

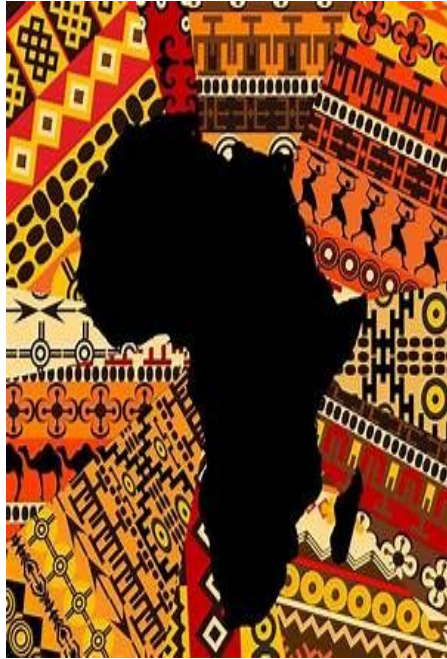
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# The Case for the United African States

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# Today's Objective

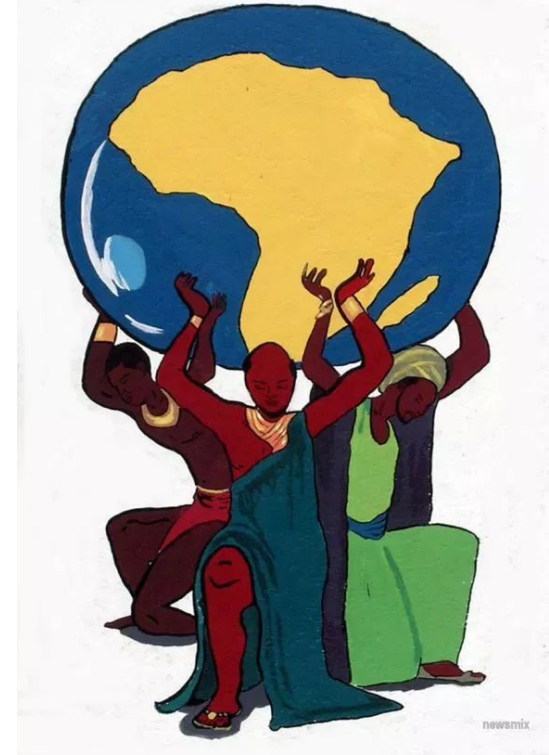
This presentation will make the case for Pan-African Federalism by outlining:

- the **status quo**, as it relates to the political, economic, and social self-determination of Black African people, or lack thereof
  - the **benefits of African states uniting** under one central government
  - the recent **North American Pan African Federalist Convention**
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# Creating a Unified African States

**WHO/WHAT:** The **Pan-African Federalist Movement** is comprised of Black Africans living around the world committed to **consolidating power in the grassroots and forcing the creation a United African States**, through which African heads of state **relinquish 70 percent of their power** in the interest of building **one central, independent governmental organization**.



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# **Pan-African Federalism, Explained**

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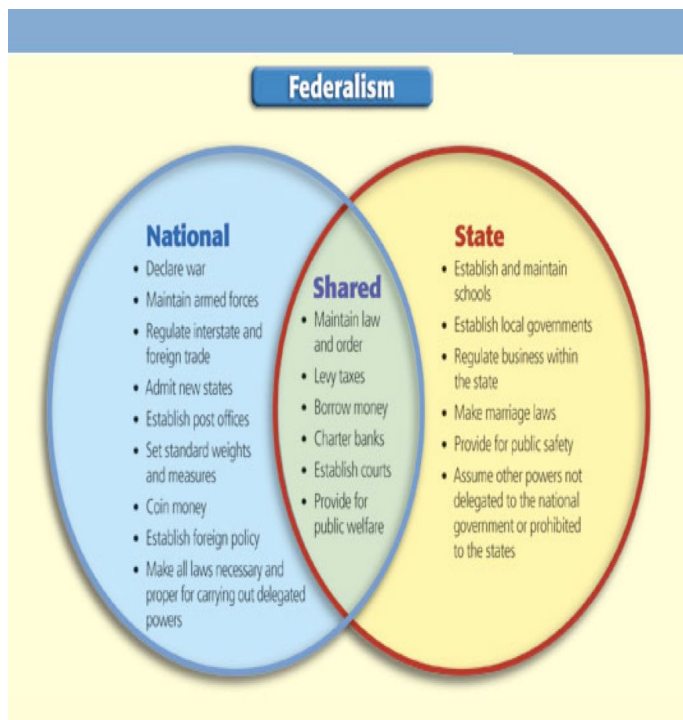
# Defining Pan-African Federalism



