



Porto-Novo Declaration

Approved by the conference participants on 20th September 2018 at the Musée da Silva,
Porto-Novo, Republic of Benin

We the delegates of the International Colloquium, 'Returning to Source: Reparatory Justice for the Enslavement of Afrikan People', gathered in Porto-Novo, Republic of Benin, September 19-21, 2018, under the distinguished patronage of his majesty, Kpoto-Zounme Hakpon III of Porto-Novo, resolve that:

The advancement of the global movement for reparatory justice and cultural regeneration in Afrika, in the diaspora, and everywhere that Afrikans have been enslaved and where their descendants continue to suffer harm as a consequence of chattel slavery and colonization, requires the active participation of Afrikan states and their political and diplomatic leadership.

We call upon Afrikan states and their diplomatic leadership to join with civil society in order to formulate policies and establish operational committees, in order to institutionalize and advocate the claim for reparatory justice from those countries that implemented the criminal globalization of chattel enslavement of Afrikans, according to the principles of international law and the provisions of the United Nations within the International Decade of People of African Descent.

Signed by his majesty Kpoto-Zounme Hakpon III of Porto-Novo on behalf of the Haut Conseil
des Rois du Bénin on [ADD DATE] 20/09/18



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