

# GLOBAL REPARATIONS DAO

## RUBI: Reparations & Universal Basic Income

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*From small creations to mathematical equations, from our land to our lives, Blacks worldwide have been wronged without remedy. A just Universe will resist Earth's Evil Emperor, above and below.*

*— Anita Belle, Sky Queen Mother, Griot*

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### What This Is

Global Reparations DAO (Decentralized Autonomous Organization — a community-governed structure where no single person controls the treasury or decisions) is founded by Anita Belle, President of the Reparations Labor Union and founder of Melanin Biotech Productions LLC, a Michigan limited liability company.

This Founding Covenant proposes RUBI — a blockchain-based currency designed to deliver reparations to Afrodescendants in the diaspora whose ancestors were enslaved, and universal basic income to Africans on the continent and abroad.

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### The Legal and Historical Foundation

On March 25, 2026, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution recognizing the Transatlantic Slave Trade as the gravest crime against humanity, with 123 nations in favor. This resolution establishes the international legal framework within which Global Reparations DAO operates.

The foundational legal doctrine is *partus sequitur ventrem* — enacted December 14, 1662, Colony of Virginia, Act XII — the Latin legal principle that enslaved status followed the mother, passing from generation to generation through the maternal line. The statute declared: “all children borne in this country shalbe held bond or free only according to the condition of the mother.” This doctrine establishes the compounding, generational, and incalculable nature of the debt owed to Afrodescendants. Reparations therefore cannot be a one-time or time-limited payment. The debt is ongoing and the distribution must be perpetual.

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## Self-Sovereign Identity and Peoplehood

Blacks were systematically denied peoplehood. The legal doctrine of *partus sequitur ventrem* established that enslaved people had no identity the state was bound to respect — their existence was property, their children inherited bondage, their personhood was administratively erased.

The original Constitution compounded this erasure. Under the Three-Fifths Compromise of 1787, enslaved Africans were counted as three-fifths of a person — not to grant them rights, but to amplify the congressional power of those who enslaved them. They were useful to the state as a fraction. They were not recognized by the state as whole.

The 14th Amendment appeared to resolve this. It granted citizenship. It defined peoplehood by constitutional decree. But what the state grants, the state can reclaim. In 2026, that is no longer theoretical. The amendment that gave Black Americans citizenship is under active reconsideration by the same constitutional apparatus that produced *Dred Scott*.

If our identity is anchored to the state — if the state owns our birth certificates, our death records, our marriage documents, our citizenship status — then we are only as free as the state decides we are. We have seen this before. We know how it ends.

The Global Reparations DAO proposes a different architecture. Built on the W3C Decentralized Identifier standard and anchored to the Ethereum blockchain, the self-sovereign credential is a cryptographically secured attestation of identity and peoplehood that belongs to the holder — not to any issuing institution. No government can revoke it. No court can erase it. No constitutional amendment can strip it.

For descendants of the enslaved, this is not a technical upgrade. It is a structural reversal. The self-sovereign credential does what the 14th Amendment promised but left vulnerable: it places the definition of who we are permanently in our own hands.

*If not now, when do we decide who we are?*

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## What RUBI Is

RUBI is a proposed asset-backed digital currency — meaning its value is grounded in real-world assets (RWAs) held in a community treasury, not in speculation or promise alone — with two simultaneous functions. Real-world assets include but are not limited to intellectual property, creative works, comics, music, film, literature, land, and minerals. They also include biological and genetic material extracted from African and Afrodescendant bodies, the commercialization of which has generated wealth without consent or compensation. Current law in many jurisdictions does not recognize individual ownership of such material once separated from the body. That law must change — or the people it fails must build sovereignty elsewhere.

- Reparations — ongoing, perpetual distributions to verified Afrodescendants in the diaspora whose ancestors were enslaved
- Universal Basic Income — ongoing perpetual distributions to Africans on the continent

One currency. Two justice streams. One African world.

Asset backing is the foundational design principle. RUBI derives value from real assets held in the DAO treasury, not from market sentiment alone. This is what makes payments stable enough to be meaningful and distinguishes RUBI from speculative cryptocurrency.

