

Political organisations unite on Africa Day to champion a prosperous future

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Africans reflecting on unity, resilience, and the path to economic self-sufficiency as political leaders across the continent honour Africa Day.

As millions across Africa came together to commemorate Africa Day on May 25, various political organisations seized the occasion to voice important calls for unity, economic empowerment, and the continued struggle for justice across the continent.

The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), echoing the sentiments of many, characterised Africa Day not only as a celebration but also as a sober reminder of the struggles endured by previous generations in the pursuit of freedom and justice.

“We believe that the future of our continent lies in good governance, the empowerment of its people, economic cooperation, and a collective resolve to overcome poverty, inequality, and conflict,” the party stated.

They reaffirmed their commitment to building a peaceful and united Africa, expressing aspirations to inspire citizens to extend their perspectives beyond borders, cultivating bonds that unite all Africans.

The IFP called on citizens to embrace their shared challenges with renewed determination and to walk with hope towards a future where every African can attain dignity and opportunity. Such sentiments resonate with the fervour of Africa Day, encouraging all to honour both the achievements and memories of those who fought for the continent’s rights.

Similarly, Build One South Africa (BOSA) used this occasion to advocate for a reimagined economic vision rooted in regional integration and self-sufficiency. BOSA highlighted the potential of Africa’s vast population, exceeding 1.4 billion, and its collective GDP, which exceeds \$3 trillion.

“Africa is rich in potential. But to unlock this future, we must first confront two critical truths,” the party declared, emphasising that South Africa’s economy remains disconnected from the continent's full potential.

BOSA's clarion call was particularly centered on addressing South Africa's trade imbalance, which recorded a R16.4 billion deficit in January 2025—raising concern over the persistent export of raw materials only to import costly finished products. To tackle these issues, BOSA proposed three key strategies: diversifying and scaling production, introducing financing for growth, and enhancing trade diplomacy to bolster intra-African trade agreements.

As various organisations reflect on the challenges facing the continent, the Public Servants Association (PSA) marked the 2025 theme of “Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Repatriations”.

The party explains that the theme serves as a poignant opportunity to explore the progress made thus far, while also recognising ongoing struggles. The PSA echoed sentiments of unity and self-reliance, stressing the importance of reducing dependence on foreign aid and boosting intraregional cooperation, which they assert is essential for unlocking Africa’s economic potential.