



Reparation Payouts

— Expanded Discussion Draft (IBIS)

Preamble

This document sets out a working framework for how **Reparations** will be **distributed only by the IC3 Black International State (IBIS)**. IBIS operates on the basis of moral legitimacy: **many states indulged in the enslavement and abuse of Black people and lack moral standing** to prescribe the limits of remedy. IBIS will establish the institutions, standards, and procedures necessary to deliver reparations with dignity, accountability, and precision. Monetary settlements will ultimately be administered by **IBIS's central bank** using a **Black Currency**. Non-monetary (untradeable) reparations will be negotiated and delivered in kind.

This is a living draft. It will be versioned, tested in pilots, and refined through central and regional IBIS meetings.

Authority, Scope, and Moral Standing

- **Sole distributor:** Reparations are distributed only by IBIS.
- **Moral legitimacy:** Where states fall short, IBIS asserts a duty to repair harms of anti-Black racism.

- **Jurisdiction in practice:** IBIS will operate **wherever we are welcome to establish an embassy or mission**, seeking arrangements analogous to the **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** model for host agreements and land.
- **Currency and instruments:** Monetary reparations will be disbursed via **Black Currency** issued by IBIS's central bank. Non-monetary reparations will be documented and fulfilled through enforceable undertakings.

Definitions

- **Tradeable obligations:** Harms convertible into **monetary** settlement (cash or money-equivalents).
- **Untradeable obligations:** Harms requiring **in-kind** settlement: services, land access/return, cultural property, archives, language and ceremonial rights, memorialisation, education, and other **things of cultural value**.
- **Denizen:** An individual formally recognised by IBIS for assessment and participation.
- **Registered group:** A group/organisation accredited by IBIS to receive reparations on behalf of members and beneficiaries.
- **RLT (Reparation Liability Token):** **Non-monetary, non-transferable** record of reparations owed (a claims ledger entry). **RLT is not money** and is the **current method** under discussion.

First Principles

1. **Blackness is the fundamental value.**
2. **Group autonomy:** Groups define **their own culture** as an aspect of identity. There is **no central control over culture**.
3. **Eligibility flows through groups:** Reparations are distributed to **state-registered groups/organisations**. Individuals engage as denizens and benefit through groups and IBIS programmes.
4. **Dignity and remedy:** The intent is effective repair for anti-Black racism—never spectacle or commodification of culture.
5. **Transparency with privacy:** Clear rules, published rubrics, and auditable ledgers with strong data protection.

The Five Aspects of Identity (Weights and Use)

Blackness is assessed using five aspects with fixed weights:

- 1. Birth Place — 12.5%**
- 2. Lineage — 12.5%**
- 3. Appearance — 12.5%**
- 4. Culture (State of Mind/Habits) — 50%**
- 5. DNA — 12.5%**

Cultural Autonomy

- **Each group defines its own culture** (practices, obligations, signs, language, rites, ethical codes).
- IBIS sets **minimal meta-criteria** to ensure assessments are consistent (e.g., clarity, evidence, reviewability), but **does not dictate** cultural content.

Assessment and Scoring

- For **individuals and groups**, each aspect is scored 0–100% against published rubrics.
- The **Blackness Index** is a **weighted sum** of aspect scores using the above weights.
- **Illustrative guide (individual):** 100% (full Black), 75% (3/4 Black), 50% (half Black), 25% (1/4 Black), 12.5% (1/8 Black), 6.25% (1/16 Black), and so on—**subject to IBIS thresholds and policy.**
- **Group scores** are derived from member profiles (weighted composition), leadership composition, and group-defined cultural practice benchmarks.

Evidence and Review

- Evidence may include documents, testimonies, cultural attestations, genealogical data, and (where voluntarily provided) DNA.
- **Culture** is evidenced by group-defined proofs (practice records, language competence, ritual participation, custodianship of cultural value, community endorsements).
- **Appeals** are available (see Appeals and Redress).

Registration, Denizenship, and Group Accreditation

Denizenship (Individuals)

- **Apply → Verify → Assess.** Individuals apply for denizenship, submit evidence, and receive a Blackness Index score.
- Denizenship enables participation in registered groups and access to IBIS programmes.

Group Accreditation

- **Formation freedom:** People may form **their own groups, sub-groups, and gangs**; all have their own story to tell.
- **Baseline standards** for registration:
 - Legible governance (named officers, decision rules).
 - Financial accountability (basic accounts, two-signatory rule, conflict-of-interest register).
 - Record-keeping and cooperation with audits.
 - Safeguarding policies (including child protection).
- **Cultural definition:** Each group publishes its cultural definition and evidentiary pathways.

