AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL



FREEDOM IN AFRICA

REPORT ON THE ONE AFRICA FREEDOM DIALOGUE; IS AFRICA RISING?

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"We are from Africa and Africa is us and therefore all our endeavours about Africa is for us" - Freedom Giant Okot Okidi Eric



THE ONE AFRICA FREEDOM DIALOGUE

Is Africa Rising? Has the African Anatomy overcome the woes caused during the Neo-Colonialism Era? How is Africa performing relatively on the Global level? We have great Giants in Africa, who have decided not to stretch themselves to pursue greater heights. This has resulted in many innovations coming out from people in other continents. This has also kept young and growing ones, from pursuing their visions, because they feel, they will not get anywhere. The whole of Africa is free now from Colonial rule. Post Independence in the nations of the African Anatomy, how are we still performing? Are we better, worse off or we are doing marvellously well? AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL is concerned with the Growth and Development of Africa, now. We can emerge into independent leaders. We can emerge into phenomenal nations. This is the time. Kwame Nkrumah in his fight for Independence in Ghana said, Gold Coast at the time wanted Self Government immediately. That's the same way, we want total Independency and self-reliance, now. This is how the whole of Africa cam enjoy good and luxuriant styles of living. The time is now, and Africa must rise. We must push up. We must not settle for less. There must be a combined effort by the Government and citizenry, to push higher, in all areas and walks of life. There must be greater freedom in Africa. We cannot be humiliated. We cannot be living in Poverty. This is the time. The time is now! AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats all Africans to step forward and make impact, for the growth and development of the Anatomy. We must be radical! We must be indefatigable if we wnat to see the Africa our forefathers and mothers have all dreamed of.

Post the Independence story in the African Anatomy, which was mostly between 1957 and 1965 till now, Africa has come a long way to be able to prove to the entire Global Anatomy that, Africa is a standing force that can be able to determine and shape the Global Economy. However, it looks like Africa has been at a standstill economically, and has still been a dependent Anatomy, that is not thriving. There are certain loopholes that are still in our anatomy that needs to be corrected. **AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL** is committed to standing tall to make the African Anatomy, a self reliant and economically viable and prosperous anatomy. Yes, we can and these are the factors, we cam work on, to see a change, in the African Anatomy.

THE AFRICAN OPERATION

The African Anatomy post Independence has been stagnant in economic growth. In 1975, there were about 1975 million poor africans. During this period, one out of ten people were living in Africa. In Ghana's case, the National Anatomy was having the same level of GDP Per Capita in 1957 as just compared to South Korea. The economy of Ghana retrogressed and keep on declining through to 1983 where the economy almost collapsed. Inflation during that period was about 123%. In 2000, Ghana's real GDP growth retrogressed to 3.7%. In 1993, the Government of Ghana set up measures to become an upper middle income country by 2020.

That needed a GDP rate of 8% yearly, but Ghana's GDP rate is at 4.64% currently as even, in 2021. In 2018 Nigeria's GDP rate was 1.9%, whilst Ethiopia's was 6.8% and South Africa's was 0.8. In 2019, Nigeria's GDDP rate was 2.2%, Ethiopia's 8.4% and South Africa's 0.2. African Economies have not been able to take extreme strides that will cause their economies to grow at a higher increasing rate, and revamp their economies. In 2019, GDP rate of Uganda was at 8.1%. In 2020 the GDP rate went to a negative level at -2.1%. In 2021, it has risen to 6.35% and there it is decelerating to 4.9% for 2022. We need formidable structures, that will set our rates going extremely high for the change, we need.

The African Story has been less impressive so far, because African leaders and citizens most importantly have not taken the matter of changing the African Story so far, as urgent as possible. All policies geared towards achieving our Agendas have at a point in time, been diverted to pursue other goals. We have no back up plans, that gives us alternate measures to resolve urgent situations as well that comes our way, in the course of pursuing our long term plans and agendas. As a result of this, we always come to a halt, because budgets allocated for specific purposes in our regions, are diverted to see to emergent issues, which come our way, in the course of National Service. It is about time, we rise up to be proactive and directional enough to be able to resolve unforeseen and future alerts, that may come our way, in the course of seeing to the stability of our nation's economies.

