



## PAN AFRICANISM FOR DIGNITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

**The International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly- Guyana (IDPADA-G) is of the view that Pan-Africanism cannot be achieved if there is recognition or identity deficiency at home or through platitudes and photo opportunities with African States. Afro-centric consciousness and expanded and meaningful cooperation and exchanges between Guyana and African States would contribute to greater understanding among ethnic groups in the country and promote the goals of Pan-Africanism.**

1. Guyana has been a significant player in the birthing and development of the Pan-African Movement as demonstrated in its support for the African Liberation Movement; cooperation in the promotion of non-alignment; leadership of the Pan-African Movement; shared experiences in institutional development; and shared human resources. In recent decades, the Pan–African connectivity waned however we are witnessing its resurgence as a result of The International Decade for the People of African descent.
2. Guyana’s evolution today, shaped by the economic and institutional arrangements of the plantation and colonial systems, has resulted in uneven ethnic development in Guyana with African Guyanese being the most dispossessed economically and reduced engagement with Africa.
3. IDPADA-G draws attention to the GOG’s non-recognition of the causal factors of the state of the African Guyanese is the fundamental obstacle to achieving the economic rights for our community. IDPADA-G calls for disaggregation of data to better respond to the development needs of African Guyanese.
4. IDPADA-G draws attention to the fact that the Government of Guyana (GOG) priority on inclusive and participatory processes for all African Guyanese are not readily evident in national development nor in its outreach to global partners in Africa. While there are apparent overtures to African countries with experience in



oil and gas sectors, and other successful models of development those overtures are pursued without and equitable consideration of the Africa Guyanese reality, hence African Guyanese are not poised to be beneficiaries of what could otherwise fuel the resurgence of Pan-Africanism.

5. Further, we have observed a more robust engagement with countries in the Middle East and Asia, in particular China and India. Cultural exchanges with India are regular, there are no comparable exchanges between African countries and Guyana.
6. IDAPDA-G calls on the GOG to act on its obligation to facilitate development in all spheres of the lives of African Guyanese and the Durban Declaration and Decade provides the best framework for sustainable and wholistic actions.

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