

DIVERSITY FRIDAY

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AFRICA MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Women empowerment and development towards agenda 2063

Opening the doors of learning and culture from Cape to Cairo



Africa Day

On the 25th of May every year Africa Day is celebrated across Africa. It represents an opportunity for South Africans to reconnect and recommit themselves in support of all government interventions to develop a better Africa and a better world. Africa Day celebrates the day when the Organizations of African Unity (OAU) and the precursor to the African Union (AU) were formed in 1963.

Aims of the African Unity (OAU):

- To acknowledge the progress that we, as Africans, have made while reflecting upon the common challenges we face in a global environment.
- The African Union (AU) comprised of 53 member states, including South Africa, which has brought together the continent of Africa to collectively address the challenges it has faced, such as armed conflict, climate change and poverty.



The beauty of Africans coming together as a Rainbow Nation

Let's use this Africa month as a month to set aside all our cultural differences, beliefs, and norms.

Where you come from, **"Your Up Bringing"** is likely to have an impact on how you associate yourself with other people, i.e. at school, the workplace, church or in the society. Those are some of the differences we need to manage in a more effective way to avoid conflicts that may arise. Change of culture in the corporate environment is one of the mechanisms that needs to be in place. Managers need to be trained in the change management in order for them to manage challenges that may arise in a more effective way.



22Years of democracy down the line South Africa is still experiencing issues of racism and xenophobic attacks.

Xenophobic attacks and racism is still an issue amongst South Africans. We may have won the struggle against the oppressive government but racism is one of the issues we need to put mechanisms in place to eliminate in our societies, schools, and work places. The colour of your skin doesn't make you superior from one another and doesn't declare who you are. **"We need to Unite as Africans, it doesn't matter where you come from or the colour of your skin, if you are from Africa we are brothers and sisters"** we need to hold our hands together and unite against racism this Africa Day.

"We cannot accept that when there are challenges we use violence particularly to our brothers and sisters from the continent."

~ President Jacob Zuma

#xenophobia



Dear South Africa

ONCE WE CRIED FOR THE PAIN CAUSED ON YOU... BUT NOW WE CRY OF THE PAIN YOU CAUSE :(

Mama Africa

Africa...my Africa...

A continent carved out of glory

Enriched with fertile soil on which the world grows

Decked with bronze, embedded with gold, crowned with ivory

The greener pastures land, the land milk flourish and honey flow,

Africa! The land of lands, the mother of the lands

The cradle civilization took its first stand

A land of bounteous harvest: where the rain wet,

And the sunshine nurtures what we sow

Africa...my Africa...

A land where culture, heritage, tradition are ever flowing ripples

A relief for hospitality, a tabernacle for harmony and peace

With people of diverse culture, yet living and united as one people,

Africa! The jewel, God's Golden Fleece

A land harboured by people of great favour and dreams

*A land where **great heroes** were first raised*

A land of hope where smiles and opportunity reflects its dimple!

I AM PROUD TO BE AN AFRICAN.



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