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GHANA TO HOST HIGH-LEVEL NEXT STEPS CONFERENCE AFTER HISTORIC UN ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TRANS-ATLANTIC ENSLAVEMENT AS THE GRAVEST CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

ACCRA, 4TH MAY, 2026 – The Republic of Ghana will host a High-Level Next Steps Conference on Reparatory Justice from 17th to 19th June, 2026 under the auspices of the President of Ghana and African Union Champion for Reparations, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama as a strategic follow-up to the adoption of the landmark United Nations General Assembly Resolution which declared the Trafficking of Enslaved Africans and the Racialised Chattel Enslavement of Africans as the Gravest Crime against Humanity.

The historic resolution which received broad international support and overwhelming endorsement by 123 UN Member States represents a significant milestone in advancing global acknowledgment of historical injustices and the need for structured engagement on reparatory justice.

The High-Level Next Steps Conference is intended to sustain the momentum generated at the multilateral level by providing a dedicated platform for participating States, world leaders, experts, historians, jurists and activists to deliberate on the next phase of the reparations agenda.

Discussions will focus on translating the historic Resolution A/RES/80/250 into a common actionable global framework.

The Outcome Document is also expected to highlight a collective effort aimed at developing coordinated policy approaches, institutional frameworks and mechanisms for sustained international engagement.

This Conference will bring together Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, academics, researchers, members of the global coalition as well as representatives of regional and international organizations and experts on reparatory justice.



As part of activities earmarked for the Conference, a special first-ever Juneteenth commemoration shall be held at the Christiansborg Castle, Osu, a place of profound historical relevance to the Trans-Atlantic Enslavement. This inaugural joint commemoration with our fellow Africans in the USA will be a memorable climax of the Conference. This aspect of the Conference is expected to provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on the historical context underpinning the reparations discourse, while reinforcing the broader objectives of remembrance, recognition, healing and a quest for justice.

The Conference is further expected to foster deeper collaboration among participating States, strengthen Africa's collective voice on reparatory justice and contribute to shaping a coherent and unified position within the global system. It will also provide an avenue for engagement with the African diaspora and international partners, whose contributions remain critical to advancing the reparations agenda.

Outcomes of the Conference are expected to include a set of recommendations and forward-looking actions to guide subsequent engagements at the continental and international levels, as well as to build concretely on the unprecedented momentum generated by the UN Resolution.

Further details regarding registration, participation, accreditation and the programme of activities are available at: <https://reparations.mfa.gov.gh>

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President Mahama and the hospitable people of Ghana look forward to welcoming all participants to Accra for this defining Conference.

With a united front and the blessings of our ancestors, Reparatory Justice shall be achieved.

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