

**The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
Community Leaders Group
Minutes of Teleconference Meeting
19 May 2015 7.30-9.30pm EST**

Task: Help develop policies and procedures for collaborative working relationship with peak African organizations within Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Particularly, design policies and procedures on how to select qualified organisations, including collaborative methodologies, accountability and review mechanisms. Further, recommend rewards/incentives for leaders participating in this project.

Welcome:

Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe, Lecturer in Business Management School of Management - Bundoora, La Trobe University; & Project Leader, Utilization of African Migrants' Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Mr David Malinda, Australia Day Ambassador; and President, African Communities Organization of South Australia

Dr Chika Anyanwu, Associate Professor of Media, Head of School of Communication and Creative Industries, Charles Sturt University

Mr Sisay Dinku, Executive, Celebration of African Australians Inc

Mr Edward Solo, Vice Chairperson, Federation of African Communities Council of Australia

Mr Mabok Deng Mabok Marial: Chairperson of African Communities Council of South Australia (ACCSA) INC.

Submissions:

1. Participants unanimously agreed that all leaders must work in unity to achieve the AU Diaspora objectives within this region.

2. A call was made to compose a database of all African Australian organisations, listing the date of incorporation, aims and objectives, and how its operations aligns with the AU objectives.

3. Subject to further discussions, participants:

3.1. Recalled that The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project is a neutral initiative, not affiliated with any organization. The idea is to amalgamate the collective strength and voice of the African Diaspora in Australia, Asia Pacific towards a common goal. The body's objective is to achieve the best possible outcome for the implementation of the AU diaspora projects within this region. The conduct of this project is guided by the objectives and processes articulated in the DECLARATION OF THE GLOBAL AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT SANDTON, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA 25 MAY 2012; and the REPORT ON THE AFRICAN UNION DIASPORA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, 16-18 NOVEMBER 2007, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

3.2. Also recalled the suggestions made by the Community Leaders Group Chair, Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe in regards to Methodological Guidelines for inclusion into or being an African Peak Organisation member of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project. These recommendations are:

a. The aims, mission, vision, and objectives of the relevant African Peak Organisation must be consistent or in harmony with those of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project.

The relevant African Peak Organisation must be having a national or broadly unifying focus as well as a clear bridged linkage between Australasia/Asia Pacific and countries of the African continent, people, regional markets and AU in particular, as well as the Diasporas Interests.

b. The constitution of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project will examine these proposals, then well define full membership in types, categories, voting rights and how the governing body will be constituted. The relevant African Peak Organisation will provide the basis to the governance of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project, but representation to the respective forums including external global or international forums will be on the basis of expertise as agreed and recommend by the Governing Body.

c. The relevant African Peak Organisation must have core competencies to serve certain defined benefits as should be specified by the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project from time to time,

c. The relevant African Peak Organisation must have fairly representative "Goodwill" of the people of the communities supposed to be represented into the cohort of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project. Thus, such organisation must be of well approved functional dealings within the respective matter(s) connected with the African-Australians or countries of the African continent or the African people even if they are outside Africa, e.g. in Europe.

d. The relevant African Peak Organisation must be a significant contributor at the point in time especially when such organisation is seeking to be a member, or partner or collaborator with the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project. The level of significance in this regard will be determined by the Executive Board (ruling body) of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project from time to time,

e. The relevant African Peak Organisation must demonstrate the knowledge, technical know-how and capacities in assessing, monitoring, articulating and participation for developments and changes which should be positively occurring within Africa, AU, regional markets, and within African renaissance aspects paying regard to responsibility, accountabilities, and growth (moving to next better step).

f. The relevant African Peak Organisation must be paying regard to commonly referred to Human rights principles for example; matters of fair access and equity, gender and age balances, non-discriminatory required tendencies, social justice and responsibilities, ethical principles, sustainability issues particularly in connection with extraction industries as well as implications to/of the respective country's industrial and special export/import orientation zones (SEZs).

The relevant African Peak Organisation must be up to tasks.

Please members expand on the above views.

3.3. Further recalled the proposals by the Chair of the Academics Group, Dr Chika Anyanwu, in regards to the legal framework of **The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project (also known as the AU Pan African-Australian Diaspora Network (PAADN))**:

a. AIM

The establishment of the Pan African-Australasian Diaspora Network, herein known as PAADN, to collaborate with the African Union and its intergovernmental council to ensure

that identified projects by members of the African diaspora in the Australasian region align with African development agenda.

b. Mission

To develop a sustainable relationship between members of the African Diaspora living in the Australasian region and motherland Africa, through collaborative engagements with the African Union, African Heads of Mission and African missions in the regions of our residence.

c. Vision

To bridge the gap between African developmental aspirations and their implantations through international benchmarking and connection

d. Our Values

We will carry out our work and strive to achieve our goals in ways that are consistent with good governance, international ethical values, legal frameworks of the countries of our residence, service to our countries of residence and motherland Africa, in order to inspire others to emulate integrity and trust, value diversity, be creative and innovative, serve with transparency and humility and be sustainable in our daily activities.

