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***Building African Women's & Youth Movements and Forming International Sisterhood***

## How to Build a Youth Movement for the Unification of Africa

Objectives for building the Youth for the Unification of Africa

1. Unite all Youth organizations in one country into an organization with the name "Youth for the Unification of Africa".
2. Build a Youth Movement through education by organizing African Women and Youth conferences in every country in Africa.
3. First build a Youth movement in your district and then in the surrounding countries.
4. We must research to find out the natural resources in every country in Africa; and what can be made from each resource to develop a unified Africa.
5. Read Nkrumah's books, starting with "Class Struggle in Africa", and "Africa Must Unite." The books must be studied in groups.
6. Translate Nkrumah's books into local languages.
7. Integrate with the masses in the rural areas and help raise the level of production from subsistence farming to being able to feed millions.

We are in the process of building a powerful African Youth Movement that will connect all African youth, inside and outside of Africa. This is a very important part of the African independence movement. An African Youth Movement is necessary in order to educate, mobilize, and organize the largest number of African youth as possible. Our vision includes obtaining our own collective childcare, housing, kitchens, transportation, educational institutions, employment, etc. We must build a strong infrastructure in Africa and we must be tightly organized outside of Africa. If we are going to be tightly organized outside of Africa, it is necessary for our youth to be tightly organized. Therefore as mothers, we challenge our youth to build an African Youth Movement in the Diaspora that will connect all African youth inside and outside of Africa. The African Youth movement must be connected to the worldwide struggle for justice and peace for all humanity.

We are determined to build a strong Youth Movement because we the masses must liberate ourselves. No hero can save us; only by raising our consciousness, organizing, and uniting ourselves under our own leadership, will we liberate ourselves. The history of the world has proven that once the force of the masses is roused, organized, and determined to rise up, it can overcome every difficulty. This Youth Movement must be connected to Africa's independence movement. Independence from capitalism and liberation are priceless. Nothing is more precious than independence and liberation.

It is the responsibility of the adults to share with the youth the goals, strengths and weaknesses of our people's and humanities dignified struggle for liberation. This is a very important panel. We have asked our young people to come and discuss with us, "How do we build a youth movement." How do we inspire, educate, mobilize, and organize the largest number of youth possible to participate in the uplifting of our people and humanity?

We would like to share a few ideas regarding our weaknesses as adults that have kept us from building strong women and youth movements. We have a lot of weaknesses but we will try to name the major ones that

had an effect on everything else we tried to do. These weaknesses are the not enough love for ourselves as Africans, the oppression of women (women hating), disorganization, and the lack of love for labor.

As adults, we have a message for the youth. We are going to give our youth an assignment. The assignment that we give the youth is to build the African Youth Movement.

A movement is an act of moving. We want our youth to move from not being in an organization that is working for the benefit of the people to being in an organization that is working for the benefit of the people. A movement is a change in position. We want our youth to change their position from not having an important responsibility to the people to having a big responsibility to the people. A movement is the activities of a group of people to achieve a specific goal. We want our youth's main concern to be the liberation of Africa and African people. In order to be liberated we must struggle for power. In order to have power we must be organized. The Youth Movement must be a movement of organized people. We are full of confidence that, the youth, have everything needed to build an African Youth Movement and if not, then it is the responsibility of all responsible Africans to make sure that the youth do have what is necessary to build this movement. The Movement must be based in and most effective in Africa. The movement must include the vision of uniting Africa into one country and the unification of over 900 million Africans, scattered in over 125 countries. While youth have problems that are particular to youth, we cannot separate those particular problems from the problems facing all of the people collectively.

The African Youth Movement must play an important part in the struggle of our people to improve our living conditions. In order for our youth to have a happy future we must insure that our youth are given a dynamic education that includes true African arts and culture, since the full rehabilitation of African culture is one of the dearest wishes of people of Africa and African descent. We should intensely promote artistic activities and withdraw from the harmful impact of commercialism, so that music, dance, sculpture, etc. should be revived as genuine expressions of our people's thought.

***"Today, there is only one road to effective action – the organization of the masses." Kwame Nkrumah***

Every person who wants to make a serious contribution to our people's liberation must be in an organization that is working for the people's interest. We must be organized with a clear plan of action every month, every week, every day. It is our goal to become so organized that we can do in one day what previously took us twenty years. The masses of nearly one billion Africans scattered in countries throughout the world, without distinction as to age and sex must rise as one person, ready to accept all hardships and sacrifices and devote our creativity and capacities to the cause of the total liberation and unification of Africa. These panelists from various organizations will share with you views on building a youth movement.