anti-Neo-Colonial Solidarity and Building Ideological Unity

Each commission will produce a set of resolutions and actionable recommendations feeding into the conference's final declaration (The Accra Declaration).

d. Closing Plenary and Communiqué:

The final session will adopt the conference communiqué, synthesizing deliberations into a unified statement of commitment, policy direction, and collaboration dubbed the 'Accra Declaration'.

Confirmed Participation and Delegations

The conference will welcome official delegations and observers from across Africa and allied movements globally.

Confirmed participants include:

- Official Delegation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee of the Polisario Front (Western Sahara)
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee of the Bread and Freedom party, Egypt
- Official Delegation of the Unity Party of Liberia
- Official Delegation of the Liberia Peoples Party
- Official Delegation of All People's Congress of Sierra Leone
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee the Communist Party of of Sudan
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee the Communist Party of Benin
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee the Communist Party of Zambia
- Official Delegation of the African Party of Independence of Cape Verde (PAICV, Cape Verde)
- Official Delegation of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) (Guinea-Bissau)
- Official Delegation of the PDOIS (Gambia)
- Official Delegation of FRAPP Front pour une Révolution Anti-impérialiste Populaire et Panafricaine
- Mouvement Révolutionnaire Des Femmes Panafricaines Du Niger (MORFEPAN), Niger
- Mouvement pour la Lutte d'Émancipation des Enseignants de Côte d'Ivoire (MLEE-CI)
- Confédération Générale des Travailleurs de Côte d'Ivoire (CGT-CI)
- Trades Union Congress of Ghana (TUC)
- Mouvement des Femmes pour la Liberté du Peuple et le Progrès Social
- MLSTP Movimento de Libertação de São Tomé e Príncipe, São Tome & Principe
- Official Delegation of the Central Committee of the Communist of Congo
- Engagement pour la Citoyenneté et le Dévelopment (ECIDE), Congo
- Congolese Communist Party (PCCO), Congo
- Botswana National Front, Botswana
- Convention People's Party (CPP), Ghana
- Liberian People's Party (LPP), Liberia
- Unity Party (UP), Liberia
- Convergence Panafricaine,
- Mebedja Panfricanistes,
- Les Panafricains,
- Swaziland Liberation Movement Youth Command,
- Voie Démocratique Ouvrière
- Landless People's Movement of Namibia (LPN), Namibia
- Jeunes Panafricanistes (PJP-BF),
- Amilcar Cabral School Movement
- We Can Movement, Mauritania
- Sindicato Nacional dos Trabalhadores des Indústria Metalúrgica Metalomecânica e Energia (SINTIME),
- Quartier Général de la Révolution (QGR)

- Confederation of Panafrican Associations of West Africa
- The African Patriots of Senegal for Work, Ethics And Fraternity (PASTEF)

Additional confirmations are expected from political parties, liberation movements, and research networks across Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Speakers and Special Guests

The conference will feature an array of **distinguished speakers**, including current and former heads of state, senior representatives of liberation movements, eminent scholars, and youth and women leaders.

Keynote and thematic addresses will focus on:

- Africa's political future and continental integration
- Reparations and historical accountability
- Building economic sovereignty
- Africa's role in shaping a new global order

A **special solidarity message** will be delivered by distinguished Pan-African leaders, affirming the continuity of the struggle for unity and independence in our time.

Participants and Representation

With 250 delegates expected, the conference will include:

- National delegations from **54 African countries**
- Representatives of **diaspora organizations** in the Americas, Europe, and the Caribbean
- Political parties, trade unions, youth and women's groups, civil society organizations, think tanks, and research institutions
- Government and parliamentary representatives
- Observers from international solidarity movements and academic institutions

Efforts have been made to ensure balanced geographic, gender, and generational representation, with a focus on fostering intergenerational dialogue and inclusive participation.

Expected Outcome

The conference seeks to produce a forward-looking and actionable roadmap, **THE ACCRA DECLARATION** that repositions Pan-Africanism as a living force for Africa's political and economic transformation.

Venue and Logistics

Accra, a historic city of intellectual and liberation thought, will serve as the venue. The specific venue in Accra will be equipped with modern interpretation and media services.

Delegates will be accommodated in nearby hotels, with transportation provided between venues. Information on accommodation, airport reception, and on-site registration will be communicated through the official conference secretariat.

Secretariat and Contact

All inquiries and correspondence should be directed to the Conference Secretariat, based in Accra. The Secretariat oversees registration, protocol, logistics, and coordination with partner organizations and missions.

Further details, including program updates, speakers' list, and travel guidance, will be circulated in the official Delegates Information Pack.

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