



## **EFFSC STATEMENT ON AFRICA DAY**

**25 May 2020, Monday.**

**The EFFSC notes the 57th anniversary of the Africa Day celebrations. These celebrations commemorate the events of this day, 25 May, in 1963, when representatives of thirty African nations met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to establish the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) (now known as the African Union [AU]), in order to encourage the decolonization of the African continent and to bring an end to white colonial domination.**

**Be that as it may, it is sad to say that 57 years later the AU has not fulfilled what it was formed for. The AU has not dealt with issues plaguing the African continent like economic exploitation by the West, corruption, terrorism, poverty, civil wars, the war on women bodies and abominable cultural practices that terrorize young women and children, chattel slavery in Libya and the illegal land occupation of the Western Sahara by Morocco, just to mention a few.**

**In addition, Africa remains an enslaved, colonized, divided and conquered continent. Africa remains a minerally rich continent with poor Africans. Inundated by wealthy old politicians who pour into a fictional victory over imperial order while the youth suffer and scabble for survival. Noting the progressive strides great African leaders have taken to further the discourse of pan- Africanism, black consciousness, scientific socialism and class theory. We lament the deceptive political fetish and shallow degeneration of African leaders that remains in Africa. Those charged with responsibility to disentangle Africa from the legacy of an unresisted continental imperial order, are the most compromised and the biggest lapdogs of neo-imperial rule.**

**Considering the above, as the EFFSC, driven by the aim and pillar of promoting struggles for the attainment of the complete independence and unity of Africa. We make a clarion call for the harmony of education systems and a massive development of the African economy as we move from an advocacy of reconciliation to that of justice. We call on the AU to question its toothless grasp of its historical formation and to begin functionally building and enabling a socio-economic and political development of Africa, independent of colonialism and neo-colonialism. In a time of global governance and a rampant ruling class, the need for decisive African leadership cannot be stressed enough. We cannot tolerate an abhorrent bulldog that still has no bite. Together with the Pan-African parliament, which has a duty to deal with the issues plaguing Africa. A duty to chart a program of making the people of Africa, black Africans in particular, free from white economic domination, exploitation and colonial epistemology.**



**It is colonial epistemology that taught us self-hate, xenophobia and is the instrument that has preserved African borders beyond our independence. There is nothing revolutionary and African about xenophobia and Afrophobia. Which is why we must dismiss the ANCYL and its weak incitement of xenophobic and Afrophobic theft and violence. Preying on the insecurities, fears and ignorance of the poor to protect your parties corruption, your governmental tender deals and to mask a failure to expropriate land and decisively deal with a thieving minority is a cowardly manifestation of political illiteracy and visible statement that the party has dwindled into insignificance at the arrival of the June 16 movement and worse in the presence of the third layer of EFFSC leadership.**

**Today marks exactly one year since president Cyril Ramaphosa was inaugurated as president of the Republic of South Africa to preside over South Africa's sixth democratic administration. It was on this day last year that Ramaphosa a murderer and butcher of the poor was installed as the Head of State. Exactly a year later, president Ramaphosa's administration has failed to deal with issues plaguing black South Africans such as unemployment, poverty, inequality, landlessness, hunger, lack of access to clean water, enough electricity, proper sanitation, access to quality public education and access to quality medical care. To mention but a few of the monumental failures of the ANC. Failures that have allowed Africans to remain exploited, undermined and poor. Failures that have left black students to continue to face all sorts of injustices and challenges in untransformed institutions of higher learning and training. From white arrogance, racism, high tuition to a poor, dilapidating infrastructure and a sub-standard curriculum. There are the intolerable conditions Africans must stomach and suffocate in, in Africa.**

**We offer our inability to breath as a means to revolt the oppression of African people. Offering an unwavering polemic argument against cheap poetic sloganeering by African Presidents who define being an African in “boujee” British eloquence instead of decisive pro- African policy that addresses our dispossession as well as our primary and secondary contradictions as a dejected people.**

**The left must continue to galvanize itself and the working class against the ruling elite until Africans live in dignity not scouring for survival as they live as second class citizens in a land, they alone have rightful ownership to.**

**Africa must materially loose itself of America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. These four anti-black economies and powers must never think they will continue to cleave on to the economy of Africa.**

**Africa needs an unapologetically Afrocentric, united and nonsexist movement, and government and the EFF and the EFFSC alone are up to the task.**



**No Retreat. No Surrender. Victory Is Certain. Hasta la Victoria Siempre.**

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