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## What Exists Right Now

- Global Reparations DAO — governance framework established. The founding DAO consists of three to five U.S.-based institutional members. The DAO is structured to expand to nine seats, with the additional seats reserved for non-governmental reparations activists representing continental Africa and the global African diaspora, including but not limited to the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe. A nomination and community verification protocol for expansion seats shall be established by the founding membership. Gender equity is a founding governance principle: no fewer than five of the nine seats shall be held by women. This requirement reflects the historical reality that chattel slavery in America was reproduced through the bodies of enslaved women under *partus sequitur ventrem* — the deliberate legal conversion of Black womanhood into an instrument of perpetual dispossession. A reparations institution that does not center women in its governance has not understood what reparations are for.
- Reparations Labor Union — holds one governance vote on behalf of its membership
- Melanin Biotech Productions LLC — Michigan LLC, holds one vote on financial matters as backstop treasury, with active digital asset infrastructure
- Four digital artworks (NFTs — unique, verified digital assets on the Ethereum blockchain) minted under Melanin Biotech Productions LLC, generating 10% perpetual royalties on any future resale, flowing to the DAO treasury
- reparationsworld.com — operational
- 3,000+ newsletter subscribers including embassies worldwide
- Formal invitation sent to Ghana's President John Dramani Mahama to nominate a representative to the DAO Treasury Council
- UN General Assembly resolution of March 25, 2026 as legal foundation

## What Is Being Built

The following are designed but not yet deployed — named honestly as the work ahead:

- RUBI digital currency token — a fungible (interchangeable, like dollars) digital currency on the Ethereum blockchain, with defined supply, asset backing, and distribution logic governed by the DAO
- Reparations eligibility self-sovereign credential — an identity-sovereign token: a permanent, non-transferable, non-inheritable digital record that verifies an individual's Afrodescendant ancestry and eligibility for the reparations stream. Unlike currency, this cannot be sold, transferred, or inherited. It lives in a person's digital wallet and belongs to them alone. Upon the holder's death, the credential does not pass to heirs — but the on-chain record of a verified ancestor's credential constitutes evidence supporting a descendant's re-verification claim in subsequent generations. It is proof of lineage, not a transferable asset.
- Multi-signature DAO treasury wallet — a community treasury that requires approval from multiple council members before any funds can be moved — no single person can access or spend the treasury alone
- Community verification protocol — a process through which community members verify each other's ancestry and eligibility, rooted in the African tradition of community witness and oral record. The Reparations Labor Union convenes and recuses; the community witnesses are the authority; the DAO holds the record. No administering institution owns the archive — including the one that called it into existence.
- Intergenerational genealogical record — eligibility credentials are not inherited but re-verified each generation through the community verification protocol. This design is intentional: each re-verification adds a permanent, witnessed entry to the chain, building over time into the largest verified African diaspora family tree in history. What slavery destroyed — the ancestral archive of a people — this protocol reconstructs, one witnessed generation at a time. This record is owned by the DAO and its community. The Reparations Labor Union functions as Mother Griot — she carries the method of remembering, births the process, then cuts the cord. The blockchain holds the memory itself. The DAO enters the world sovereign. It belongs to no one. It answers to the people it was born to serve.
- African identity verification and UBI distribution — the universal basic income stream of RUBI provides ongoing distributions to Africans on the continent and abroad — including those who have never left Africa, those displaced by force, and those who left voluntarily — who are survivors of planetary racism: the global, ongoing system that has extracted Africa's people, land, labor, and resources as the foundation of planetary wealth while systematically excluding Africans from its benefits. Africa is the pipeline and lifeline of this planet. RUBI's African identity verification protocol acknowledges that debt directly. As with the Afrodescendant reparations stream, African identity is verified through community witness and recorded permanently on-chain. Over generations, this

builds a verified, decentralized family tree of African people worldwide — a living census that has never existed before. That census does what no institution has been willing to do: it counts. It tracks displacement, survival, and loss across generations. Imagine Congolese and Sudanese families receiving UBI — and imagine their family trees on-chain, documenting what extraction and war took from them. What the world has refused to name as genocide, the chain will count.

