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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Coordination and Advice, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Subject Advisers and Principals of secondary schools

Subject: Request for schools to commemorate Africa Day during the week of 21 to 25 May 2018

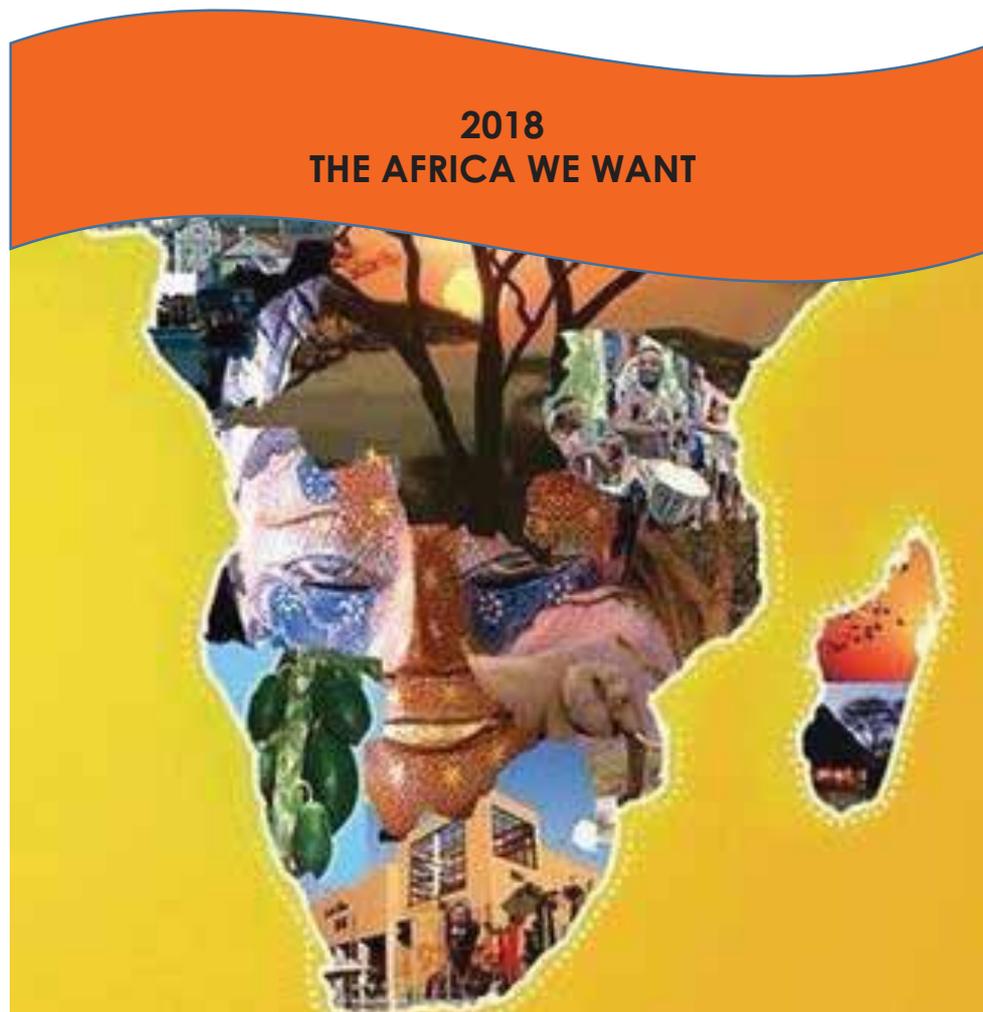
1. The 25th of May is annually commemorated throughout South Africa as "Africa Day".
2. The purpose of commemorating Africa Day is to celebrate African unity and the independence of African countries from colonial powers.
3. This commemoration will provide an opportunity to raise awareness and gain a common understanding of the different cultures, while addressing the root causes of racism in our schools and communities.
4. Principals and teachers are requested to find a suitable time during the week of Africa Day to make learners aware of the significance of this day for all citizens.
5. The following attachments have been included:
 - **Annexure A:** to assist with activities for this day
 - **Annexure B:** a copy of the **African Union (AU) Anthem**
6. The AU Anthem is also available for download from the Western Cape Education Department's website at:
<http://www.wcedcurriculum.westerncape.gov.za/index.php/component/jdownloads/category/2346-africa-day-2018?Itemid=-1>

7. For further information, please contact Bridget Tobin, DCES: History, via email address Bridget.Tobin@westerncape.gov.za or telephone number 021 467 2251.
8. Kindly bring the contents of this minute to the attention of the school management team and the teachers concerned.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

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The African Union's vision stipulated in "Agenda 2063 – The Africa We Want", portrays a picture of a continent marching towards "an Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children".

