25 May



On 25 May 1963, Africa made history with the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) the precursor to the African Union (AU).

Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU now the AU) from its creation on May 25, 1963, in the fight against colonialism and apartheid, as well as the progress that Africa has made while reflecting upon the common challenges that the continent faces in a global environment.

Create, maintain and increase awareness for the public at large on the theme of the year 2018, as well as create African Unity through activities such as bazaars to showcase African cultural diversity in various aspects.

South Africa will mark Africa Month and Africa Day in May 2020, along with the rest of the continent. The month is an opportunity to promote African unity, deeper regional integration and recommit Africa to a common destiny.

Planned activities over the month will culminate with Africa Day celebrations on 25 May 2019. The annual commemoration of Africa Day marks the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963.

This year's celebrations will happen virtually and online due to the massive impact of COVID-19 on the continent and the world under the theme: SilencingTheGuns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development and Intensifying the Fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Event Category: Commemorative events