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Commemorating Africa–CARICOM Day 2025

On 7 September 2025, Africa and the Caribbean reaffirmed their shared vision of unity, justice, and transformation through the observance of Africa–CARICOM Day. Though the day has passed, its message endures: our histories are deeply interwoven, and our collective future rests on solidarity and partnership.

This year's theme, *'Transcontinental Partnership in Pursuit of Reparatory Justice for Africans and People of African Descent through Reparations,'* challenges us to strengthen bonds between Africa and the Caribbean and to pursue justice for communities across the African diaspora. Africa–CARICOM Day is not merely symbolic; it is a call to action, reminding us of our responsibility to advance reparatory justice, promote cultural exchange, and build a sustainable future grounded in dignity and equity.

The African Union's designation of 2025 as the 'Year of Reparations and African Heritage,' together with the planned 'Decade of Action on Reparations and African Heritage' (2026–2036), signals a renewed, global effort to celebrate, advocate for, and mobilise Africans and people of African descent worldwide.

At the PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy, we stand with leaders, scholars, and communities across the globe in reaffirming this mission. We recognise that reparatory justice is both a moral imperative and a pathway to meaningful development. By working together, we can bridge the divides created by history, create new opportunities for collaboration, and ensure that the legacies of Africa and the Caribbean are celebrated and elevated.

Each year, 7 September and the spirit of Africa–CARICOM Day must inspire us to act daily—through advocacy, education, and research—in the service of a truly united Global Africa.