

# Repairing the World for the Future of Children of African Descent

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# Grounding: Concept of Reparatory Justice



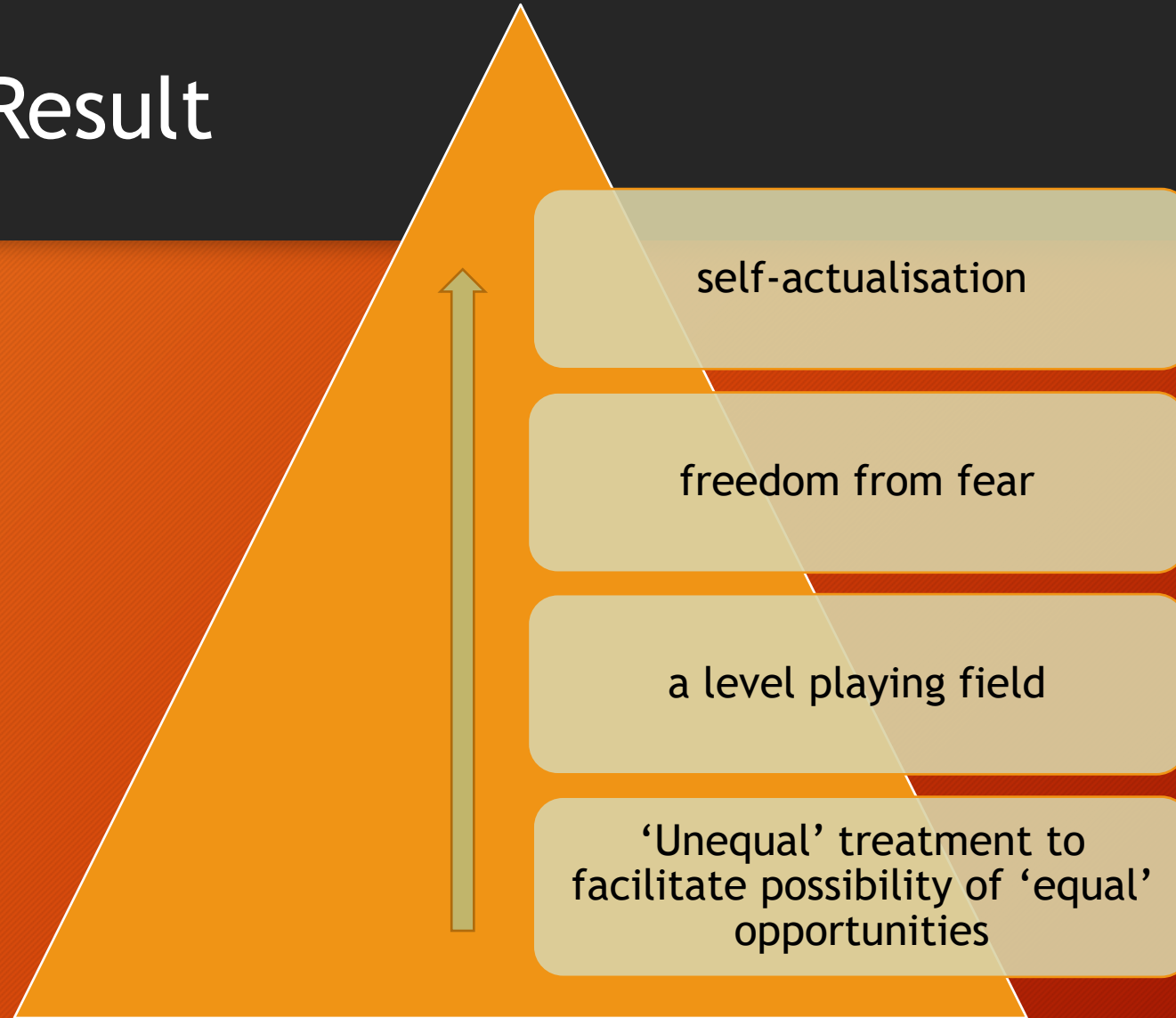
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# Why?

- Historical and contemporary wrongs - slavery, colonization, segregation, discrimination resulting in dehumanization, degradation, disadvantage
- Wrongs egregiously, repeatedly meted out to Africans with severe cumulative effect
- Cumulative effect that is irreversible, *if* left unaddressed
- Reparatory justice is a moral imperative that has civil, political, economic, social and cultural ramifications
- Duty of care to future generations to disrupt the systems and structures that perpetuate discrimination and maintain the status quo ante

# Expected Result



# Caveats and Considerations

- People of African descent are not monochromatic or monolithic
  - Diversities which lead to
  - Complexities and
  - Intersectionalities
- People of African descent are on different trajectories in their shared journey
- Which means there is no single, undisputed way of knowing or being or learning or living together, necessitating continual discourse, dialogue and discussion to advance the common agenda!

# What states (governments leading) must do...

01

Recognition of historical and contemporary wrongs

02

Remorse for loss and harm

03

Reparation - material restitution

04

Return of artifacts and assets

05

Reform of laws, policies, structures, systems, practices

# What people of African descent must do...

Transform animosity to awareness and alliances

Prioritize education, social and economic emancipation

Fully exploit IT - to connect people, ideas and initiatives

Own the research - data, data, evidence, evidence

Find the people of African descent missing from the conversation and the enterprise...

# Basic toolkit for people of African descent

At the level of the individual and the community,  
to keep enhancing and deploying

- Agency
- Alliances
- Audacity
- Diversity of professions
- Perspicacity
- Resilience



# Education - Acquisition of Essential Literacies

- Health
- Financial
- Digital
- Scientific
- Cultural
- Information
- Human rights
- Media
- Social
- Religious
- Critical
- Legal
- Organisational
- Developmental

# Economic emancipation

Pursuing the fundamentals of

- Land, land ownership and land title
- Access to credit - for enterprise and home ownership
- Taxation and disposable income management
- Investment and retirement planning
- Enterprise (business, social, cultural) and innovation
- Insurance

# Social emancipation

- Decolonise spaces, narratives, images
  - Advertisements
  - Entertainment

# Existential Threats

Non-white governments that unleash the same brutal harm

Black governments indifferent to their peoples' well-being

Traitors in the midst and wolves in sheep's clothing

State-sponsored/funded violence and toxic industries

Internecine warfare

Thank you!