Extraction: From Harm to Recognised Obligations

1. **Harm mapping:** Document harms (economic dispossession, cultural erasure, territorial displacement, social/existential harms, intergenerational impacts).
2. **Categorisation:** Assign each item to **tradeable** (monetary) or **untradeable** (in-kind, cultural) obligation.
3. **Valuation:**
 - **Tradeable:** monetary valuation frameworks; ranges and scenarios.
 - **Untradeable:** negotiated undertakings with measurable deliverables (deeds, access agreements, transfer instruments, ceremony records, archival returns).
4. **Recording:** Each recognised obligation is written into the **RLT ledger** for the affected group (and/or associated denizens).

RLT — Reparation Liability Tokens (CURRENT FOCUS)

RLT is the current method in discussion and the primary focus.

- **Nature:** A **non-monetary, non-transferable** claims record; **not** a currency and **not** a security.
- **Issuance:** Created when IBIS recognises a liability (post-extraction).
- **Amendment:** Errors are corrected via auditable amendments; prior states are preserved for audit trails.
- **Inheritance:** RLTs are **heritable** to lawful heirs/estates; guardians may act for minors/wards under strict protocols.
- **Representation:** Limited powers of attorney permitted for legal guardians or representatives, with registrable, revocable mandates.
- **No resale or assignment:** Grey-market transfers are invalid; impersonation and attempted assignment are sanctionable.
- **Redemption/settlement:** When a payout (monetary or in-kind) is executed, the corresponding RLT is updated to **partially settled** or **fully settled**.
- **Visibility:** Beneficiaries can view RLT status; public dashboards show anonymised aggregate statistics.

Payouts: From RLT to Delivery

1. **Allocation:** IBIS allocates financial and in-kind capacity by region, group, and programme, guided by **Blackness Index**, harm severity, and strategic priorities.
2. **Monetary settlements (tradeable obligations):**
 - Disbursed in **Black Currency** via IBIS's central bank.
 - Schedules, instalments, or lump sums as appropriate.
 - Controls against double payment; real-time ledger updates.
3. **Untradeable settlements (in-kind / cultural value):**
 - Delivered by enforceable **undertakings** setting out deliverables, timelines, and **verification methods** (e.g., deed transfers, public access agreements, ceremonial restitution, archival returns, language and education guarantees).
 - Completion is **verified independently** and recorded against the RLT.

Black Currency (Separate from RLT)

- **Purpose:** A medium of settlement and exchange for **monetary reparations**.
- **Peg/stability:** May be **pegged to currencies of friendly states** or to a multi-asset basket; the peg, issuance caps, and redemption policies are set by IBIS treasury governance.
- **Separation of concerns:** RLT remains a **claims ledger**; the Black Currency is a **spendable instrument**.
- **Future conversion rules:** If conversion is introduced, it will typically be **one-way: burn RLT → receive Black Currency**, subject to treasury capacity and governance limits (to discourage speculation).
- **Regulatory posture:** IBIS will design compliance with applicable financial integrity standards (KYC/AML where needed), within the limits of moral mandate and host-state agreements.

Funding and Sustainability

- **Making the case:** IBIS will make strong cases to liable entities (states, institutions, corporations, estates), documenting liability chains and proposed settlements.
- **Mechanisms:** Escrowed settlements, endowments, consent decrees, structured payments, and asset returns.
- **Custody:** Ring-fenced accounts with reputable custodians; public reporting by programme and region.
- **Continuity:** Endowment income and standing appropriations fund multi-year obligations.

Appeals and Redress

- **Right to challenge:** Any assessment or allocation decision can be appealed.
- **Structure (simple and independent):**
 1. **Local Review Panel** (fresh look, 30 days)
 2. **Regional Tribunal** (specialist panel, 45 days)
 3. **Central Appeals Board** (final administrative decision, 60 days)

- **Process:** Written reasons at each stage; access to evidence; conflict-of-interest rules; possibility of external ombud engagement.
- **Analogy:** If the BIS can run robust institutional processes, we can also.

Human Rights and Challenges

- **Open to challenge:** Entities are welcome to challenge IBIS.
- **Reciprocal scrutiny:** IBIS will examine the challenger's historical conduct regarding anti-Black racism and reparatory duties.
- **Framing:** The purpose is remedy. Differential treatment aims to repair documented harms, not to diminish others.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

- **Handled under Culture** with enhanced safeguards.
- **Guardianship:** Clear consent standards; verified guardians; heightened privacy; age-appropriate communications.
- **Review:** Child-related claims receive additional scrutiny and specific verification steps.

