

**DECLARATION FOR
RECONCILIATION AND
ONENESS WITH GOD,
AND AMONG AFRICANS AND ALL
PEOPLES**

A. Recognizing that

1. God created all humans in His image to live in intimate relationship with Him and in mutual respect and interdependence with one another,
2. There were various forms of Slavery among Africans and other peoples before the Trans-Saharan and Trans-Atlantic Slave Trades,
3. Arab and European Slave Traders were the main architects of the Trans-Saharan and Trans-Atlantic Slave Trades, respectively,
4. Significant numbers of African leaders and Africans in general resisted or fought against these Slave Trades,
5. Significant numbers of African leaders and Africans in general facilitated the success of these Slave Trades through collaboration, compromises, or passive inaction,
6. People of African descent in a general sense are victims of the Slave Trades, Racial Discrimination, Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, and other forms of Exploitation and Oppression,
7. There continues to be Slavery, Racial Discrimination, Neo-Colonialism, and other forms of Exploitation and Oppression of people of African descent and other peoples in our world today,

B. The leaders of the African Forum on Religion and Government (AFReG) hereby

1. Celebrate the gallant efforts of Africans and non-Africans who resisted and fought against Slavery in general, and the Trans-Saharan and Trans-Atlantic Slave Trades in particular,
2. Apologize unconditionally to people of African descent in Africa, the Americas, Middle East, Europe and elsewhere, on behalf of Africans who collaborated with Slavery in Africa, and the Trans-Saharan and Trans-Atlantic Slave Trades,
3. Resolve to promote repentance of these inhuman and painful experiences of the past and present before God and fellow humans; turning them into valuable lessons for respectful and meaningful engagement of Africans in Africa and the Diaspora, in resisting proactively and passionately from now on all modern forms of Slavery, Discrimination, Neo-Colonialism, Exploitation and Oppression among people of African descent, and all other peoples,

4. Resolve to engage Africans in Africa and the Diaspora in promoting their holistic transformation and common development as a people, based on the vision, values and principles of the Kingdom of God,

5. Resolve to promote peace and intimacy with God; and freedom, justice and oneness among humanity in general, based on the vision, values and principles of the Kingdom of God and for the glory of God!

C. In the light of the above, we as leaders of the African Forum on Religion and Government

are here in Kingston, Jamaica, at the Jamaica Christian Diaspora Conference of 2018, on behalf of Africans in Africa, to apologize unconditionally to you Caribbean Africans, for the contributions of Africans to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in particular. We deeply empathize with all the negative effects of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade on you as a people. We pray for healing and oneness as one people; as we focus our attention, efforts and resources on working together toward a new future that honors God, and promotes human dignity, respect, freedom, justice, transformation and development. We also implore you to respect and celebrate the gallant efforts of our African leaders who resisted the Slave Trades and other forms of oppression, in a good number of cases at the cost of their very lives. We should unite as one people to build on their bravery and sacrifice; working toward a new future of freedom and prosperity under God.

With One Love and One Heart Let's Get Together and Feel Alright!!!

This 10th Day of October 2018

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