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**TITLE: AFRICAN LIBERATION AND UNITY IN NKRUMAH'S GHANA (1957-1966)**

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### ABSTRACT:

Nkrumah's Ghana had a strong influence on African politics thanks to its radical Pan-African policy. Between 1957 and 1966, Accra supported nationalist parties throughout the continent and it also advocated a project for a continental union government. In Ghana, special institutions were established for implementing its Pan-African policy. The Bureau of African Affairs – an office conceived by Nkrumah and George Padmore – was the most important of these institutions and it worked for years to provide political and military training to freedom fighters and to spread Pan-Africanism in the continent. At the Kwame Nkrumah Ideological Institute of Winneba – another “Pan-African” institution of Ghana - African nationalists were also taught in politics, administration and military tactics. This paper presents the result of a four-years long research on Ghana's Pan-African policy with special reference to the history of its institutions. This research project is based on new sources which had become available in the last years. Furthermore, it tries also to provide a detached outlook on the history of Nkrumah's foreign policy, a subject which had been strongly influenced by ideological visions, especially in the years of the Cold War.

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