- Merchant ecosystem — a network of businesses and service providers that accept RUBI as payment, giving the currency real-world utility and circulation
  - Mobile mining integration — a framework enabling people to participate in and support the RUBI network using only a smartphone — no expensive equipment required — making entry into the reparations economy democratic and accessible globally
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## What Backs RUBI

- ETH (Ethereum — a major established cryptocurrency) holdings in the DAO treasury
  - Perpetual royalty streams from Melanin Biotech Productions LLC digital artworks
  - Sovereign wealth contributions from African nation participants, upon formal participation in the DAO governance structure (anticipated, not yet committed)
  - Future mobile mining integration as a democratic onboarding mechanism
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## Why This Is Threatening — And Why That Matters

Asset-backed cryptocurrency controlled by African and Afrodescendant communities makes Africa less dependent on colonial banking systems and dollar-denominated financial infrastructure. That is not incidental to this project. It is the point.

The CFA franc alone keeps 14 African nations financially dependent on France. Dollar-denominated systems extend that logic globally. A community-controlled, asset-backed digital currency is a structural alternative to that dependency.

Global Reparations DAO is led by a former attorney with direct experience in the Nicaraguan Contras Narcotics Trafficking Litigation — a consolidated case across seven states and Washington DC. The founder understands what it means to build cases that threaten institutional power, and has designed the DAO accordingly: transparent, documented, decentralized, and governed by community rather than individual authority.

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## Open Legal Questions

The following questions are named honestly as requiring qualified legal analysis before the architecture is finalized. Naming them openly is a sign of rigor, not weakness:

- RUBI's regulatory classification under current US and international cryptocurrency law
  - The interaction between mobile mining mechanics and the interest and yield prohibition provisions of the GENIUS Act (Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act, signed into law July 18, 2025), the first federal regulatory framework for payment stablecoins in the United States
  - RUBI's classification and regulatory treatment under the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act of 2025 (H.R. 3633), passed by the House on July 17, 2025 and advancing through the Senate as of May 2026, which proposes to define jurisdiction over digital assets between the SEC and CFTC
  - Cross-border sovereign wealth participation and applicable international financial regulations
  - Legal parameters of community verification for Afrodescendant eligibility
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## What We Are Asking

### **From UN observers:**

Recognition of Global Reparations DAO as a legitimate implementation framework for the March 25, 2026 resolution recognizing the Transatlantic Slave Trade as the gravest crime against humanity.

### **From African sovereign wealth participants:**

Nomination of treasury council representatives and exploration of contribution mechanisms to the DAO treasury.

### **From blockchain developers:**

Technical partnership to deploy RUBI infrastructure under DAO governance, in alignment with the mission of African and Afrodescendant economic sovereignty.

### **From the Detroit and diaspora community:**

Participation, community verification, and governance. Your presence and your witness are the foundation of this work.

*The following two sections reflect the political and historical analysis of the founding author. They are offered as context for the governance and financial framework described above, not as formal legal or financial claims of the Global Reparations DAO.*

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## **Breaking the Chains: Slave Mentality and Blockchain Liberation**

Slave mentality is not a character flaw. It is an engineered condition — the residue of centuries of legal, economic, and spiritual dispossession. When human beings are systematically taught that their creativity, their body, their identity, their land, their children, and their labor belong to someone else, that teaching does not end with emancipation. It persists in the architecture of institutions, in the structure of markets, and in the internalized beliefs of the dispossessed themselves.

The most devastating expression of this condition is not what colonizers do to African people. It is what African people, shaped by colonization, do to each other. When Black creators gatekeep each other, underpay each other, and block each other's ascent to protect their own position in a pipeline they do not own, they have become agents of the system that oppresses them. This is vampirism — not as metaphor, but as mechanism. The colonial pipeline no longer requires overseers. It trained a class of the colonized to perform that function voluntarily, feeding on their own people to sustain access to a table where they will never be seated as equals.

Blockchain technology interrupts this cycle structurally. When a creator owns their IP on-chain, no platform can claim it. When a family tree is recorded by community witness on a decentralized ledger, no institution controls the archive. When a community verifies its own identity and distributes its own currency, the psychology of dependency has nowhere to root. RUBI is not merely a financial instrument. It is an act of collective self-love encoded in mathematics — a declaration that Black people own themselves, their creativity, their ancestry, and their future.

The question before the African diaspora and the continent is not whether blockchain can work. It is whether we love ourselves enough to use it.

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## **Why Black Ownership Threatens the Colonial Pipeline**

Ownership, at any scale, is a threat to those who profit from dispossession. This is not incidental. It is the architecture of the system.