e. Terms of Reference:

The formation of PAADN is in response to the Global African Diaspora Summit, Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa. 25 May 2012 Diaspora/Assembly/AU/ /Decl (I) wherein the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, the Caribbean and South America

TAKING COGNIZANCE of the dialogue carried out between Africans on the Continent and representatives of the African Diaspora in various regions of the world, including North America, South and Latin America, Europe and elsewhere;

RECALLING the Constitutive Act of the African Union that is guided by a common vision of a united and strong Africa based on a partnership between governments and all segments of society in order to strengthen cohesion and solidarity among its peoples;

ALSO RECALLING the Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted by the First Extra-Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2003, and in particular Article 3(q) which invites the African Diaspora to participate as an important component in the building of the African Union

COMMIT to cooperate in the political, economic and social areas through:

- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Mobilization of Support
- Government Action to Foster Increased Economic Partnership
- Mobilization of Capital
- Partnership in Business
- Science and Technology
- Knowledge Transfer and Skills Mobilization
- Infrastructural Development
- Information Gathering and Dissemination Capacity
- Climate Change
- Knowledge and Education
- Arts and Culture
- Media and Image Building
- Immigration
- Human and People's Rights

Social and Cultural Issues

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See attachment for full draft legal framework. Everyone is tasked to analyse the draft proposals, forward amendments and suggest additional clauses to be integrated into the policy frameworks.

Close:

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30pm EST. The Community Leaders' Chair will notify its members about the date and time for further meetings.

Thank you.

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator - The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project; & The AU Pan African Australian Diaspora Network

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**The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
Minutes of Teleconference Meeting
Professionals and Entrepreneurs Group
21 May 2015 7.30 - 9.05 pm EST**

Entrepreneurs

Task: Assist with developing strategies for fundraising. Including, solicit and write submissions for seed funding from the private sector within and outside Australia.

Professionals

Task: Assist with developing strategies for fundraising. Including, solicit and write submissions for seed funding from the public sector within and outside Australia.

Welcome

Mr David Malinda, Australia Day Ambassador; and President, African Communities Organization of South Australia

Mr Davies Chibale, 2013 African-Australian Champion

Ms Khadija Gbla, Project Officer- CALD Youth at Shine SA and Director of Khadija Gbla Cultural Consultancy

Mr Gemeh Kromah

John Nze-Bertram, Facilitator, The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project ; Chair and Principal Convener, Celebration of African Australians Inc.

Key Submissions:

Pending the incorporation of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project (also known as The African Union's Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network), participants unanimously resolve as follows:

1. Individual members of the African communities, particularly, participants in the body's formation should contribute funds towards pre-incorporation expenditures
2. Community organisations and African Entrepreneurs should be contacted to make seeding fund donations
3. In-kind donations should be sourced from individuals, as well as, government and non-governmental organisations
4. Use partner incorporated bodies to apply for grants

Seeding Fund Scope

Pre-Incorporation funds and in-kind donations are needed for, but not limited to, expenditures required for pre-registration administration, legal frameworks research and development, public consultations, registration, insurance and body's launch

Pledges at the Meeting

1. Mr David Malinda promised to donate a hall with a capacity for 150 people for public consultations. He also promised to mobilise the SA community to provide both financial and in-kind support.
2. Mr Gemeh Kromal promised to avail his printer and photocopying machines for production of any public consultation materials, including assisting with sourcing for in-kind and financial donations in Victoria
3. Mr Davies Chibale promised to mobilise the WA communities to provide both financial and in-kind donations for pre-incorporation expenditures, including resources for public consultation in WA.

You are also invited to make a pledge

For further discussions

1. Timeline budgeting and accountability mechanisms
2. Short and long term personal benefits to promoters and active participants in the body's formation
3. Allocation of tasks to each member of the professionals and entrepreneurs group

A leader was encouraged to step forward to chair the Entrepreneurs Group.

Close:

Meeting was adjourned 9.05pm EST.
Further meetings will be convened by the groups' Chairs.

Regards

John Nze-Bertram

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**The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
The AU Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network**

Minutes of Chairpersons' Meeting

8 July 2015 8.15-9.00pm EST

Welcome:

Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe
Dr Chika Anyanwu
Mr David Malinda
Mr John Nze-Bertram

Discussions:

1 (a) Mr David Malinda is consulting with stakeholders in South Australia to mobilise seed funds. In addition, his organisation, the African Community Organisation of South Australia (ACOSA), is considering hosting a fundraising event to assist with funding the **The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project and The AU Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network** ("The body") pre-incorporation expenditures. As this is a collective effort, you are also encouraged to make a donation or help with fundraising.

1 (b). Funds raised will be managed by a designated committee and a registered body.

2. Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe will re-examine the draft legal framework forwarded by Dr Chika Anyanwu, in view, to re-develop a draft secretariat and corporate structure that will align with the body's strategic objectives. Already, Dr Apollo has composed a corporate structure that will require further refinement. He will forward this material to the forum for consideration as soon as possible.

