

International Republican Socialist Network Statement on the AAWRU 30th Anniversary

To the All African Women's Revolutionary Union and All-African People's Revolutionary Party

From the International Republican Socialist Network

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The International Republican Socialist Network sends its congratulations and solidarity to our sisters in the All African Women's Revolutionary Union on the 30th anniversary of their founding. When those of us who founded the IRSN were members of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, we worked with the AAWRU, and have continued that relationship in the IRSN.

We recognize and salute the many things the AAWRU has done in the thirty years of its existence, from building the Miriam Makeba hospital and agricultural projects in Africa to simply providing a safe place for women comrades to study revolution. Big and small, all victories are victories for the masses and defeats for capitalism.

Irish socialist revolutionary James Connolly wrote, "The worker is the slave of capitalist society, the female worker is the slave of that slave." This is similar to the triple oppression African women face and struggle against. Women play an important role in revolutionary struggles the world over, and no less so in the struggle both in Africa and in the African diaspora. Women fighting against colonialism, neo-colonialism, and capitalism have more to win and less to lose, and therefore are many times stronger than men who may seek negotiations with the oppressors.

We salute our sister comrades of the All African Women's Revolutionary Union, and again congratulate them on 30 years of struggle. We know the struggle for a pan-African socialist Africa continues, as does the struggle in Ireland for national liberation and socialism. We will be here for you, comrades, when you need us, and know you will be there for us when we call upon you. We look forward to continued solidarity. We stand, as do you, Ready for the Revolution.

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