- Pan-African federalism represents the **political expression of Pan-Africanism** through which **African people more of a direct say in their daily affairs** and African nations on the continent and throughout the Diaspora **work closer together, as a unit and without the influence of former colonial powers, etc.**
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# What's Federalism?

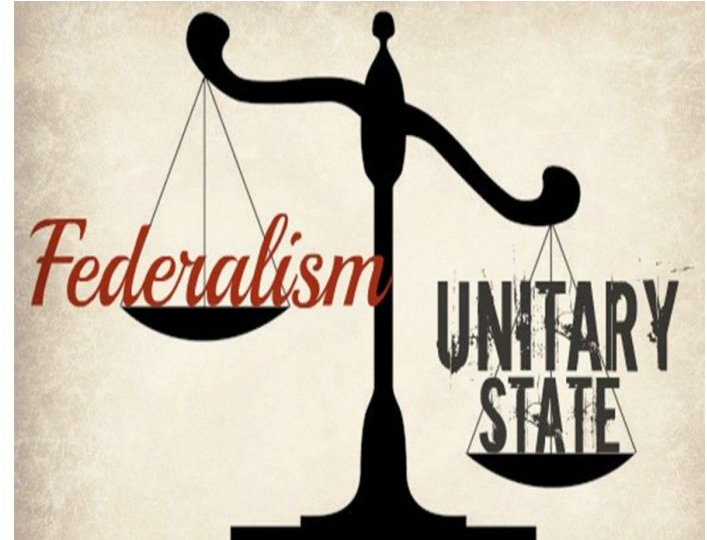


- Federalism is a **system of government** under which **states and provinces share power with a central power**, as outlined in a constitution.
  - Through federalism, both the central and smaller governments **act through the will of the people via officials**.
  - Federalism also **limits the abuse of leaders of independent nations** by tying them to the goals of the collective, rather than outside actors
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# Actualizing Pan-African Federalism

- One **currency**
  - Interstate **commerce**
  - **Increased communication** between African States
  - Diasporic sovereignty via **diplomacy and interdependence on military forces** that protect natural resources and Black African people
  - A single **Black African identity** rooted in knowledge that the African States (on the continent and beyond) are targets of other **entities/groups**
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# Why Pan-African Federalism?

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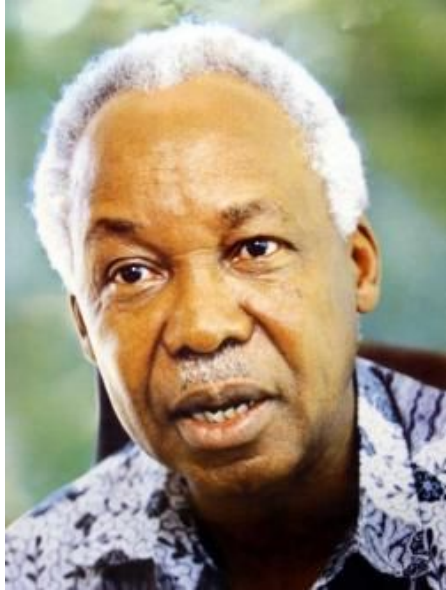
# Global African Solidarity



