

“Colonial Reparations” to the Caribbean. Plunder, Slavery and Genocide of the Native People

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Colonialism Reparation supports the request for reparations of the members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for the genocide of the native people and the slavery and calls on the former colonizers (United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, etc.) to apologize and pay reparations for the colonial period.

On September 22, 2017 in New York during the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly the [Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Belize](#) Wilfred Elrington recalled that [...] through the Caribbean Community, we are also leading the charge for reparation of the victims of slavery and their descendants [...], while the [Deputy Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines](#) Louis Straker said that [...] a substantial part of the backdrop or context of the continuing socio-economic challenges of the nation-states of our Caribbean civilisation is the awful legacy of underdevelopment which European colonialism has bequeathed to us as a consequence of native genocide and African slavery. The international campaign for reparations from the former colonial powers to assist in repairing this malignant legacy is urgent and timely. It deserves the full support of this Assembly particularly within this decade, declared to be focused on the upliftment of persons of African descent [...].

On October 10, 2017 in Mona, Jamaica, the [University of the West Indies \(UWI\)](#) officially launched the Centre for Reparation Research (CRR) to support the movement of the Caribbean Community, build awareness and conduct research to advance the claim for reparations. The first activity of the CRR, directed by Professor Verene Shepherd, was a symposium organized the next day during which the [President of the “CARICOM Reparations Commission”](#) Hilary Beckles has renewed the call for reparations estimating in at least 76 billion pounds the compensation from the former colonizers.

On October 12, 2017 always in Mona, Jamaica, the [CARICOM Reparations Commission](#) held its meeting making the [point of the situation on reparations in the Caribbean](#).

On October 18, 2017 it is also restarted the [series of Reparations relays and rallies](#) in collaboration with the CARICOM members which have committed to being part of the reparations movement. It is now the turn of [Jamaica](#) with a series of events that will develop until the end of the year.

Colonialism Reparation supports the request of the members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for reparations for the genocide of the native people and the slavery and calls on the former colonizers (United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark) to apologize and pay reparations for the colonial period without

being forced to appear before a court.

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