ABSTRACT

PAN-AFRICANISM IN THE NEW GLOBAL CONJUNCTURE:
HAS THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CAPITAL
RENDERED THIS CONCEPT IRRELEVANT?

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The ideas of the leading theoreticians of Pan-Africanism have weathered the passage of time. The logic in their ideas still has great utility to Africa and Africans in this conjuncture of capitalist internationalization. Historically, in the major waves of capitalist internationalization the Pan-African impulse has always been triggered as a defensive mechanism, since Africa and Africans have always been severely disadvantaged during the major waves, of capitalist expansionism. This thesis is cognizant of Africa's marginal position in the new international Division of Labour and Power. Therefore, Africa needs to look for Pan-African solutions given her present predicament and the prevailing economic climate. This thesis recognizes that the neo-liberal orthodoxy, the handmaiden of capitalist expansionism, has been savaging Africa and Global Africans through their structural adjustment programmes, and the dictatorship of market ideology. Therefore, this thesis seeks to update and enlarge the ideas of the Pan-Africanist to deal with the present challenges facing Global Africans. The central argument of the study is that only a self-reliant neo-Pan-African approach can bring sustainable development to Africa and Africans resulting in Africa's renewal and transformation.