- Without **international pressure**, the U.S. government cannot and will not stop its militaristic attacks on Black African communities.
  - Members of the **Congressional Black Caucus** are often compliant in supporting legislation infusing the militaristic police presence in Black African communities
  - The installation of the **Sixth Region of the African Union** hasn't gone far enough in fostering solidarity between Diasporic and Continental Africans.
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# Countering Outside Interference

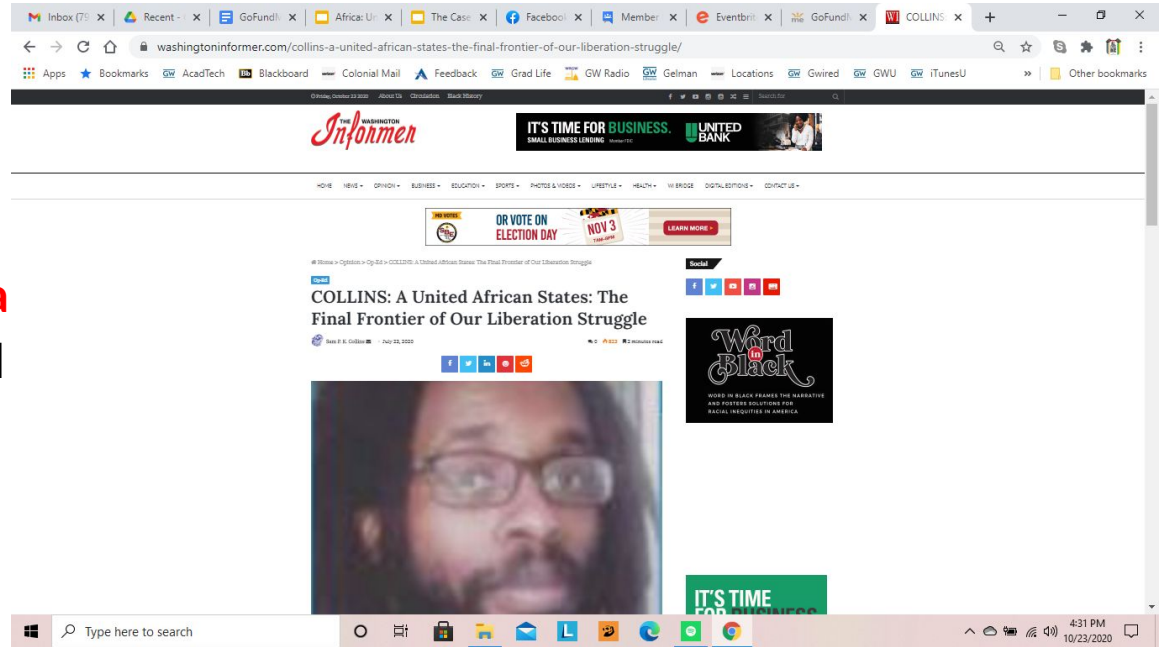


Aforementioned circumstances allowed for the **dismantling of the OAU and creation of the African Union** in 2001. Even so, the following hasn't been resolved:

- **U.S. military presence** via AFRICOM, a network of U.S. military bases on the African continent
  - **Corruption** by African officials / **marginalization** of groups
  - **Interference** by Chinese, Zionists, and others
  - **Lack of support** for Diasporic Africans
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# The Last Frontier of Our Liberation Struggle

The July 23rd edition of The Washington Informer newspaper includes an op-ed about **the need for a United African States**, and **where the newly independent African countries fell short decades earlier.**



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**Looking Back**  
**North American Pan African  
Federalist Convention**

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# Five Days of Planning, A Lifetime of Execution

Discussion centered on three key questions:

- 1. What does the campaign for a United African States (UAS) need from African people in North America?*
- 2. What shall be the expectations of African people in North America from the UAS?*
- 3. How will the rights of African people in North America figure into the Constitution of the United African States?*



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**Asante Sana!**

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