3. A concern was raised regarding the participation of women that were given leadership opportunities. As a result, a resolution was passed to invite more women into the panel in order to maintain gender equity. Mrs Elleni Bereded and Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts were nominated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, 27 July 2015 from 8pm EST via Teleconference.

Regards

John Nze-Bertram

**The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
The AU Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network**

Minutes of Chairpersons' Meeting

22 June 2015 7.45-8.30pm EST

Welcome:

Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe
Dr Chika Anyanwu
Mr David Malinda
Mr John Nze-Bertram

Resolutions:

1. A panel has been convened to collate and draft a comprehensive legal framework for the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project, also known as ,The AU Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network.

Members of the Panel are the Chairs and Facilitator:

- Mrs Maria Osman - Chair, Women's Group
- Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe - Chair, Community Leaders' Group
- Dr Chika Anyanwu - Chair, Academics' Group
- Mr David Malinda - Chair, Professionals' Group
- Mr John Nze-Bertram - Facilitator and Administering Chair for the Youths, Diplomats and Entrepreneurs' Group

2 (a). A consensus was reached to examine the aims, objectives and mission of the body, in view, to craft a sustainable system, corporate and secretariat structure.

2 (b). It was agreed that the body will be incorporated under a federal registration framework and that, post registration, the body will be managed by a designated ad hoc committee for a significant period of time to enable continuing review of the legal frameworks, and to enable full maturity and development of the body's various project arms.

2 (c). It was suggested that the legal framework will reflect the tenure and how the organisation will be managed within the development period and maturity period. Also, the secretariat structure - including staffing, remunerations and duties - will be reflected in the legal framework.

2 (d). The chairs will research suitable secretariat and corporate structures. They will make a draft submission to the Facilitator before the next meeting on 6th of July.

2(e). The law society or any capable body, including DFAT's African Desk, may be consulted to vet the draft legal framework for consistency with local laws and the government's direction.

3 (a). A consensus was reached that, whilst we work towards the body's registration, a member's registered organisation should be appointed to assist with sponsorship and grant applications. This is an interim arrangement to mobilize financial resources for the body's pre-incorporation activities, including the finances for its secretariat, African Union's pre-launch visit to Australia and our public consultative forums in September.

3(b). Mr David Malinda indicated that the African Community Organisation of South Australia (ACOSA) would be happy to assist with grant application. (You are also encouraged to nominate to assist with fund raising.)

4. The dates for the African Union's pre-launch visit to Australia and our public consultative forums in September will be presented to members when finalised.

5. The Chairs indicated interest to conduct a survey to probe what are the most important projects the African Australian diaspora can undertake in each African country.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, 6 July 2015 from 8pm EST via Teleconference.

Regards

John Nze-Bertram
Facilitator
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The African Union's Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network
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**The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
(Also known as the African Union's Pan-African Australian Diaspora Network)**

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting

Women and Youths Group

22 May 2015 7.30 - 8.00 pm EST

Women

Task: Examine the setup, operations and constitution of successful diaspora organizations in other regions, including AU documents. And develop a working paper for the "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".

Youths

Task: Collate information and outcomes of the conferences held in Washington DC, New York, Melbourne, Canberra and others organised or attended by members of this forum. Also, examine the AU Diaspora Legacy Projects. From these, assist to craft strategic projects for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".

Welcome

Mrs Maria Osman (*).*See [profile](#)

Submissions:

- Gender and age balance is recommended as essential consideration in the body's board and committees' composition; however,
 - Women and youths are asked to show leadership, be dedicated and proactively participate in ongoing group activities and discussions. This is to enable justifiable inclusion of eligible women and youths in the body's boards and committees
- Members of the Women and Youths Group are encouraged to examine and recommend amendments to the legal framework drafted by the Academics Group; and the submissions made by the Community Leaders, Professional and Entrepreneurs Group. (See attachments and below information)
- The new Chair for Women's Group is Mrs Maria Osman. (The outgoing Chair, Mrs Juliana Nkrumah AM, gracefully passed the mantle of leadership via a private phone call to Mrs Osman.)

Close:

Meeting was adjourned by 8.00pm EST.

The Chair will call members of the Women and Youths group for further discussion.

I have reattached the "Catalogue for Good Governance for African Diaspora Organisations" for your consideration.

Regards

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator - The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project; and The AU Pan African Australian Diaspora Network

The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project
Minutes of Teleconference Meeting -Academics' Group - 18 May 2015 7.30 -8.00 pm
EST

Group's Task: Help formulate legal frameworks, policies and procedures for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

Purpose of Meeting: To Meet and Greet, Brainstorm and Exchange Ideas.

Welcome:

Dr Chika Anyanwu, Associate Professor of Media, Head of School of Communication and Creative Industries, Charles Sturt University, & the Chairperson, Academics' Group, The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

John Nze-Bertram, Facilitator, The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project ; Chair and Principal Convener, Celebration of African Australians Inc.

Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe, Project Leader, utilization of African migrants' Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Dr Yohannes Yihdego Woldeyohannes, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeller, SMEC Australia

Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts - Lecturer in Community Health, Victoria University

Dr Charles Mphande, Coordinator Graduate Program, International Community Development, Victoria University

Matters Arising: See attached draft legal framework for the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project, to be launched by the African Union (AU) as an official AU Pan African Australian Diaspora Network in November 2015.

