



THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION: TODAY AND TOMORROW



"We have a beautiful history, but we will create one that will astonish the world." – Marcus Garvey

We have examined the historical trajectory of the movements and organisations in our various countries and beyond. We today recognize that after national independence in most African countries, some of those individuals and organisations who used political Pan-Africanism as a vehicle for national liberation soon after replicated the models of the coloniser – helping inaugurate the neo-colonial state and again throwing our people into an endless abyss of tyranny, repression and humiliation.

Out of a recognition of the fact that most of the issues we are agitating and organising against need political solutions, we must politicise the mass based dimensions of our organising, and orient them toward achieving political power across the neo-colonial states. In the course of that process, our organisations and movements must remain vigilant and ensure that national mobilisation does not become a tool for demobilisation of the Pan-African struggle.

We must neither be adventurist, nor must we capitulate. We must not resort to isolationism, or buy into illusions of freedom. More importantly, we must never allow our struggles to be used by the anti-people system to legitimise itself. Our struggles must be guided by concrete analysis of the concrete conditions.

Our struggle today is a struggle for self-determination and identity. It is a struggle against structural racism. It is a struggle against coloniality of power and the coloniality of being. Most fundamentally, it is a struggle against the capitalist mode of production, exchange and consumption. A struggle to end the exploitative labour relations, extraction of natural resources and over-consumption that threatens mother Earth and our ecology.

We must imagine new worlds. Worlds of freedom, joy, rest, love, laughter, food and ecological sovereignty. We must work and struggle towards these not-so-distant lands.

We must struggle toward economic democracy anchored in solidarity economies. We must establish cooperatives, and especially encourage the formation of worker-owned cooperatives that meaningfully benefit those involved in the process of production and their communities.

We recognize the importance and validity of our work and struggles for better societies, in the multiplicities of our being - from Cape to Cairo. Recognising the people as the motive force of history, we will work with the people of Africa to decolonize our minds, cultural systems, economies and politics. We however also are cognizant that in this process of decolonization, we should be careful not to impose any singular vision of African identity – for this can only be arrived at through organic interaction and existence.

Lastly, as we move into this phase of the unfinished African liberation struggle, we recognise the climate crisis that threatens our collective existence as being of significant importance to our generation, a historical responsibility. We commit ourselves and our movements to intersectional analysis and concrete work aimed at environmental conservation and reclaiming the ecological sovereignty of our lands.