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ADVOCATES, MPS AND STAKEHOLDERS GATHER IN LONDON AS REPARATIONS CONFERENCE CALLS FOR PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

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> **“We must come together, all of us, to address this particular wound, this crime against humanity which has contemporary consequences, contemporary manifestations.”**
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> **– FORMER ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES PRIME MINISTER RALPH GONSALVES**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Afrikan Reparations, chaired by UK MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy, hosted its annual UK Reparations Conference in London on 17 October under the theme “From Resolution to Repair”. Speakers included Ghana’s Foreign Minister Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Barbados’s Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, UK MP Diane Abbott, Lord Marvin Rees, and former Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines and Senior Advisor/Elder to The Repair Campaign Dr. Ralph Gonsalves.

The conference built on growing international efforts to translate commitment to reparatory justice into action. Breakout sessions explored practical approaches of organising for reparatory justice. In its closing statement, the conference called on the APPG to establish an All-Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth and Reparatory Justice.

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KING CHARLES III ARRIVES IN THE CARIBBEAN AHEAD OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT CHOGM

BRITAIN'S KING CHARLES III IS ESCORTED BY STUDENTS AS HE LEAVES THE FUTURE BAHAMAS YOUTH RALLY AND EXHIBITION AT CLIFFORD PARK IN NASSAU, BAHAMAS, TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 2026. (AP PHOTO/TIM AYLEN)

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) comes to the Caribbean in November 2026 for the first time since 2009.

Under the theme "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth", 56 member nations will gather in St John's, Antigua and Barbuda, from 1–4 November 2026, and it is widely accepted that the subject of reparatory justice and a demand for an apology from the UK Government will be central to the discussions amongst heads of government in attendance.

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KING CHARLES TO ADDRESS SLAVERY'S LEGACY AT CHOGM 2026 AS REPARATORY JUSTICE GROUPS PUSH FOR APOLOGY

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King Charles is on a nine-day Caribbean tour that ends in Antigua and Barbuda, where he will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from 1–4 November. Buckingham Palace has said he will not shy away from the legacy of slavery, but will not apologise, stating that such questions are a matter for governments. The UK government has reportedly advised against a formal apology.

Caribbean leaders, advocates and reparations commissions say expressions of sorrow are not enough, and continue to call for a full formal apology.

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HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH: EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS FALLING SHORT ON REPARATORY JUSTICE

In an article published on 14 October, Human Rights Watch criticised European governments for failing to meaningfully address the enduring harms of enslavement and colonialism. The organisation highlighted the gap between governments' stated commitments to tackling racism and their willingness to pursue meaningful reparatory justice.

It notes the repeated abstention of the UK and several EU states in the March UN General Assembly resolution declaring the trade a "crime against humanity" and the October 2026 vote calling for concrete action against systemic racism.

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KING CHARLES REFERS JAMAICA'S SLAVERY REPARATIONS PETITION TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Jamaica's Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Olivia Grange, announced on 22 September that King Charles III has referred Jamaica's slavery reparations petition to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The petition, filed on 7 September 2026 on behalf of the people of Jamaica, asks the King, as head of state, to seek an advisory opinion on three questions: whether the enslavement of Africans in Jamaica was lawful under English common law, whether it breached international law, and whether the UK has a legal obligation to provide a remedy. Jamaica is now awaiting directions from the Privy Council on next steps.

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JAMAICA: PRIME MINISTER HOLNESS REAFFIRMS REPARATORY JUSTICE COMMITMENT IN NATIONAL HEROES DAY ADDRESS

In his National Heroes Day address on 19 October, Prime Minister Andrew Holness highlighted reparatory justice, recovery from Hurricane Melissa and the work of the National Reconstruction and Resilience Authority (NaRRA) as key national priorities.

He reaffirmed Jamaica's call for reparatory justice for the historical injustices of slavery, referencing the country's petition to King Charles III while stressing that pursuing reparations does not remove Jamaica's responsibility to build its own prosperity.

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UNESCO LAUNCHES REPARATORY JUSTICE TOOLKIT AT 5TH GLOBAL FORUM AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

The fifth UNESCO Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination is taking place from 28–30 October in The Hague, the Netherlands. Co-organised with the Kingdom of the Netherlands and its National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism, the Forum brings together advocates, leading experts and community voices to turn commitments into concrete action for racial justice.

Highlights include the presentation of the UNESCO Reparatory Justice Toolkit, efforts to strengthen the Global Alliance against Racism and Discrimination, and coordinated global action on historical injustices and intersecting forms of discrimination.

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UN HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLS FOR REPARATORY JUSTICE TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC RACISM

“Reparatory justice… involves exposing

and coming to terms with the truth of our common history." – Volker Türk

Speaking at a high-level dialogue on 8 October 2026, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, argued that reparatory justice can help dismantle the structural foundations of systemic racism. Türk stated that the legacies of enslavement, colonialism and racial exploitation continue to shape today's inequalities, and that genuine reparatory justice is essential to addressing these inequalities.

He acknowledged steps taken by some governments and institutions, including formal apologies, memorialisation initiatives, and efforts to confront historical injustices. However, he stressed that meaningful reparatory justice requires a comprehensive approach combining acknowledgement, restitution, compensation, education, and measures to prevent future harm.

Türk concluded by framing reparations not as a burden but as a collective investment in more equal, dignified societies, and urged states to act at national and international levels.