Key Submissions:

Key submissions for consideration and integration in the attached document are that the above body should:

1. Have a holistic approach to projects implementation, with emphasis on, among others, developing health, security, educational, commercial and political infrastructure
2. Have both an AU projects implementation role, as well as, political might to advocate and bargain on matters of common interest
3. Have gender equity as key criteria for board/committee formation, whilst emphasising competence and right fit as the benchmark for board/committee membership
4. Comply with local laws and resident government's politico-social expectations, whilst aligning the body's projects with AU's diaspora project objectives

5. Take critical consideration of the multidimensional facets of Africa's social, cultural, political and economic climates in its project designs and execution

6. Where possible, regional representation should be encouraged to infuse diversity in language and socio-cultural know-how to the body's operational frameworks.

All applauded the Chair, Dr Chika Anyanwu, for drafting the legal framework that will now be subject to further reviews. Participants agreed to forward their amendments to the Chair as soon as possible.

Further meetings will be scheduled soon by the Chair. All members of the Academics' group are encouraged to participate.

Thank you.

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator - The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

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Collaborative working relationship with peak African organizations within Australia

Dear All,

This is responding to the task of proposing collaborative Methodologies, Accountabilities and Review Mechanisms to be grounded into policies and procedures for the working relationships with peak African organizations within Australia and the Asia Pacific region. The **suggestions for Community Leaders and for the African-Australian diasporas are triggers from** Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe for proposals or highlights towards developing policies and procedures for collaborative working relationship with peak African organizations within Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Among other things, this is particularly for proposing designs aimed at helping to select qualifying organisations that would fit the above mentioned criteria (of collaborative methodologies, accountability and review mechanisms) in linking with AU. The suggestions are also for further recommendations for rewards or incentives for the participating members in this African Australians diaspora project.

First Note:

Characteristics of the African Australians Communities (the Diasporas in Australasia & Pacific).

- Highly driven by their background characteristics which may include:
 - Limited unity of purpose and strategic intends and approaches to do so,
 - Non- homogeneity of the groups, thus instead of diversity being a strengthen it becomes a weakness
 - In addition the negative diverse effects arise with their modes of arrival and recognition of the competencies brought with them,
 - Social/life skills
 - Derivatives from the respective colonial legacies, and ways societies were constructed in Africa
 - Educational status, easy transformation and reasonable adaptation
 - Socioeconomic status and misrepresentation by media,
 - Religion (faith communities), culture, ethnicity and linguistic cohorts,
 - Time spent in refugee camps and other forms of transitions,
 - Rural and urban background, and
 - Other factors (these are many), e.g. full knowledge of their background by use of valid reliable information as may be added to what can be called "**African value versus values in the respective ethnic or tribal groups**".

However, the suggestions below are aimed at triggering discussion, thus jointly enhancing meaningful and relatively appropriate outcomes (see proposals further below):

Second Note:

African-Australian (including Asia Pacific Ones) Communities' organisations are generally structured based on certain criteria, which are as follows; and such has tended to be the basis of their formation, indeed their constitutional preambles or focus as well take a similar trend:

- ***Issues Based Criteria including the need of pulling African-Australians (diasporas) into broadly based pool***

Examples may include: Africa Australia Association (Doing Business in Africa: Opportunities in International Education & Training), Somali Relief Association, Australia Southern Sudan Support Group, The African Soccer Club of Victoria, The African Think Tank Inc.; The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP); Africa Day Australia Inc.; Australia-Africa Universities' Network (AAUN); Africa Media Australia Inc.; African Australians Project: Migration between Africa and Australia: a demographic perspective (2010); African Communities Foundation Australia; Australia Africa Business Council; Australia Africa Infrastructure Project, Afro-Australian Students' Association, Federation of the African Communities Council (FACCA), Afro-Australian Association, African-Australian Mining Association, and the like organisations.

Here questions arise as to what extent these organisations could be harmoniously pursuing relative agendas for example of enhancing equally beneficial linkages between countries of the African continent, people, and Australasia or Asia-Pacific region and the referred to people!!!! Also, to what extent do these organisations pursue their agendas consistent with the AU's objectives of establishing "Diasporas" as the 6th Regional Market under the AU's focus!!!! Which of these organisations' mission, vision, goals, and objectives appear to be consistent in line with AU Diaspora agenda as well as the African Australians diaspora project?

Answering to these exclamations or questions as those above, it is likely to enhance our suggestions towards the policies and procedural grounds.

- ***National/Country Focus criteria***

Examples may include: Nigerian Association, Ugandans Association, Zimbabwe Association, Ghana Association, Tanzanian Association, South Sudanese Community Association of Australia, Zambian association, Botswana association, Liberian Community Association of Australia, Eritrean Community Association of Australia, and the type of organisations.

