



*Programme of Activities  
For*

# PANAFEST

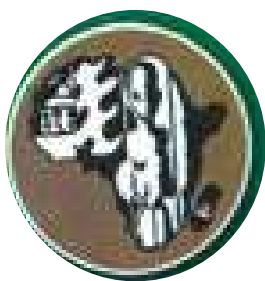
*& Emancipation Day 2025*

*Theme:*

**“LET US SPEAK OF REPARATIVE JUSTICE  
- PAN AFRICAN ARTISTIC ACTIVISM”**

**18th July- 2nd August 2025**





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**Draft Programme**

DAY/DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Thurs.- Sun.	<b>Travel to Tamale</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Slave Route Pilgrimage	Pikworo, Paga Salaga; Tamale, Bono Manso; Assin Praso
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Salaga Atonement ceremonies	Salaga
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening Lecture in Tamale	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Travel to Upper East and Pikworo Durbar	Pikworo Durbar
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Return Journey with a stop at Bono Manso	Bono Manso
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Assin Manso stopover and a Courtesy call on Nananon & Elders Return Accra	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b><i>Free Day/Arrivals</i></b>	
Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<p>➤ Wreath Laying  “Rekindling the Emancipation Agenda”</p> <p>(Speech by Special Guest, Spoken word and  enactment with Diaspora Expressions,  Performance)</p> <p>➤ Mini Pan African Market</p> <p>➤ Creative Explosion  Concert  Africa Leads, The World follows  Part I  Dedication to fallen musical greats  Part II  Old Story time  Part III  South African Freedom Songs  Reggae ;  Conscious Hip hop and Afrobeats  Fashion -African Designers</p>	<p>W.E.B. DuBois Centre  George Padmore Library  Nkrumah Memorial</p> <p>Nkrumah Memorial</p> <p>National Theatre</p>
7pm -10pm		
Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Travel Day a) Assin Praso Crossing Ceremonies and proceed to Cape Coast  b) Proceed to Cape Coast.	
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> July Early Morning	➤ Wellness Session  Official Opening	Cape Coast/Elmina Designated Routes Cape Coast

Late Morning.	Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procession -Traditional performances</li> <li>- Short excerpts</li> <li>- official speeches</li> <li>- Efirimu ceremony</li> <li>- Opening by HE the President of the Republic of Ghana</li> </ul>	Durbar Grounds
Evening	Concert: <i>Africa Leads, The World Follows</i> <b>Part II</b> Featuring Music. African Fashion	
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> July Early Morning Mid-Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wellness Session</li> <li>➤ African Spirituality and Interfaith Dialogue</li> </ul> <p>Theme “ <i>Celebrating the Courage to Stand for Our People</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Optional Visits to Sites of interest</li> <li>➤ An Evening of Sacred Music and Dance</li> </ul>	Cape Coast/Elmina  Cape Coast
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup> July  9.30am-1pm   2pm -4.30 pm  6.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Colloquium</li> </ul> <p>Opening Plenary Official speeches and Solidarity Messages by Partners. Performance interludes Keynote Speech</p> <p>Parallel Panel Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Evening Performances</li> </ul> <p>The Power of Theatre Dedicated to Efua Sutherland</p>	UCC     Expo Grounds and CNC
Tues. 29 <sup>th</sup> July  Early morning  9.30am-.3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wellness Session</li> <li>➤ Colloquium Theme: <i>Telling our Own Stories</i></li> <li>➤ Artists Workshops</li> <li>➤ Evening Performances</li> <li>➤ Film Night</li> <li>➤ <b>“By the Fire Side Chat”</b> (Traditional Story Telling- Changing the Narrative)</li> </ul>	Cape Coast/Elmina  UCC  CNC  Expo Grounds CNC
Wed.30 <sup>th</sup> July  9.30- 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Colloquium</li> <li>- Youth Day</li> </ul> <p>Panel Discussions Intergenerational Conversations on</p>	UCC

12,30pm to Evening	<p>tapping into the power of African Youth United Worldwide.</p> <p>- Closing Plenary Reading of Communique on <i>Youthful Vision of the Future of Reparative Justice</i>.</p> <p>Pan African Food Fair</p> <p>Artists Workshops (Music / Dance/Art)</p> <p>Evening Performance <b><i>Tomorrow People: Young, Gifted and Black</i></b></p>	<p>Expo Grounds</p> <p>Expo Grounds</p> <p>Expo Grounds/ CNC</p>
<p>Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> July</p> <p>9.30 am-2pm</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>9 pm -</p>	<p>➤ Women's Day Theme: <i>African Women Leading Society beyond Survival to Reparative Justice</i> -Keynote : Efua Sutherland, Why PANAFEST? Story telling on African Sheroes and cultural retentions. Focus groups: Building Bridges Performances by women artist/activists</p> <p>➤ Reverential Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Candlelight procesion</li> <li>- Sacred Dungeon rites</li> <li>- Song ,Poetry, inspirational speeches, reenactments,</li> <li>- Ancestral roll call (honour roll: eg. Centenaries</li> <li>- Emancipation Declaration</li> </ul>	<p>CNC</p> <p>Mfantshipim Junction to Cape Coast Dungeons</p> <p>Cape Coast Dungeon and Court Yard</p>
Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> August	<p><b>Emancipation Day</b> Early rites at Nnoko Nsuo</p> <p>Emancipation Gathering of the People[Durbar] Official statements, Diaspora Expresssion. Traditional Royal and Militia displays.</p> <p>Post Durbar Rites at Nnko Nsuo.</p> <p>Festival Finale Carnaval Parade</p>	<p>Assin Manso</p> <p>Cape Coast Streets, and multiple partner venues</p>