



Summer 2020

Dear friends,

We hope this update finds you well, no doubt we are all adjusting to the new circumstances and adapting our work as best as we can. Now more than ever, we are honored to be fighting alongside you to confront the neoliberal capitalist system, which has failed profoundly to manage COVID-19. You'll find some highlights from recent work below, including:

- Our upcoming 29 July [live event](#) and 30 July [discussion group](#) on lessons from Africa's decolonization era in confronting the COVID-19 crisis.
- The launch of the new Regions Refocus [website](#) where you can browse resources and see our history of work.
- Our recent webinar with African, Caribbean, and Pacific allies on current negotiations toward the Post-Cotonou Agreement.
- [Commentary](#) on the failures of neoliberalism revealed by COVID-19 and feminist resistance based on our statement at the UN General Assembly.
- Upcoming articles and videos from the [Post-Colonialisms Today](#) project.

As always, we welcome messages from allies new and old. Hoping the best for each of you as we all continue to adapt and persevere.

In solidarity,

Anita, Aishu, Camden, and Cinthia

Regions Refocus team

Post-Colonialisms Today COVID-19 Event

Lessons from the Decolonization Era in Confronting the COVID-19 Crisis

Please REGISTER at bit.ly/DecolCovid

Wednesday, 29 July
3 PM Accra | 4 PM Lagos
5 PM Cairo | 6 PM Addis Ababa

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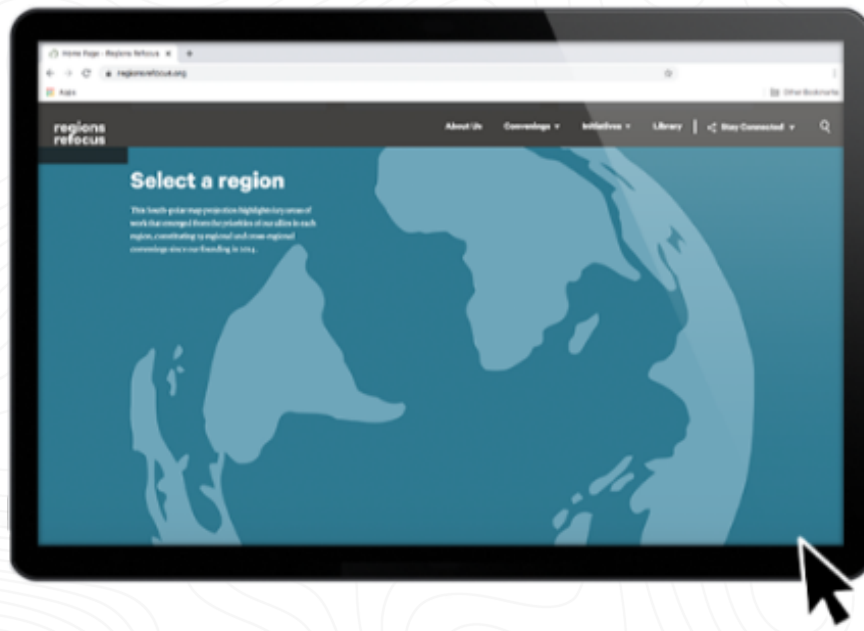
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Join members of [Post-Colonialisms Today](#) in a live event on 29 July discussing African policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis. As the impacts of the crisis are compounded by neoliberalism and colonialism, panelists will draw lessons from research on the immediate post-independence period—including initiatives of Nasser, Nkrumah, Nyerere, etc.—to imagine a response grounded in a vision for the structural transformation of the continent.

[Register here](#)

We also invite you to join a follow-up discussion group on 30 July, with guest discussants. Please RSVP and share your questions/ comments at bit.ly/DiscussDecol

Our **website** has launched!



We hope [this site](#) serves as a useful resource for you to see our work together, stay updated on our latest endeavors, and to browse our growing library of resources. You can browse by region (including a highlight on cross-regional work), by initiatives such as [Post-Colonialisms Today](#) and [Reimagining Regionalism](#), or by topic and format in the library.

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Post-Cotonou Agreement: Cross- Regional Perspectives and Resistance

This discussion with African, Caribbean, and Pacific allies analyzes the impending trade and aid deal between their regions and the European Union, detailing how to resist neoliberal measures with progressive, feminist alternatives. We organized this within an [ongoing webinar series](#) by the Gender

and Trade Coalition, and as part of our continuing cross-regional work on the Post-Cotonou Agreement. [Watch here.](#)



25 Years on from Beijing, COVID-19 Highlights Profound Interconnectedness & Persisting Inequalities

Anita Nayar, Director of Regions Refocus, addresses the UN General Assembly at the opening of the 64th Commission on the Status of Women as the civil society representative. Her reflections on the legacy of feminist advocacy and what it reveals about today's neoliberal hegemony, thrown into sharp relief by the COVID-19 pandemic, are summarized in [this article](#).



Stay Tuned for Articles and Videos on the Early Post-Independence Era

Next week, Post-Colonialisms Today will launch a series of articles on [Africa is a Country](#) covering issues ranging from the political economy of Africa, to COVID-19 responses, to women's liberation struggles, and much more. We will also be releasing a series of videos featuring members of the project community. Watch the first video: "[Why Post-Colonialisms Today?](#)"