



## **African Day Celebration and the African Solidarity Caravan Launch**

**A series of events: All Media Invited**

**20 May 2014**

**Public Dialogue: Reflections on 20 years of Democracy in South Africa; Lessons for Struggles Around the Continent, Thursday 22 May Yeoville Recreation Centre, 9am-3pm**

**African Solidarity Caravan Launch: Building and Sustaining the African Renaissance Vision, Friday -23, Yeoville Recreation Centre, 10am-1pm**

**Africa Day Public Cultural Festival: Reflections and Celebration of the African Day of Liberation, Sunday 25 May, Open field, Cnr Bedford Rd and Hunter Street, Yeoville, 9am-5pm**

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The ACTION Support Centre, through its initiative the Proudly African Campaign would like to invite all the media to a series of events to be held in Yeoville to Launch the African Solidarity Caravan. These include a Public Dialogue on 22 May, the Caravan Launch on 23 May, and a Public Street Festival on 25 May.

The events seek to deepen a culture of Pan-African people-to-people solidarity, including building and sustaining connections between all Africans, leaders at all level, conflict transformation, peacebuilding and solidarity activists from across the world, through the exchange of creative and innovative ideas, knowledge, information, skills and experience.

The Public Dialogue will bring together leaders, grassroots activists and individuals from across the continent to reflect and discuss contemporary socio-economic and political issues. This will also involve developing strategies to address Africa's numerous challenges and finding practical ways of tapping into the potential for the re-awakening of Africa.

The celebration of 20 years of democracy in South Africa offers an opportunity to reflect and draw lessons that can begin to inform and shape struggles for freedom around the continent and the rest of the world. It will also be an opportunity to make a clarion call for the immediate release of the 200 or more Nigerian girls abducted, and all political activists imprisoned in Swaziland.

The official launch of the African Solidarity Caravan will mark the beginning of a series of events that will be hosted by local network across the continent, culminating in a Peace and Human Security Festival that will engage the Africa Union through the Chair Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma. This will also include a submission of a People's Declaration, outlining the urgent needs of the African people.

The Public Street Festival will include live performances from local artists, poetry, drama, traditional dances, music, great African food, solidarity speeches, keynote address and many other forms of revelry.

The ACTION Support Centre is the Africa's regional hub of a global network of individuals, organisations, movements and networks that are committed to positive action to transform conflict.

The Proudly African Campaign seeks to ignite exchange and implementation of creative and innovative knowledge, ideas, skills and experience that contribute to the Renaissance of Africa.

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