



Joint Statement from AfaLab and Reform Initiatives

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Forging a Transnational Partnership for Reparative Justice in Europe and Africa

As we embrace the new year, it is with great enthusiasm that we, **African Futures Lab** (AfaLab) and **Reform Initiatives**, announce that we have signed a partnership agreement.

We believe in the importance of transnational partnerships and coalitions in the fight for reparative justice against global racial injustices. This collaboration is a natural progression of our shared goals and commitment.

Our collective aim is to propel the conversation on reparatory justice to the forefront of public debates in both Africa and Europe.

We are dedicated to co-creating and co-implementing joint research and advocacy projects, as well as organizing significant events and dialogues in both continents.

Through these initiatives, we will provide comprehensive policy and technical support, engage in prolific knowledge production, and contribute to narrative building that echoes our mission.

The synergy between AfaLab and Reform Initiatives is poised to significantly enhance the impact of our work. By combining our efforts, we bring a unique and powerful transcontinental perspective to the discourse on reparations, ensuring that our work resonates across Africa and Europe.

We invite our communities to stay engaged with our journey, follow our upcoming projects, and consider joining us in this transformative partnership.

About AfaLab:

*The African Futures Lab is an international organization pursuing the recognition and the reparation of past and contemporary structural racial inequalities through the development of rigorous and empirically grounded knowledge and the support of civil society across Africa and Europe. It was co-founded by **Dr Amah Edoh**, a cultural anthropologist whose research focuses on the production of knowledge about Africa, and **Dr Lilliane Umubyeyi**, a Rule of Law and Access to Justice researcher and practitioner.*

About Reform Initiatives:

*Reform Initiatives is a pan-African think tank whose mission includes advancing African discourses on reparatory justice, human rights, and democracy on the continent. It was founded by **Makmid Kamara**, a human rights campaigner, researcher, and development communications practitioner with almost twenty years of experience working with national and international development and human rights organizations in Africa and the United Kingdom.*