At the scale of the individual creator, a Black influencer with blockchain-verified intellectual property ownership cannot be demonetized into silence. A comic series whose IP lives on-chain — whose characters, narrative universe, and visual language are minted as verifiable assets under a creator-owned LLC — cannot be appropriated without a traceable, permanent record of theft. The platforms that currently monetize Black creativity while suppressing Black reach, that train artificial intelligence on African diaspora art without consent or compensation, that apply algorithmic colorism to lighten or erase Black faces — these platforms depend on Black creators remaining legally unprotected and economically precarious. Ownership ends that dependency.

At the scale of the creative economy, a network of Black creators operating through DAO governance — pooling resources, sharing legal infrastructure, distributing royalties automatically through smart contracts — is a parallel economy that does not require permission from the institutions that have historically excluded them. It does not require a record label, a publisher, a streaming platform, or a grant committee. It simply requires a digital wallet and a community. This is precisely what makes it threatening.

At the scale of the continent, African nations sit atop the mineral wealth that powers the planet — gold, oil, lithium, cobalt, coltan — while remaining structurally locked out of its profits by IMF debt conditionalities, World Bank structural adjustment programs, CFA franc dependency enforced by former colonial powers, and the overthrow and assassination of sovereign leaders, CIA-backed coups, and military extraction agreements that funnel continental wealth into foreign treasuries.

At the scale of space, the colonial pipeline is already being extended beyond Earth. The mathematical genius that made American space navigation possible — Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Annie Easley, and the Hidden Figures who calculated every orbital trajectory, every satellite launch, every communication system that private space ventures now monetize — was built by Black women working under segregation, paid as ‘computers’ while white men took engineering titles and salaries. This is not incidental history. It is the pattern: dehumanization precedes discrimination, discrimination enables extraction, and extraction sustains the monopoly of power. The sequence is not accidental. It is the architecture.

That intellectual labor has never been compensated at the scale of what it produced. The minerals powering every rocket, every satellite, every Starlink terminal come overwhelmingly from African soil, extracted under conditions that have never included reparative agreements with the communities destroyed in the process. SpaceX is not an independent private enterprise — it is a government contractor sustained by taxpayer dollars, NASA contracts, Department of Defense agreements, and federal subsidies. African people, African minerals, African genius, and African American tax dollars are funding an empire that has offered nothing in return.

The most dangerous expression of this megalomania is not what it does to Earth. It is what it intends beyond it. Asteroid mining provides the financial independence to operate outside democratic accountability. Mars provides the territorial independence to operate outside international law. Together they create the conditions for a private empire — unelected, unaccountable, and armed — capable of waging endless war against terrestrial populations who resist extraction and extraterrestrial civilizations encountered with the same Doctrine of Discovery logic that justified colonial conquest on Earth.

The pharaohs rotate. They are not always white. They are not always male. They are not always foreign. The throne has been occupied by those who look like us, who were elected by us, who invoked our ancestors while administering our dispossession. We do not need to name them. The pattern names itself. Grandma Moses — in the tradition of Harriet Tubman, in the tradition of Moses himself — is not speaking to one person or one people. She is speaking to every pharaoh, of every color, every gender, every nation,

who has profited from African land, African labor, African genius, and African lives without remedy. Let my people go.

The extermination of Indigenous peoples following their nominal legal protections stands as a warning written in history: those who threaten the colonial pipeline are eliminated by it. Black Americans who have pressed reparations claims have faced economic, legal, and physical retaliation for generations. The pattern does not require a written threat. It is the threat.

The persistence of those who seek remedy is itself an exposure. Every attempt to silence, discredit, legally harass, or copy without credit the architects of Black sovereign infrastructure confirms what they are trying to build. The wizards are masters of illusion — but illusion requires the cooperation of those who are meant not to see. Blockchain is the refusal to look away. What is minted cannot be unminted. What is witnessed cannot be unseen. What is counted cannot be uncounted.

From the individual creator to the African continent to the cosmos, the pattern is identical: those who extract require those they extract from to remain unorganized, unarchived, and unowned. RUBI disrupts that requirement at every scale simultaneously by declaring ownership of ourselves — collectively and individually. This is not a coincidence. It is the point.

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