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TO VALORIZE AFRICAN LIBERATION HERITAGE
(Item Proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania)**

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1. The African Liberation Heritage Programme (ALHP) is an acknowledgement of the importance of liberation movements to the process of decolonization of the continent. The Programme is based on the fact that a significant aspect of the history of the struggles for independence in Africa stands to be lost unless it is collected, documented and made accessible to the public. In this regard, the programme endeavors to collect, document, conserve and commemorate the mosaic of Africa's heritage accumulated during the struggles for independence. It also aims at recognizing the role of African people and institutions in the attainment of independence of the continent.

2. The programme has three main objectives:

- i) To galvanize and sustain research into the African liberation heritage with a view to establishing the diversity of heritage resources in the continent;
- ii) To develop processes and identify means of valorizing the heritage of African roads to independence and foster ownership of the liberation heritage among all stakeholders in the programme area; and
- iii) To build the capacity of heritage professional in the strategic management and presentation of Africa's liberation heritage.

3. The components of this programme have dual dimensions, the continental and national levels. At the continental level, the programme envisages to have a museum, library, archives, research centre and multi-media facility. At the national level, a similar approach of one stop heritage resource centre may be applied.

4. The continental level shall be the operational arm of the Programme. In this connection, the Programme shall put in place three organs to ensure African ownership, good governance, financial accountability as well as thematic and intellectual accountability. The proposed organs are:

- **The Board of Trustees**, which will consist of members with impeccable records and moral integrity in the liberation struggles or proven leadership in African development issues;
- **The National Chapters**, which will serve as the operational arms of the continental centre at the national level. The composition of its members shall reflect the diversity of interested parties and stakeholders of liberation heritage;

- **A Secretariat** composed of Heads of Divisions and to be headed by an Executive Secretary.

5. As indicated above, this Programme shall be an African undertaking and therefore its sustainability shall primarily depend on the support from the African governments and institutions. In this regard, the Trust Fund shall be established to finance the core components of the Programme. The Fund is envisaged to receive contributions from the African governments, the African Union, the United Nations, the African regional economic communities, the African Diaspora Organizations, civil societies and private sectors.

6. A conservative estimates prepared in 2007 showed that the cost for this programme for initial five-year period, amounts to USD 14,967,652. The activities to be undertaken include the capital investment aspects of it covering architectural design, construction and tooling of infrastructure and salaries of staff. It is worth noting that the budget excludes contributions in kind, which is expected to be made by the host government such as land and office space.

7. This multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary programme has been a subject of discussion for several years. In October 2005 Tanzania and eleven other countries (Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe) presented Draft Resolution 29 to the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO. The Draft Resolution was approved by the General Conference. At the continental level, there have been two major briefings. In October 2008, during the 2nd Conference of the African Union Ministers of Culture held in Algiers, Algeria, the Minister of Culture of the United Republic of Tanzania briefed his counterparts on the Programme. In November 2009, the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Cluster briefed the 2nd Pan-African Cultural Congress of the African Union on the same.

8. From all these conferences, what came clear was that Many African countries have shown interests in the programme and are ready to take part. The tremendous shown by different countries in the programme is indicative of the fact that the matter at hand is important and in need of urgent attention. In this connection, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is submitting this proposal to the Assembly to request the Heads of State and Government to adopt a decision which will establish the African Liberation Heritage Programme (ALHP), with the Headquarters in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

9. Tanzania's request to host the programme is based on the following reasons: First, Tanzania was the base for the African Liberation Committee which was established by the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1964 and dissolved in 1994 when South Africa achieved its independence. The Archives of that Committee serve as a critical resource to start with.

10. Secondly, through Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's leadership Tanzania was the material, political and philosophical base for many liberation movements.

11. Thirdly, from September 2005, UNDP supported preparatory phase, the purpose of which is to finalise the project document, provide initial research impetus and instigate fundraising for the Programme. One of the outcomes of the preparatory activities is the consideration of the geographic scope of the programme.