- ***Ethnic or Tribal Based Criteria***

Examples include: Australian Oromo Community Association, The Harrarian Community of Australia, Dinka Community Association of Australia, Ethiopian Tigrarian Community of Australia (there are other four under these heading; one for elderly, women, men, and youth), and a few others in this category.

- ***Regional Based Criteria*** (these may be an Australian or African Region)

Examples may include: African Community of Dandenong, Goulburn Valley African Communities Association, The East and Central African Community of Victoria, The Horn of African Network Communities, The African Community Association of Moonee Valley, Goulburn Valley Congolese Association, Somalia Women's Group of Western Suburbs Melbourne,

- ***Other Category*** (this covers those not fitting into the above four mentioned categories).

Examples may include: The African Communities Elderlies Association (based on age), The African Islamic Call society of Australia, The African Preston/Northcote/Dandenong Church of Pentecost Group (based on religion), Somalia Senior Citizens, African Young People Association of Victoria, Horn of Africa Young Mothers' Association and the like organisations.

Third Note:

The foregoing suggests complexities in defining the collaborative methodologies, accountabilities and review mechanisms for policies and procedures for working relationships with peak African organizations within Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Nevertheless, the following are the suggestions as Methodological Guidelines for inclusion into or being an African Peak Organisation member of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project:

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well as implications to/of the respective country's industrial and special export/import orientation zones (SEZs).

- The relevant African Peak Organisation must be up to tasks.

Please members expand on the above views.

Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe,

FAIM, MAHRI, FAFBE, JP.

Chair the African Australians diaspora project (Asia Pacific): Communities Forum

Vice Chair the African Think Tank Inc.

THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN AUSTRALIA (& ASIA PACIFIC) PROJECT

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This forum has been designed as an important part of a series of consultative forums of all stakeholders from organizations to intellectuals, entrepreneurs and youths to contribute towards actualising the AU diaspora objectives within this region, as envisioned in the above mentioned documents.

Specifically, this forum has been convened to assist in setting the structure, processes and legality for a body "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" that will oversee the AU diaspora missions within this region.

So far, progress has been made in the first phase towards the body's formation, that is bringing together some of the best minds in Australia on board. We have also succeeded in the second phase, that is forming focus groups and assigning tasks to each team. The leaders of these focus groups and assigned tasks are detailed below.

We are currently on the third phase. The chairpersons are expected to take proactive actions to set agendas and schedule regular meetings for their groups. Including mobilising, motivating and managing their groups to achieve the assigned tasks below. The deadline for this phase was anticipated for December 2014 but now extended until June this year.

The current (third phase) tasks are designed to evaluate how participating leaders can work together in unity, within their groups, to achieve outcomes.

The fourth phase will entail collating all of the recommendations and reports from the focus groups to develop a constitution, structure, processes, procedures, working papers and target projects. Further, seed funds (generated by the group tasks to do so) will be used for

office/secretariat administration and conference expenditures, or as will be recommended by that group. Expected completion is by July/August.

The fifth phase is public consultations to fine tune a draft constitution, structure, processes and procedures, working papers and target projects. Completion is expected by November/December.

The sixth and seventh phase is incorporation and election of a Central Committee/Executive Board to oversee the body, subject to the constitution. Completion is expected by year end or early next year.

Thanks.

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator.

FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS | FOCUS GROUP TASKS | AND NOTES:

Academics

Chairperson: Dr Chika Anyanwu

Task: Help formulate legal frameworks, policies and procedures for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".

- Professor Samuel Makinda, former member Australian Foreign Minister's National Consultative Committee on International Security Issues
- Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe, Project Leader, utilization of African migrants' Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
- Dr Chika Anyanwu, Associate Professor of Media, Head of School of Communication and Creative Industries, Charles Sturt University
- Dr Yohannes Yihdego Woldeyohannes, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeller, SMEC Australia
- Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts - Lecturer in Community Health, Victoria University
- Dr. Tanya Lyons, President, The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific
- Dr Charles Mphande, Coordinator Graduate Program, International Community Development, Victoria University

- Dr. Berhan Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow, The University of Melbourne; and Chairperson, African Think Tank
- Dr Paul A. Iji, Professor of Animal Science, School of Environmental & Rural Science, University of New England
- Dr. Kuyini-A Ahmed Bawa, Snr Lecturer in Social Work, Course Coordinator, Social Work, School of Health, University of New England
- Dr. Sumbo Ndi, Adjunct Research Fellow, University of South Australia; Director at Clarify To Succeed Pty Ltd; President, Nigerian Association in South Australia.
- Dr Finex Ndhlovu, Senior Lecturer, Master of Applied Linguistics (MAAL) Degree Coordinator Linguistics Seminars Coordinator School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences Arts University of New England Armidale NSW 2351 AUSTRALIA

Artistes

- **Mr Assefa Bekele, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Blacktown LAC**
(Please recommend people for this focus group)