SHORTFALLS IN THE AFRICAN ANATOMY

1. STYLE OF LEADERSHIP

The leadership of most African countries, post Independence has had a question to its rule. Most leaders have failed to give meaning to why they took power. They have ruled their countries harshly and squandered most of their country's money, into their personal pockets. Most Governments in Africa are almost bankrupt and suffering from abject poverty, because of how the leaders have directed the finances of their countries. Leaders like Teodoro Nguema Mbasongo of Guinea and Jose Eduardo Dos Santos who ruled Angola in 1979 have been an embarrassment to the dignity of the African Anatomy. Idi Amin of Uganda who ruled his country from 1971 to 1979 suspended parts of his country's constitution to favour himself, squandered Government money and gave some to the Millitary, because he was a Major General in the Ugandan Army, before leading a coup in 1971 to gain power as Head of State. During his eight years rule, he had about 80000 to 300000 people being killed. Francisco Nguema who was Head of State for Equatorial Guinea from 1968 to 1979 led his country dictatorially. He had no trust for educated people and therefore dis not appoint such people to power. About one third of his population were killed during his reign. General Sani Abacha of Nigeria who ruled from 1993 to 1998 was a dictator. He implemented a decree that made him be able to imprison anyone without trial, for three months. Poverty was absolute during his time. Nigeria was in darkness since the day he took power in November 1993 17th. Omar Al Bashir of Sudan was also a corrupt leader who had murder, torture and gross human rights abuses, very normal during his time. In 1996, he was the only person by law, made to stand as a Political Candidate, which made him the Elections. Our leadership had been bad and continues to be worse. We need to rise up, and celebrate the Freedom, we fought for.

2. MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

African leaders have mismanaged after gaining Independence and leading their countries, in Freedom. They have rather thwarted the course of Freedom, in their countries, instead of protecting the Freedom that have been passed on from some of our Legendary heroes. Most of our leaders have misused state funds and have left their countries in abject poverty. Ex-President Yahya Jammeh of Gambia took \$111m which is equivalent to £8.8m and €10.3m, from the state coffex. He was still in office for about two months, even after loosing the Presidential Elections. The essence of Freedom in our National Anatomies has been misdefined by our leaders and misunderstood by the populace. Africa continues to retrogress. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats us to be circumspect of how we manage our country, for a better future in Africa. Africa is the next Regionalism od hope and Freedom, and it can only be done by we being Integral citizens towards National Development, Just and Fair citizens as well as being transparent, in all our dealings.

3. MISUNITY

Africans are disunited everywhere in the Global Anatomy. Africans from different countries, who meet in another continent, do not recognise themselves as siblings of the same blood, but as strangers. Africans who visit other african countries are seen as strangers, and not given the kind of love and hospitality, they need. Rather, Africans give their all to foreigners, and treat them as idols and this is what allows them to humiliate and take advantage of us. This is because, we do not respect ourselves. There are a lot of African Giants with great ideas that can transform our economies, and make us indeed a Self-Reliant people. Unfortunately, the Government does not in any way, give support to such people and neither do citizens also hail their own, but hail other ones. We intentionally create divisions amongst ourselves, and these are the loopholes, which pave the way for foreigners, to proceed with the Gross Disrespect, they show to us.

4. LANGUAGE BARRIERS

The African Anatomy has become divided as a result of the language barriers we have. We have a lot of languages which are recognised internationally, which are so much unfamiliar amongst other members of the African family. Colonial leaders left their languages in the territories, they invaded. Now members of the African Anatomy, no more see themselves as one. We no more respect the ancient land, we came from, but rather have used the languages, our colonial leaders left us with, as our differential landmark. In the International Scene, we have languages such as English, French, Spanish and German languages, which we were left with. We now identify ourselves with the colonial mark rather than on the bond of blood, we have. In our National Anatomies, there have been various languages such as Ewe, Twi, Xhosa, Yoruba, Ibo, Swahili, Ga and Africans have used this to now differentiate themselves from others, instead of using this as a tool of National Unity. Now, love is no more felt. There is lack of unity and no support as a result of this.

5. FOREIGN INTRUSION AND EXPLOITATION

The African Anatomy has always far before time, been characterised with mediocrity. We have all the time, lost our sense of worth. We do not appreciate our cultures, identity, leadership style and way of living. We have always seen foreigners a the most phenomenal, and allowed them to dictate to us, how we should lead our economies and live our lives. We have always discouraged our own

from going forward and have given the nod to foreigners to exploit us. This has led us to where we are and has made us captives to foreigners. It is about time, we rise up. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL believes Africans are excellent and very phenomenal. We are need less and priceless and we must walk in unity to bring forth the kind of self-reliant anatomy, we want in Africa. Let us promote our own and put an end to adverse foreign intrusion and exploitation which are supported by some betrayers in Africa. We cam do kt. Let us do it. We have the best of everything in Africa. Let us raise ourselves up.

