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AFRICA LIBERATION DAY 2026: GHANA CONVENES CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON SYSTEMS FOR DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

On Africa Liberation Day 2026 in Accra, Ghana, government officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps, educators, artists, business leaders, civil society representatives, community leaders, youth, women entrepreneurs, and more will gather for a pivotal convening launching the Exposure Draft of the State of the Africa Diaspora Report - a groundbreaking research initiative examining how Africa and its diaspora engage across systems, capital, skills, and institutions.

The State of the Africa Diaspora Report is a continental research and engagement platform focused on understanding and strengthening Africa-diaspora systems through rigorous data collection, facilitated dialogue, and coordinated action.

The central question: What are the ground-level economic realities, system gaps, and readiness conditions on the continent for diaspora engagement to be productive, equitable, and sustained?

The Accra convening - hosted by The Black Star Resource and Repatriation Center in partnership with the Diaspora African Forum and African Communications Agency, endorsed by the UNESCO Ghana Office and Office of The President, Special Envoy to the Caribbean, will bring together a high level group of approximately 100 participants including business leaders, government officials, civil society representatives, community leaders, youth, women entrepreneurs, and informal sector workers for the in person event and hundreds around the world virtually.

"This is not a symbolic event," said Diallo Sumbry, President & CEO of The Adinkra Group and founder of the Black Star Center for Resource & Repatriation. "We are doing serious work to understand our own systems, our capital needs, our barriers to scale, and our institutional readiness - before asking the diaspora to engage. That's a completely different conversation from what has been attempted before."



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The Research Innovation

The State of the Africa Diaspora Report breaks new ground by:

- **Starting with African reality**, not diaspora assumptions;
- **Mapping ground-level intelligence** on what continental economies need (capital, skills, systems, market access);
- **Assessing readiness** in specific sectors and communities;
- **Identifying barriers** to productive engagement (not just lack of capital, but governance, supply chains, technology, institutions);
- **Defining non-negotiables** that continental Africans will not compromise on in diaspora partnerships;

"Africa doesn't lack capital," said Dr. Ashley Milton, CEO of She Grows It and Lead editor.. "Africa lacks systems. Our work is understanding what those systems are and what conditions must be in place before external investment can be absorbed productively."

What Happens Next

From this convening:

Immediate (Next 2 - 4 weeks):



- Identify leads across Africa in 9 specific countries and engage them in training and alignment on data collection, aggregation and synthesis
- Media documentation of convening
- Release full report for download and accessibility on website

Short-term (Next 6 months):

- Launch of 2,000-participant Africa-diaspora survey
- Ongoing working groups to track readiness progress
- Sector-specific networks (agriculture, creative, tech, etc.) begin quarterly convening



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1st & 2nd Quarter 2027:

- State of the Africa Diaspora Report 2027 (flagship publication)
- Policy briefs for government
- Investment readiness guides for diaspora and development finance institutions
- Establishment of ongoing systems for Africa-diaspora coordination

About the Initiative

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