

**THE PANAFEST FOUNDATION GHANA
THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST,
AND PAN AFRICAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Proudly Announce
THE PANAFEST INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM 2025

CALL FOR **PAPERS**

Date: Monday July 28th – Wednesday July 30th, 2025
Venue: University of Cape Coast, Ghana, & in Virtual Space

Theme: **Let Us Speak of Reparative Justice
– Pan African Artistic Activism**



PANAFEST: The Pan African Arts Festival, originally known as the Pan African Historical Theatre Festival, is a landmark biennial event proudly initiated in Ghana for all Africans in the spirit of Re-Uniting the African Family, Pan Africanism and the African Renaissance. Celebrated without interruption since 1992, the festival seeks to reach across centuries and distances, to reach Africans wherever they may be, whether at home on the continent or in the Diaspora, to transform the humiliating narratives of shame and suffering into healing statements of strength, resilience, resistance and the victory of balanced living. Part of this renewing and humanizing narrative is reiterated at every PANAFEST through thought-provoking presentations at a colloquium that promotes dialogue, the sharing of life-affirming knowledge and the creation of consensus around vital issues for the global African community. Over the years, we have seen scholarly presentations, forward-moving discussions, exhibitions and artistic performances that reflect the vibrancy of the African spirit and the ingenuity of the African personality. The 2025 edition of the PANAFEST reaffirms the paramount role of creatives in African communities and the difference made by the artistic activism in the struggle for Pan African emancipation from the ancient keepers of our sacred rites both in the Homeland and the Diaspora to the unforgettable power of South African freedom songs, the searing consciousness of Reggae masters, the youthful passion of our Spoken Word artists, the haunting murals and carvings of visual artists and the stirring stories of our writers and griots. The call for Reparative Justice is ringing in the corridors of our political leadership as CARRICOM and the AU but has it reached the hearts and minds of our people? The colloquium will provide the opportunity to Speak out on Reparatory Justice for who but we must reach down to the roots of the trauma perpetuated against Africa and her people and carefully determine the pathways to Reparative Justice.

THE CALL FOR PAPERS (CFP)

Proposals are invited for paper presentations, panels, poster presentations, exhibitions and short performances that speak to the theme of this year's PANAFEST. Sub-themes include, but are not limited, to the following:

- The prerequisites for Reparative Justice
- Reparations: confronting the push back
- Repatriation of cultural heirlooms challenges and mitigation
- Reparations: The Journey So Far, and the Way Forward.
- A deep dive into Caribbean initiatives on Reparations
- Reassessing PANAFEST and the vision of Efua Sutherland
- Activism and the arts : A Pan Africanist Perspective
- Making it make sense: The Reparation movement and African Youth
- Repatriation: Visit, Connect and Live – Challenges and solutions
- Securing Africa's Wealth: Potentials of African Continental Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)
- The International Decade for People of African Descent: An Assessment
- United Africa: Global African Spiritual, Cultural, and Economic Interconnections
- Our Historical Narrative: Unearthing Tangible and Intangible Cultures of African Communities
- The arts, technology and visions of the African future

Please send abstracts of your proposed paper, panel, exhibition or performance as MSWord attachments to The PANAFEST Colloquium Committee at:

panafestcolloquium@ucc.edu. IS THIS STILL VALID?

Length of Abstract – Not more than 300 words

Please use Times New Roman, 12 point font and double spaced

Deadline for abstracts: June 10th 2025

We plan to publish peer-reviewed full papers after the colloquium. Therefore, we recommend the use of the latest MLA and APA styles.

REGISTRATION

Please visit our webpage <http://www.ucc.edu.gh/panafestcolloquium> and download a registration form, or send a request via the email address below. Fill out the form and return to us as an attachment.

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