12. Fourthly, Tanzania is recognized in her role as custodian of many tangible and intangible heritage resources which provides an important dimension to this programme. Tanzania already has substantial experience in the development of heritage resources being home to some world's unique cultural heritage sites which are on the UNESCO World Heritage List such as the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara, as well as the Stone Town of Zanzibar.

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 2007 – 2011

13. The Programme – cycle will be for a five year period was supposed to commence from January 2007 to December 2011. Except for items 3 (a) and 4 (a) and (b), that cover the full cycle of the Programme, the salaries are for 39 months i.e., from the time the regional infrastructure is in place.

BUDGET LINE ITEM	QUANTITY	COST IN US DOLLARS
1. Infrastructure		
Museum (incorporating multi-media facility)	1	1,760,084
Library	1	850,000
Archives	1	553,000
Research Centre	1	344,416
10% Contingency		350,750
Sub total		3,858,250
2. Equipment		
(a) Vehicles (s)	5	200,000
(b) Computers (desk-top)	40	60,000
(c) Lap-top Computers	6	12,000
(d) Multimedia Cameras	5	10,000
(e) Multipurpose photocopiers (with scanner facility)	10	50,000
(f) Software (GIS, multimedia)	2	6,000
Sub-total		338,000
3. Permanent Staff of Regional Centre		
(a) Office of the Executive Director		
Executive Director	1	311,752
Chief Accountant	1	194,345
Accountant	2	289,440
Senior Secretary	1	91,440
Driver	2	98,886
Sub-total		640,831
(b) Museum Staff		
Chief Curator	1	165,828

Senior Curator	1	136,851
Curator	2	203,814
Conservator	1	101,907
Exhibition Officer	2	203,814
Exhibition Technicians	2	203,814
Education Officer	3	305,721
Secretary	1	49,452
Driver/Messenger	1	29,052
Hall Attendant	4	148,176
Security Guards.	5	157,365
Sub-total		1,740,621
(c) <u>Library Staff</u>		
Chief Librarian	1	165,828
Senior Librarians	3	410,553
Librarians	2	203,814
Library Assistants	4	341,016
Secretary	1	49,452
Driver	1	34,827
Sub-total		1,205,490
(d) <u>Archives Staff</u>		
Chief Archivist	1	165,825
Archivists	3	305,721
Conservators	2	203,814
Records Management Assistant	2	170,508
Secretary	1	49,452
Driver	1	34,827
Sub-total		930,147
(e) <u>Research Centre Staff</u>		
Principal Research Fellow (Co-ordinator)	1	151,047
Research Fellows	210 Person months	642,120
Sub-total		783,167
(f) <u>Multi-media facility Staff</u>		
Facility Manager	1	151,047
Multimedia Technicians	2	157,392
Itinerant film-makers, performers, writers, musicians, fine artists from participating countries.	360 Person months	940,680
Sub-total		1,249,119
4. International Staff (non-permanent)		
a) Senior Technical Advisor	1	600,000
b) Programme Officers	2	624,120
Sub-total		1,224,120
5. Consultants		
•Conservation Experts		
•Archive Experts		
•Museum Experts	72 person	278,856

•ICT Experts •Fundraising Experts •Management Experts	months	
Sub-total		278,856
6. Meeting and Seminars		
(a) Meeting of International Steering Committee	5	150,000
(b) Meetings of the Board of Trustees	5	100,000
(c) Meetings of the Advisory Board	5	100,000
Sub-total		350,000
7. Staff Travel		
(a) Inter-Africa Missions	15	275,000
(b) External Missions	10	110,000
Sub-total		385,000
8. Consumables		
(a) Fuel		180,000
(b) Stationery		720,000
(c) Utilities (water, electricity and telephones)		200,000
Sub-total		1,100,000
Total of Items No.2-8		10,580,383
5% Contingency on items No. 2-8		<u>529,019</u>
Sub Total		11,109,402
Add item No. 1 (Cost of infrastructure)		3,858,250
TOTAL BUDGET		<u>14,967,652</u>

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