PROGRESSIONS WE HAVE MADE SO FAR, IN THE AFRICAN ANATOMY

1. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The Educational System in Africa, has experienced a shift. Even though we have not gotten to the endpoint, we are dreaming of, we have made some progressions which are worthy to be accounted of. The Region of Academia is gaining grounds as more people have understood the essence of Education, and have given their lives to Education. The Literacy rates in Africa have improved which has resulted in new innovations and inventions from the African Anatomy. In Ghana, President Akufo-Addo introduced the FREE SHS PROGRAMME, which is a policy which has made senior high school in Ghana, totally free. In Tanzania, Education is free from Standard one(Junior High School 1) up to Form Four Advanced Education(Junior High School 4). Education is also free for children whose parents have low income, in some technical colleges in Africa like South Africa. This has brought Emancipation to millions of lives, who are also in the quest, of transforming their continent.

2. RESTRUCTURE OF COUNTRY PLANNING

The structural plan and arrangement has been urbanised. Everything has been changed and made better in Africa. Villages no more look like villages but just look like towns and cities. Clinics and hospitals, central markets, supermarkets, factories, police stations, hotels and luxuriant centers are all found everywhere. Dilapidated roads are being properly reconstructed whilst abandoned projects are being also revisited. Africa is emerging into a new place of hope for all in every nook and cranny of this region. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL is confident of a new Africa, whose systems will work for all, and provide the platforms needed for the maximum sufficiency of every citizen. We can do it. Let us do it. Let us make it happen. Yes, let us do it. Let us build Giant Leaderships full of Excellence. Rwanda is a perfect example of this hope. A country which was torn by Genocide has one of the best structured settlement plans, in Africa now. We have great hopes. Let us make it happen. We can do it. Yes, let us do it.

3. AfFCTA

The African Continental Free Trade Area which was implemented on January 2021, to bring forth an independent market in the African Anatomy, help in the flow of resources, foster measures towards the creation of a customs union for posterity and establish a liberalized market to serve as a remedy for all overlapping memberships. This joint policy being led by the African Union is creating a free trade area in the African Anatomy, and being moderated to eschewing tariffs from about 90 percent of goods, being invested in the African Anatomy. This policy which was accepted by about 99 percent of countries, in the African Anatomy has the largest free trade area in the Global Anatomy. Africa is set on a course of constant acceleration in Economic Development

4. DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

Over the past few years, africans have experienced a growing democratic leadership. Africans have hungered for democratic leaderships and have protested against autocratic and corrupt governments. Africa can survive when we depend on the laws to work and lead us, and not on leaders, who manipulate the law to suit them. The constitutions must be founded on the principles of Equity and Equality, for the fair functioning and ruling of our societies. Everyone can live in total sufficiency and enjoy the liberation we have fought for, when we understand the need to walk in Freedom, and why we therefore, must walk in it. Africa has come a long way far, in her democratic transition and things are getting better. The African Anatomy has grown stronger and stronger democratically, with just a few exceptions. Areas where turmoils had sprung up like Libya, Sudan, Rwanda have all lately been governed through democratic principles. The voice of the people have been heard. Africa is thriving and AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL recommends such dispositionary traits. We only must sustain and strengthen them more and more.

5. FEMINISM

The Body of Women in Leadership, in the African Anatomy is gradually growing day by day. More women are taking significant and respectable positions and roles, all across the African Anatomy. Change is taking place. Women are also playing crucial roles in the development of the African and Global Anatomy, as a whole. Transformation is taking a place and Gender Inequality is being as thing of the past, globally. Women are no more seen as servants in their homes, but as mothers. They are treated with great dignity for the roles they play at home. Their roles are no more seen as a servants work, but as a quintessential and respectable work. Women have risen from their hopes to play key positions in the Global Anatomy, and these are worthy of emulation and applause. Women like Dr. Joyce Aryee, Serena Williams, Joselyn Dumas, Michelle Obama, Tarane Burke, Sinach and Angélique Kidjo, are all bringing liberation to the body of women in Africa. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL strongly stands for Women in Leadership, and encourages all women to stand out, and make great strides, in the Global Anatomy.

