

Dr. GN Uzoigwe's article entitled, "Pan-Africanism in World Politics," offers an historical perspective on the role of Pan-Africanism in African liberation. The author examines the importance of the Pan African Conference of 1900 and the six Pan African Congresses, 1919 to 1974, and contends that the Congresses marked the modern history of Pan Africanism and the modern history of African liberation. Dr. Uzoigwe considers both the colonial and the post-colonialism periods of world history, offering working definitions of Pan-Africanism relative to African and global politics. There is a thorough discussion of the effectiveness, challenges, limitations, and their failures of the OAU/AU. He suggests that the failure of Pan-Africanism to recognize its dreams of African unity and black solidarity can be linked to three dilemmas: the tensions between the ideal of continental unity and the demands of national independence, the meaning of Africa, and the global African Diaspora in Africa's overall development. The author has little hope that Pan-Africanism and the new African Union will have a viable impact in world politics.