

## **Only a Unified Africa Can Give Us Our Fullest Power: A Commentary by and Interview with Mafa Kwanisai Mafa**

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Editor's note: The following interview is based on a request by Mafa Kwanisai Mafa to have the following commentary published. I responded, suggesting that an interview may better serve the purpose. Thus his commentary is presented first, and afterwards, I begin the interview. Mafa Kwanisai Mafa (cdemafa@gmail.com) is a Pan-Africanist activist and writer based at the Midlands State University in Zimbabwe, he was born in Gweru, Zimbabwe in 1975. He grew up in the dusty township of Mkoba in Gweru (Zimbabwe). He has a background of Library, Information and Media. Inspired by Malcolm X, Che Guevera and Kwame Nkrumah he became an adernt advocate of Pan Africanism and anti-imperialist struggles from tertiary college up to date. He is a former student leader .He has founded the Zimbabwe Pan Africanist Youth Agenda . He has appeared on scores of local , continental and diasporan radio and television programs speaking about the Zimbabwe Land Question and the contemporary struggles against imperialist machinations.

He works with many Pan Africanist movements in his country, southern Africa, on the continent and globally. He is also an official representative of Zimbabwe on some Global Pan Africanist organisations .He also professes to a keen interest in anthropology, natural history, linguistics, African history, social justice, environmental issues, education and world peace. He is also developing a keen interest in writing, photography and film-making. He believes passionately in the economic and cultural advancement of African people, he believes the two are inseparable and calls for greater African ownership of African images and commodities related to African people. He encourages greater investment of the African Diaspora in the continent of Africa and the cutting of dependency from outside of Africa's cultural borders.