

# ALL-AFRICAN WOMEN'S REVOLUTIONARY UNION

**What is the AAWRU?**

# Sista Chy and Sista Tumika at a party program



# Agenda

- ▣ **What is the A-AWRU?**
- ▣ **Role of the A-AWRU in the A-APRP**
- ▣ **Triple oppression of women**

# What is the A-AWRU

- **The women's wing of the A-APRP**
- **Founded November 27, 1980 in Ohio, USA**
- **Created as a mechanism to serve as a medium for promoting organization and political education around the problems African women face**
- **Combats the triple oppression of African women**
- **Works in concert within the A-APRP**

# Role of the A-AWRU in the A-APRP

- To increase the recruitment and retention of African women and to more effectively incorporate them into the struggle to build the A-APRP towards the establishment of Pan-Africanism
- To forge a stronger bond between African women and men through political education concerning the present and past realities of African women; their role in the African revolution

# Role of the A-AWRU in the A-APRP

- ▣ Ensure that African women struggle jointly with African men for the establishment of Pan-Africanism and against all forms of exploitation and oppression, including racism, capitalism, and sexism
- ▣ Work jointly with revolutionary women worldwide through the AAPRP towards the accomplishment of scientific socialism incorporating the revolutionary principles of egalitarianism and humanism

## Role of the A-AWRU in the A-APRP

- Develop African sisters into conscious, effective, revolutionary Nkrumahist-Tureist cadre who participate fully in the development of the AAPRP

# The A-APRP/A-AWRU with President Thomas Sankara in Burkina Faso



# Triple oppression of African Women

## ▣ Class Oppression

- Economically African men and women do not have a positive relationship to the mode of production
- Most African people in general and African women in particular find themselves in the lowest class in society
- African people do not control their labor and thus do not control what their labor is worth

# Triple oppression of African Women

- Racial Oppression
  - African men and women are oppressed based on their cultural and historical reality
  - Racial oppression much like class oppression is a by-product of capitalism
  - Racial oppression attempts to divide individuals based on race, ethnicity, etc

# Triple oppression of African Women

- Gender Oppression
  - African women are also oppressed because of their gender
  - Society wrongly elevates men and subjugates women to draw attention away from capitalism
  - Gender oppression is played out in communities, families, and society
  - Both men and women suffer from gender oppression and contribute to the oppression of African women

# The A-AWRU at Work in Ghana



# Sista Speaking from our Alliance PANAFU in Sierra Leone



# How to join the A-AWRU

- ▣ Join the A-APRP
- ▣ Identify if there is an A-APRP chapter in your area.
- ▣ If there is not an A-APRP chapter you can work to establish one.
- ▣ Contact the A-APRP at <http://www.aaprp-intl.org>
- ▣ Email: [contact@aaprp-intl.org](mailto:contact@aaprp-intl.org)