



# AFRICA UNITE



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Greetings,

February 2005 marks a significant date in the lives of Africans at home and abroad as we gather in Ethiopia to celebrate the life of the Honor Rebel Robert "Bob" Nesta Marley on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 6. It is fortuitous that the month will also celebrate Black History Month as we come together in music, dance, history and dialogue

As part of the month-long celebrations, the events of February 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> revolve around the Symposium, a bringing together of youth, artists, artistes, academics and social activists to discuss themes derived from Bob Marley's well-loved songs, and reflecting the social, economic, political and psychological struggles of our peoples over the years. The Symposium focuses on the themes of Africa Unite, No Woman No Cry and Redemption Song featuring presentations and discussions by eminent invitees including Professor Wangari Maathai, Graca Machel, Danny Glover and Malangatana. During the Symposium Rita Marley will perform readings from her fascinating and revealing book "No Woman Nuh Cry: My life with Bob Marley".

We, of AU, UNICEF, ECA, WB and the Bob Marley and Rita Marley Foundations therefore take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of this historic occasion, sharing with us your vast knowledge of the continent and her peoples. We would be honored if you would consider being there for the Symposium or even if you could take part in the opening ceremonies.

The entire programme is intense. We would therefore ask if you would refer to our site [www.bobmarleyfoundation.org/africaunite](http://www.bobmarleyfoundation.org/africaunite) that highlights the full range of events planned for February. If you are interested in attending the symposium or sponsoring participants to it please follow the [Events Schedule](#) link on the above site to get a flavour of the exciting events planned for the 3 days as well as [Application/Registration](#) forms required for attendance. Prospective attendees may also email [nabdulkafur@unicef.org](mailto:nabdulkafur@unicef.org) for additional logistical support.

Best regards,

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On behalf of the Africa Unite Symposium Partners