Community Leaders

Chairperson: Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe

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- Mrs Juliana Nkrumah AM, Founder Advisor, African Women Australia Inc.
- Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe, Project Leader, utilization of African migrants' Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
- Dr Chika Anyanwu, Associate Professor of Media, Head of School of Communication and Creative Industries, Charles Sturt University
- Mrs Rosemary Karuiki, Founder member of African Women's Group NSW
- Mrs Maria Osman (*).*See [profile](#)
- Mr Nick Mbogua, President, United As ONE

- DR Gitu, Executive Director, Australian Education Global Advisors (AEGA) with offices in Australia and Africa.
- Mr Sisay Dinku, Executive, Celebration of African Australians Inc
- Ms Franklyn Koshie MacBruce - President of Ghanaian association
- Mrs Sharon Orapeleng, 2013 African Community Leader of the Year
- Mr Edward Solo, Vice Chairperson, Federation of African Communities Council of Australia
- Dr Paul A. Iji, Professor of Animal Science, School of Environmental & Rural Science, University of New England
- Dr. Sumbo Ndi, Adjunct Research Fellow, University of South Australia; Director at Clarify To Succeed Pty Ltd; President, Nigerian Association in South Australia.
- Mr Mabok Deng Mabok Marial: Chairperson of African Communities Council of South Australia (ACCSA) INC.
- Mr Assefa Bekele, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Blacktown LAC
- Dr Andre Kabamba, President Community and Business Audit Society Inc., President Australian Conference Rally on Kongo Inc.

Diplomats

Chairperson: Mr. Trent Smyth

Co -Chair: Mrs Heddie Goldberg

Task: Deploy your diplomatic know-how to help us accomplish the following strategic objectives: (1) recognition by the African Union and; (2) auspice under the African Missions in Australia.

- Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah, 2013 Most Outstanding Young Diplomat of the Year; and Second Secretary, Kenya High Commission, Australia
- Mrs Heddie Goldberg, Honorary Consul for the Republic of Botswana, VIC
- Mr. Trent Smyth, Honorary Consul and Head of Mission, Consulate of Malawi, Australia
- *(Please recommend people for this focus group)*

Entrepreneurs

Chairperson: ?

Task: Assist with developing strategies for fundraising. Including, solicit and write submissions for seed funding from the private sector within and outside Australia.

- Dr Casta Tungaraza, President, African Women's Council of Australia
- Mr Davies Chibale, 2013 African-Australian Champion

- Ms Khadija Gbla, Project Officer- CALD Youth at Shine SA and Director of Khadija Gbla Cultural Consultancy
- Dr. Sumbo Ndi, Adjunct Research Fellow, University of South Australia; Director at Clarify To Succeed Pty Ltd; President, Nigerian Association in South Australia.
- Peter Uzande Chairman of African Australian Welfare Bureau
- Gemeh Kromah

Please see below comment (Professionals)

Professionals

Chairperson: Mr David Malinda

Task: Assist with developing strategies for fundraising. Including, solicit and write submissions for seed funding from the public sector within and outside Australia.

- Mr David Malinda, Australia Day Ambassador; and President, African Communities Organization of South Australia
- Mrs Dorinda Hafner, People of Australia Ambassador
- Mrs Maria Osman (*). *See [profile](#) (will be overseas until early August and will have limited access to my email account)
- Mrs Eleni Bereded, People of Australian Ambassador & one of 100 Australian Women of Influence - (Among interests include the role of education, health & media)
- Dr Yohannes Yihdego Woldeyohannes, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeller, SMEC Australia
- DR Gitu, Executive Director, Australian Education Global Advisors (AEGA) with offices in Australia and Africa.
- Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah, 2013 Most Outstanding Young Diplomat of the Year
- Mr Tommy Adebayo, Chairperson, African Professionals of Australia
- Dr Paul A. Iji, Professor of Animal Science, School of Environmental & Rural Science, University of New England

Please note that, in the future, funds will be sourced and allocated to each focus group to implement a specific African Union's diaspora project. The funds will be sourced by the Central Committee of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project, and not by the entrepreneurs or professionals group. Therefore, the current preliminary tasks are designed to evaluate how teams can work together in unity, within their groups, to achieve outcomes.

At this stage, the entrepreneurs and professionals group are tasked to deploy their expertise and connections to help secure SEED funds. The SEED funds are required to assist with any running cost that may be needed at this stage of the formation of the African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project.

These group (Entrepreneurs and Professionals) will manage whatever funds they generate and set the methodologies and accountability parameter for the utilization of such funds. The

set amount to be generated and what it will be used for will be determined by the group. It could be as little as \$100 (for phone calls or photocopies for example) to, as much as, a million dollar for whatsoever they deem appropriate at this stage. These SEED funds are not intended to be given to any other group or persons, but specifically aimed at helping us take the baby steps towards achieving our objectives at this early stage.

Women

Chairperson: Mrs Juliana Nkrumah AM

Task: Examine the setup, operations and constitution of successful diaspora organizations in other regions, including AU documents. And develop a working paper for the "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".

