

**26 May 2023 Recommendations by Portia C Allen on behalf of 13 LGBTQIA2S+ Human Rights Defenders** [re Item 5: Thematic Discussion (continued): Pan Africanism for Dignity, Justice, and Peace]<sup>1</sup>

1. Four recommendations (*bulleted points 3-6 below*) are provided by:
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  - iv. Portia C Allen || [ADEFHO](#) || Cameroon
  - v. Mounir Baatour || [Shams](#) || Tunisia
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  - vii. Trinah Kakyoo || [Kakyo Project](#) || Kenya and Uganda
  - viii. Gaston Mbangué || [ADEFHO](#) || Cameroon
  - ix. Joel Mordi || [Mordi Ibe Foundation](#) || England and Nigeria
  - x. Kelly K Njoka || [Ishtar](#) and [galck+](#) || Kenya
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  - xii. Eudora O Nwangwu || [Silent Voices](#) || Nigeria
  - xiii. Tegan Snyman
  
2. Kindly note that since 2021 (*and especially based on our prior knowledge about LGBTQIA2S+ rights in Africa and the African Diaspora*), we continue to gather and assess evidence-based information centred on sustaining human rights projects, which, in turn, can contribute to a universal call to end economic poverty and reduce donor dependency.
  
3. **Recommendation 1 of 4:** We request that PFPAD’s Working Group on Fundraising as well as PFPAD Members consider the four conclusions and recommendations specified in the discussion paper titled “Fundable Approaches for Increasing Participation, Consultation and Engagement at the PFPAD” by Nkom et al. A copy of this discussion paper is to be emailed to the PFPAD Secretariat at [pfpad@un.org](mailto:pfpad@un.org) on 26 May 2023 by Portia C Allen.
  
4. **Recommendation 2 of 4:** We urge PFPAD (particularly within the *draft UN Declaration on the promotion, protection and full respect of the human rights of People of African Descent* as well as *PFPAD’s annual report to the HRC and UNGA*) to illustrate attention to the reduction of stigma and discrimination affecting all People of African Descent (e.g. Elders, children, youth, persons with disabilities, women, men, LGBTQIA2S+ people, migrants).

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<sup>1</sup> Respectively, kindly note the descriptions of acronyms utilised in this document: (a) LGBTQIA2S+ or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit; (b) ADEFHO or Association for the Defence of Homosexuality; (c) BFO or Bright Future Organisation; (d) WFW or Working for Our Wellbeing; (e) PFPAD or United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent; (f) UN or United Nations; (g) HRC or United Nations Human Rights Council; (h) UNGA or United Nations General Assembly; (i) CSO or civil society organisation; as well as (j) SOGIESC or sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics.

5. **Recommendation 3 of 4:** We welcome that PFPAD facilitate access to LGBTQIA2S+ communities among others to participate in virtual, in-person, and/or hybrid UN level forums, conferences, and additional assemblies, with specificity to: (a) travel stipends for local level human rights defenders as well as (b) local level human rights defenders sharing their expertise for overall and consistent improvement.
6. **Recommendation 4 of 4:** We ask PFPAD to follow up fostering sustainable strategies about economic livelihoods, diversity and inclusion for all People of African Descent (e.g. Elders, children, youth, persons with disabilities, women, men, LGBTQIA2S+ people, migrants).
7. We remain open to contextual, multi lingual and intellectual competencies to work collaboratively with PFPAD especially from a broad range of causes and geographies to contribute to People of African Descent. For example, we continue to emphasise: (a) healthy spaces for the legitimacy, autonomy and performance of African led and People of African Descent led CSOs or initiatives (especially locally based ones and localised expertise) as well as (b) intersectional approaches to include LGBTQIA2S+ People of African Descent and diverse SOGIESC.

**26 May 2023 Recommendations by Portia C Allen on behalf of two expert contributors** (Her Excellency Alice A Nkom and His Excellency Melvin Brown) **as well as three authors** (Portia C Allen, Okama E Brook, and Adalberto Correia) **of the discussion paper titled “Fundable Approaches for Increasing Participation, Consultation and Engagement at the PFPAD”** [re Item 5: Thematic Discussion (continued): Pan Africanism for Dignity, Justice, and Peace]

1. We (expert contributors and authors) welcome the PFPAD Working Group on Fundraising and PFPAD Members to reach out to the 282 potential sources of funding specified in the mentioned discussion paper; also following up accordingly with any pertinent philanthropic advocacy and grant application processes. Also, we request that the PFPAD’s Working Group on Fundraising consider a paid subscription for comprehensive, evidence based and most recent information about grantmakers.
2. Said expert contributors and authors ask PFPAD to increase partnership invitations (access) to African led and People of African Descent led CSOs or initiatives (especially locally based ones and localised expertise) to contribute to the implementation of PFPAD’s nine point mandate. In the same regard, engage with Africa and the African Diaspora on research collaborations that are more inclusive and culturally specific in terms of the determined needs of Africans and People of African Descent especially acknowledged, protected and recognised, intellectual property rights.

3. Also, we urge PFPAD to facilitate annual donor roundtables among PFPAD, grantmakers, and diverse actors with specificity on grantmakers fulfilling past pledges to equalise financial power, principally, direct, flexible and multi year funding for projects and programmes by African led and People of African Descent led CSOs or initiatives (especially locally based ones and localised expertise). Noted, we continue to gather and assess evidence based information centred on sustaining human rights projects, which, in turn, can contribute to a universal call to end economic poverty and reduce donor dependency.
4. The expert contributors and authors welcome further engagement with PFPAD on human rights protocols which advocate to hold governments accountable for human rights violations against Africans and People of African Descent. Additionally, we welcome PFPAD (particularly within the *draft UN Declaration on the promotion, protection and full respect of the human rights of People of African Descent* as well as *PFPAD's annual report to the HRC and UNGA*) to illustrate attention to the reduction of stigma and discrimination affecting all People of African Descent (e.g. Elders, children, youth, persons with disabilities, women, men, LGBTQIA2S+ people, migrants).

26May23 Recommendations by PCA on behalf of 13 LGBTQIA2S+ HRDs as well as two ECs and three authors [re Item 5: Thematic Discussion submitted by Africans for Economic Justice and Peace]