SOLUTIONS TO MAKING AFRICA, RISE

1. SENSITIZATION ON AFRICAN STUDIES

African Studies must be a core phenomenon in our Societies. Citizens must be able to know and understand their cultures, history, values and ideologies. This is how we can appreciate and love ourselves and what and who we are in the African Anatomy. We can love our countries and be much more nationalistic, when we know how our past leaders toiled to gain the Independence, we have now, and our roles, in also pushing the African Anatomy forward. In our institutions, companies, public and private sector, African Studies must be a core phenomenon, through which all members take study of, and review how phenomenal they have played a role, in helping their various countries to push forward. We will build a succession of the true African Spirit of hardwork, focus and determination, when we remind everyone of who they are, and their role of walking in the blood. This is how Africa can rise and be interested in the New Africa, which can create hopes for all. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats all Governments of all African Countries, to implement and enact policies, that will bring forth African Studies in every nook and cranny of our academia right from our ordinary to our standard levels, and also in national service, whether public or private. This is how we

can give birth to the new revival of a stronger and brighter future for all Africans, to persist hard and make giant strides.

2. CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

More job opportunities need to be created for people, particularly the youths for them to have productive lives, that will bless our African Economies and also help them, be able to take care of themselves and their families. We must open doors for all if we want Africa to breakthrough.

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats Governments of African Countries to create jobs to dissolve the wealth inequality in our countries. We need to see the poor growing to become financially stable. Everyone is a human and deserves a fair life. Let us work to see fairness everywhere. We all can be better off in life, when we have jobs, which are well meaning, through which we can be able to satisfy our needs, in life. Our African Governments must stand tall for change, and that's how Africa can rise. Everyone can have a well meaning job and be comfortable in life. Let us do it.

3. PAN AFRICANISM

The African Populace must be much committed to exhibiting the life of Africa, everywhere and at anytime. We must showcase our cultures. We must showcase what we believe in. We must exhibit our values and beliefs at all times. We must patronise our own products and stand out for Africa, everytime. That is how the Revolution of making Africa, the next regionalism can take effect. We must cherish our African heroes and heroines. We must emulate them and stand out for Africa, at all times. Countries must learn the cultures of other countries in the African Anatomy, and share and emulate them as one people. This is how we can strengthen the bond and harmony, we have amongst ourselves. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL sees Pan Africanism as a major factor in strengthening the foundations, we have set for our Survival. We must indeed cherish our traditions, beliefs and ideologies and that's how Africa can rise tonthe top.

4. AFRICAN INNOVATIONS

We as a people in the African Anatomy, must cherish what we have with pride. We must cherish our own. We must be able to encourage people, who are bringing giant innovations in the African Anatomy. We must stand up for people taking scientific research, experiments and various explorations to bring out the best for the African Anatomy. We must push for every ministry we have in our Governments, to have all they need being produced from the African Soil. We have people with great expertise and knowledge in Africa. We have great Legends in Africa who are ready to help other Africans enrich their talents and be a blessing to Africa. Let us learn from ourselves and indeed showcase the true African Spirit of Excellence, in this part of the Global Anatomy. We will Survive when we are able to produce everything, we need here. We will thrive and be needless of whatever, from any other continent.

5. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The Youth of today must be given first hand responsibility in solving matters relating to Governance and Administration, in our National Anatomies. Capacity Building, Training Seminars, Open Dialogues and Conference Workshops must be embarked on for the youth to be able to express

themselves, voice their views and play their part in Inclusive Governance, for the restoration of the African pride. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL commends the Chadian Government for their role in ensuring Youth Inclusiveness, in Governance, through the appointment of a less than 32 year old Woman as a Minister in their country. Africa can rise, when we wake up to the call of empowering our youths to do more to fight for our generation. Africa can rise when the youth are empowered to fight for the nation as an emblem of Democratic Governance.

MESSAGE FROM FREEDOM LEGEND PIDIO DZIFANU KWAME; MOST PHENOMENAL FREEDOM GIANT OF THE YEAR 2020



I believe in Africa and I believe in the Africa Agenda; "The quest to be united". However, this can only manifest when we eschew political mendaciloquence, extreme politicism, political aggrandizement and the pull me down syndrome within the African Anatomy.

The youth must also know their place on the continent and begin to act to achieve the progress she deserves.

Africa is rising.

ABOUT AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL



AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL is a Socio-Political Non-Governmental Organization and Civil Society, that works towards the promotion of Democracy, as a means of sustaining Freedom in the hearts and minds Africans and people, all around the world.

Africa has experienced a consistent trend of enslavement for a long period of time, even after several years of post-independence from her colonial masters in the various African countries. This has brought and left a scar of hopelessness in the African society. The various kinds of enslavement meted out on our African forefathers and mothers has brought about various challenges in the African continent. This has brought about a culture of political biasness, gender inequalities, superiority and inferiority complexes, leadership challenges, corruption, dictatorship, child abuse, imperfection in our way of doing things and mental servitude in the minds of Africans. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL has realised this problem, and has come at a point in time of world history like this, to create platform for the youth to stand out and bring a revolution from enslavement to freedom where all humanity, both in Africa and outside of Africa can live in Peace, Justice and Equity and thrive under fair and Good Quality lives.