- Mrs Juliana Nkrumah AM, Founder Advisor, African Women Australia Inc.
- Dr Casta Tungaraza, President, African Women's Council of Australia
- Mrs Dorinda Hafner, People of Australia Ambassador
- Mrs Maria Osman (*).*See [profile](#)
- Ms Khadija Gbla, Project Officer- CALD Youth at Shine SA and Director of Khadija Gbla Cultural Consultancy
- Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah, 2013 Most Outstanding Young Diplomat of the Year
- Ms Franklyn Koshie MacBruce - President of Ghanaian association
- Mrs Heddie Goldberg, Honorary Consul for the Republic of Botswana, VIC
- Dr. Sumbo Ndi, Adjunct Research Fellow, University of South Australia; Director at Clarify To Succeed Pty Ltd; President, Nigerian Association in South Australia.

Youths

Chairperson: ?

Task: Collate information and outcomes of the conferences held in Washington DC, New York, Melbourne, Canberra and others organised or attended by members of this forum. Also, examine the AU Diaspora Legacy Projects. From these, assist to craft strategic projects for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".

- Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah, 2013 Most Outstanding Young Diplomat of the Year
- Ms Khadija Gbla, Project Officer- CALD Youth at Shine SA and Director of Khadija Gbla Cultural Consultancy
- Mr Arsene Bounda, 2013 African-Australian Young Leader of the Year
- Mr Sidique Bah, Director, Salt Magazine

- DR Gitu, Executive Director, Australian Education Global Advisors (AEGA) with offices in Australia and Africa. (Participating in this group as Senior, Expert, interested in remittance issues)
- Mr Assefa Bekele, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Blacktown LAC (Participating in this group as Senior, Expert)
- Dr Yusuf Sheikh Omar, Researcher at Victorian Transcultural Mental Health, St Vincent's Hospital (Participating in this group as Senior, Expert)

NOTES:

- 1) Preliminary discussions may focus on developing structures and processes for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project". Including its legal status, objectives, policy guidelines, implementation strategies and leadership structure.
- 2) Future discussion areas suggested by Mrs Juliana Nkrumah AO include: "leadership, women, professionals, government, policy, Human Rights and Policing". She recommends that "Human Rights will have to form a cross cutting aspect of the deliberations of all groups."
- 3) Dr Chika Anyanwu recommends that people's contributions be acknowledged. As these contributions are useful intellectual properties. We suggest articulating this in the project's policy statement.
- 4) Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe suggests we request from each African Mission in Australia, information about critical projects needed by their country. In his view, this will assist us to develop targeted short and long term objectives.
- 5) A forum member recommends that each forum member provides titles specific to the African organization they head or is involved with.
- 6) We are taking action to get official recognition by the AU. Also, we are requesting that this project be auspice under the African Heads of Mission in Australia. To enable "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" achieve its fullest potentials, **we asked the diplomats group to use their diplomatic know-how to help us accomplish the following strategic objectives: (1) recognition by the African Union and; (2) auspice under the African Missions in Australia.** Feedback from Ms. Fatma A. Abdallah, Second Secretary, Kenya High Commission, indicates that "H.E. Mr. Molosiwa Selepeng, the Dean of the African Diplomatic

Corps in Canberra, will table this issue at the next meeting of African Heads of Mission and probably highlight it in the upcoming Australia Africa Conference 2014.” (See emails – Appendix 1 and 2)

- 7) As we progress, a secretariat will be established to manage the project's day to day administration.
- 8) If your name is missing from the above list or you wish to be added to more focus groups, please let us know.
- 9) We recommend that each focus group appoint a Chairperson and Secretary. The Chair and Sec will have a moderator status once your focus group's Google platform is created.
- 10) The above focus group stems from Dr Charles Mphande's suggestion that we adopt a grassroots approach and call for mapping of our skill sets. With each cadre working to come up with a strategy for achieving our objects and for change.
- 11) We may limit information flow to members of a specific focus group only. This is to prevent information overload. However, His Excellency, Mr Molosiwa Selepeng, the Botswana High Commissioner and Dean of the African Heads of Mission will be added to all focus groups as observer.
- 12) Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts suggests that we “have a health (stand alone) or a health related category because of the disease burden and need in this area back in Africa.” Suggested categories include: Gender and Health; and Health Research. On this, Mr David Malinda observes that “the moment we start dissecting the program the quicker people start getting confused and lost.”
- 13) Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah suggests that gender equality and empowerment issues require focused attention as enshrined in article 4 (1) of the AU Constitutive Act, the UN MDG 3, and cutting across the post-2015 Development Agenda.
- 14) We've been inundated with invitations to attend conferences and participate in global discussions about Africa-International relations. To enable us elect representatives acceptable to the African communities in Australia and Asia Pacific region, we need to finalise the structure and processes for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project". On this, Dr Yohannes Yihdego Woldeyohannes and Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe suggests that really knowledgeable individual should be delegated to represent us at specific events within their expertise. It was suggested that, this is a key criteria in deciding who represent us and where. **Following this, we shall ask our academic forum members to help formulate legal frameworks, policies and procedures for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" operations.**
- 15) Further, we suggest that leaders with resource (non-reimbursable), time and know-how represent us and their organizations at key diaspora, national or global events. This suggestion is an interim arrangement pending finalisation of the "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" structure, policies and procedures. This suggestion is made in good faith, with hope that we can capture all opportunities that will help the achievement of the AU Diaspora objectives within the Australia and Asia Pacific region. Mrs Eleni Bereded and Ms Fatma Abdullatif Abdallah supports this idea, given the limitation & challenge of funding.