Security, Integrity, and Anti-Fraud

- **These are standard challenges of state.**
- Identity verification for denizens; secure credentials; tamper-evident logs.
- Whistle-blower channels; random audits; rotation of reviewers; strong conflict-of-interest controls.
- Sanctions for document forgery, impersonation, and collusion.

International Operations

- **Host arrangements:** IBIS will examine how the **BIS acquired land and concluded host-state agreements**, and will adapt relevant features.
- **Missions/embassies:** Security, archives protection, and data-centre sovereignty will be negotiated with host states.

Communications and Reputation

- **Substance over spectacle:** The programme is the **spoken counter to the unspoken value in Whiteness**.
- **Clarity:** Public explanations of the Five Aspects, group autonomy over culture, and why **Blackness** is centred as the fundamental value.
- **Respect:** Language that upholds dignity; documentation that demonstrates measurable repair.

Data Protection and Privacy

- **Lawful basis and minimisation:** Collect only what is needed; voluntary DNA; strict retention and access controls.
- **Cross-border safeguards:** Encryption, jurisdictional risk reviews, and contractual protections for any processors.
- **Transparency:** Privacy notices, subject access, correction rights, and breach response plans.

Governance Architecture

- **Central Council:** Sets policy, budgets, treasury rules, and standards.
- **Regional Fora:** Adapt delivery to local conditions; supervise regional appeals.
- **Specialist Colleges:** Five Aspects expert networks to train reviewers and maintain rubrics.
- **Community Oversight:** Public reporting, listening sessions, and an independent ethics committee.

Monitoring, Audit, and Learning

- **KPIs:** Number of claims recognised, RLT issued, settlements executed (monetary and in-kind), time-to-payout, verification pass rates, and community satisfaction.
- **Audit:** Annual independent audits of finance and process integrity.

- **Learning loops:** Pilot evaluations, published after-action reviews, and iterative rubric updates.

Implementation Roadmap

- **Phase 0 — Foundations:** Charter, governance, privacy/DPIA, ethics baseline, draft rubrics, pilot guidance.
- **Phase 1 — Registry and RLT:** Register groups and denizens; run **extraction**; start RLT ledger issuance; deliver early in-kind reparations.
- **Phase 2 — Monetary Delivery:** Stand up central bank operations; test limited **Black Currency** settlement for tradeable obligations in pilot regions.
- **Phase 3 — Scale and Treaties:** Expand host agreements; endowments and treasury scale-up; broader programme rollout.

Version Control

- Every policy document carries a **version number, effective date, change-log**, and an **archive URL/reference**. Historic versions remain accessible for accountability.

Summary of Policy Positions (as adopted into this draft)

- **Legitimacy & jurisdiction:** IBIS acts where invited; states that abused Black people lack moral standing to limit remedy.
- **Group-only distribution:** People are free to form groups, sub-groups, and gangs; IBIS registers those that meet baselines.
- **Blackness Index and culture:** Culture is **group-defined**; IBIS provides minimal meta-criteria only.
- **Open to challenge:** Entities may challenge; IBIS will also review their histories.
- **Appeals:** Simple, staged, and independent—modelled on effective institutional practice.
- **RLT: Non-monetary, non-transferable**, heritable, auditable; **current focus** of implementation.
- **Cultural/untradeable reparations: Open to negotiations** with concrete deliverables.

- **Black Currency:** May be **pegged to friendly states**; treasury rules set by IBIS.
- **Funding:** IBIS will make strong cases to liable entities.
- **Security/fraud:** Treated as **standard challenges of state** and addressed accordingly.
- **International operations:** Study and adapt **BIS-style** host arrangements.
- **Child protection:** Managed under Culture with enhanced safeguards.
- **Version control:** Integral to IBIS construction.

Glossary

- **IBIS:** IC3 Black International State.
- **Denizen:** Individual recognised by IBIS for assessment and participation.
- **Registered Group:** Accredited entity eligible to receive reparations.
- **RLT:** Reparation Liability Token — **non-monetary, non-transferable** claim record.
- **Black Currency:** IBIS-issued currency for monetary reparations (separate from RLT).
- **Tradeable Obligations:** Reparations settled monetarily.
- **Untradeable Obligations:** Reparations fulfilled in-kind, especially **things of cultural value**.

Closing Note

This draft is **deliberately comprehensive**. It prioritises **RLT** as the operational backbone while **Black Currency** is prepared prudently. It centres **Blackness**, protects **group cultural autonomy**, and insists on auditability, appeal rights, and negotiated cultural restitution. Further detail (rubrics, forms, treaty templates, and RLT record formats) will be added in the next versions.