We aspire that by 2063 Africa will:

- be people-centred and caring;
- put children first;
- have empowered women to play their rightful role in all spheres of life;
- have full gender equality in all spheres of life; and
- have engaged and empowered youth.

- All the **citizens of Africa** will be actively involved in decision making in all aspects. Africa shall be an **inclusive continent** where no child, woman or man will be left behind or excluded on the basis of gender, political affiliation, religion, ethnic affiliation, locality, age or any other factors.
- All the **citizens of Africa** will be actively involved in **decision making** in all aspects of development including social, economic, political and environmental.
- **African women** will be **fully empowered** in all spheres, with equal social, political and economic rights, including the rights to own and inherit property, sign contracts, register and manage businesses. Women in rural areas will have access to productive assets, land, credit, inputs and financial services.
- All forms of **gender-based violence** and **discrimination** (social, economic, political) against women and girls will be **eliminated** and the latter will fully enjoy all their **human rights**. All harmful social practices (especially female genital mutilation and child marriages) will be ended and barriers to quality health care and education for women and girls eliminated.
- Africa of 2063 will have full **gender parity**, with women occupying at least 50% of elected public offices at all levels and half of managerial positions in the public and private sectors. The economic and political glass ceiling that has restricted women's progress will have been shattered.
- **African children** will be empowered through the full implementation of the African Charter on the Rights of the Child.
- The **youth of Africa** will be socially, economically and politically **empowered** through the full implementation of the African Youth Charter.
- Africa will be a **continent** where the talent of children and the youth will be **fully developed**, rewarded and protected for the benefit of society.
- All forms of **systemic inequalities**, exploitation, marginalisation and discrimination of young people will be eliminated and youth issues will be mainstreamed in all development agendas.
- **Youth unemployment** will be eliminated, and Africa's youth guaranteed full access to **education, training, skills and technology, health services, jobs and economic opportunities, recreational and cultural activities** as well as financial means and all necessary resources to allow them to realise their full potential.
- **Young African men and women** will be the path-breakers of the African knowledge society and will contribute significantly to innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The **creativity, energy and innovation of Africa's youth** shall be the driving force behind the continent's political, social, cultural and economic transformation.

Source: AGENDA 2063: THE AFRICA WE WANT

<http://www.un.org/en/africa/osaa/pdf/au/agenda2063.pdf>

Our focus for 2018:

- Africa's young people are an enormous resource for the continent's development.
- We celebrate Africa Day by highlighting the African way of life, culture, art, the gift of music and Africa's love for bright colours.

Resources on the website:

The Africa I Want: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua-TAlUqAVc>

The African Union Anthem

Suggested activities:

- Discussions and debates about why we celebrate Africa Day.
- How can we ensure the “Africa we want”?
- What are our roles and responsibilities as teachers and learners in ensuring the “Africa we want”?
- Celebrate the African way of life, culture, art, the gift of music and Africa's love for bright colours.
- Exhibit and showcase the learners' talents and interpretation of the “Africa we want” through song, dance and fashion.
- Recite African poems and read short stories.



AFRICAN UNION ANTHEM

1. Let us all unite and celebrate together

The victories won for our liberation

Let us dedicate ourselves to rise together

To defend our liberty and unity

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

2. Let us all unite and sing together

To uphold the bonds that frames our destiny

Let us dedicate ourselves to fight together

For lasting peace and justice on earth

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

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3. Let us all unite and work together

To uphold the rights and fight the course of freedom

Let us dedicate ourselves to work together

To build up our strength in unity and peace

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

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4. Let us all unite and toil together

To give the best we have to Africa

The cradle of mankind and fount of culture

Our pride and hope at break of dawn.

O Sons and Daughters of Africa

Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky

Let us make Africa the Tree of Life