Our Logo's Symbolic Representation

Lion - We believe everyone must not settle for less, but Roar as a lion, stand out, and evoke every enslavement in the African Continent.

Sword - We believe every one must wake up to the call and Fight every battle confronting the African Continent, to sustain her Freedom.

Rainbow - We believe in Gods promises to protect and safeguard the continent. The Rainbow is a symbolic sign to remind every member of **AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL** to know that God will keep The **AFRICAN MAN** and The **AFRICAN WOMAN** through to the end to Victorious Freedom Parade, as they fight for the continent. The Rainbow is a sign to remind **AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL**'s members of God's promise to protect the African Continent from Enslavement, just as he promised Noah.

Star - The star represents the Victorious Victory Parade for every Freedom Giant. The Star is a reminder that everyone who Roars like a Lion and fights his or her battle in life, will eventually receive God's promise and also be a Star in the Continent, of Africa.

OBJECTIVES

- To serve as an anchor for Good Governance in Africa and promote respect for the constitutional laws in the various African countries.
- To promote Nationalism and create the sense of awareness for nation building amongst youth in Africa.
- To raise awareness concerning the rights of individuals as citizens of their various countries in Africa, to live in freedom and peace in the African anatomy.
- To promote National Conscientisation amongst the youth towards engaging in National Projects for the Socio-economic Development of the country.
- To promote self confidence in the youth of Africa, to take up individual initiatives to promote the development of the country.
- To promote Pan- Africanism and dignity of the African Continent.
- To promote liberation of the African Populace whose hearts have been troubled by the various forces of oppression, pre and post-independence of African countries.
- To promote Democracy for the freedom of humanity in Africa.

MODES OF SPECIALITIES

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL has modules as platforms to enlighten the youth and the society as a whole on their rights, who they are and the freedom they have, for the liberation we want in our society. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, will be having conferences and summits as well as special projects aimed at impacting the youth with strategical African mindsets to make Africa, a hub of Freedom.

The following are Modes of Specialities in AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL.

1. THE AFRICAN CULTURE 2. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE 3. GENDER EQUALITY 4. BUSINESS ANATOMY 5. THE POLITICAL ANATOMY 6. HUMAN RIGHTS 7. YOUTH

EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP 8. EDUCATION 9. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CORE VALUES OF AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, has certain tenets, we believe are foundational principles for humanity to live freely and thrive well, in Africa. We believe, the right set of values will strengthen equip **THE AFRICAN MAN** and **THE AFRICAN WOMAN** to shine in all areas of life, and make impact in Africa, and the world.

NATIONALISM

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes every individual in Africa must have his or her nation at heart. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that the affairs of the nation must be the concern of each and every individual in the continent. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes there is greatness in everybody and therefore, their opinions, views, concerns and partnerships with the Government and individually in contribution, will add greatly to the development of their individual country and the great continent, Africa, as a whole.

EXCELLENCE

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes there can be perfection in everything that is done. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL imbibes in individuals, to be perfect in all their activities at work, home, at church and in all that calls to nation building. God created man to be perfect and AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL believes that, excellence attached to everything particularly in Africa, will bring forth tremendous results from around the world.

JUSTICE

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes in the equitable administration of various shares in a Political Anatomy. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that, with Justice, the continent can thrive on higher grounds of Democracy and be void of corruption. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats Governing Bodies in Africa, institutions and individuals to be just in all their operations. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL believes that with Justice, we can live in Solidarity, Peace and Unity, as a nation and a continent.

DISCIPLINE

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL believes that the tenet Discipline, is one of the most effective values in building a strong Democratic Anatomy. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that if people are able to abide by the laws, codes and etiquettes, as well as the rules and regulations of the African land, there will be a smooth growth and development in the continent. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL entreats all individuals to be disciplined in their way of living.

PATRIOTISM

AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that every individual must be devoted to his or her country totally for the advancement of the country. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that being patriotic of our countries in the African Anatomy will serve as an anchor, for honesty and decency in every individual's life which will breed decency and honesty in all national projects and matters that affect the nation's welfare indirectly or directly. AFRICAN VOICES INTERNATIONAL, believes that as a nation, we must cherish our cultures, traditional symbols, values, rich history, our products and our champions. This will push the young at heart to go in for greater things, to make the continent always transformed and better and better.

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