- 16) Mr David Malinda suggests that we form a Diaspora subcommittee who would solicit and write submissions for funding from within and outside Australia for future events and projects. On this, **we suggest that the professionals/entrepreneurs group assist with developing strategies for fundraising.** (See below Appendix 1 for preliminary ideas)
- 17) As we move towards formalising the structure for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project", we suggest adopting a collaborative approach as part of our operational principles. This suggestion stems from the fact that, we already have peak African organisations in Australia and the Asia Pacific region that have developed distinctive competencies. **To avoid duplication of activities, we suggest strengthening these organisations and helping them execute specific AU diaspora projects in which they have core competencies. In doing this, we suggest developing policies and procedures on how to select the qualified organisations, including collaborative methodologies, accountability and review mechanisms. Perhaps, our "Community Leaders" group can assist us with this task.** Mrs Eleni Bereded supports this idea.
- 18) We suggest that the outcome of the conferences held in Washington DC, New York, Milbourne, Canberra and others organised or attended by members of this forum, be collated to assist us craft strategic projects for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project". (See Appendixes 4-7). **We suggest that the Youth group undertake this task, particularly, recommending viable short and long term projects.**
- 19) It is imperative that we follow due processes and best practice methodologies for setting up and implementing the AU Diaspora programs. **We suggest that our Women group examine the setup, operations and constitution of successful diaspora organizations in other regions, including AU documents. And develop a working paper for the "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" operations.**
- 20) As we progress, draft proposal from our focus groups will be merged to articulate the legal structure, policies and operational systems for the "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project".
- 21) Any suggestions on we can improve are welcome.

Thank you

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator

The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

Appendix 1

Celebrate African Australians via googlegroups.com

10 Jul 2014

Note: His Excellency, Dean of the African Heads of Mission in Australia, is on this forum as an Observer. And would receive a copy of this email.

Dear Heddie

Dear Fatma

Dear African Diplomatic Corps in Australia and Asia Pacific Region

As members of our diplomats forum, I would appreciate your actions to get "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" recognised by the AU and auspice under the African Missions in Australia.

"The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" has garnered overwhelming support from African communities in Australia and worldwide. We are continuing to receive invitations to participate actively in the AU/Africa Diaspora Programs in the US, Africa, Europe and among others. We've also been successful in unifying major African-Australian organizations, leaders, intellectuals, youths and stakeholders towards achieving the AU Diaspora agenda in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Recently, members of "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" forum participated actively in African diaspora conferences in Washington DC and New York. Included are local African diaspora conferences organized in Milbourne Australia and among other conference slated to articulate Africa-Australia and Africa-International relations. We are aiming to pool strategies and knowledge garnered from these high powered meetings to advance a common diaspora agenda. This agenda will be tailored to the Australia and Asia Pacific political, social and economic environment.

To assist "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project" achieve its fullest potentials, we need your assistance and diplomatic know-how to achieve these major strategic objectives, which are: (1) recognition by the African Union and; (2) auspice under the African Missions in Australia.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards

John

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator - The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

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Appendix 2

FATMA ABDULLATIF ABDALLAH

13 Jul 2014

Dear John,

Thank you for the reminder notification

I believe H.E. Mr. Molosiwa Selepeng, the Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in Canberra, will table this issue at the next meeting of African Heads of Mission and probably highlight it in the upcoming Australia Africa Conference 2014.

Meanwhile, we shall keep you posted on the outcome of the Conference which shall be of value addition in our attempt to roll down the structure and processes for "The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia pacific) Project"

Kind Regards,

Ms. Fatma A. Abdallah

Second Secretary

Kenya High Commission,

APPENDIX 3

From: AJ Bounda

Reply-to: africandiasporaaustraliasiapacific@googlegroups.com

Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2014 at 7:50 PM

RE: Invitation by the African Union | The African Diaspora in Australia (and Asia
Subject: Pacific) Project

Dear John and dear friends,

Reference is made to your previous Email (herewith attached) pertaining to various invitations to travel to the USA conveyed to you and to the African Diaspora in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region; most specifically to your call for suggestions on how to help finance a trip to the aforementioned destination. To my mind, there may be manifold options available to us and some of them are as follows:

1. First and foremost, may I humbly and respectfully suggest that we touch base with those who kindly sent these invitations in order to enquire about potential travel and living allowances on offer?

From the onset, I wish to convey my gratitude and appreciation for spearheading this noble initiative; the 'African Diaspora in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region Project'!

In your first Email addressed to us on 24 May 2014, you did mention the need to strengthening the African-Australian Relationship in light of various African Union (AU) declarations; notably the 'AU Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit' or the 'Report on the African Union Diaspora Ministerial Conference'. In your correspondence, you mentioned the opportunity to amalgamate our collective strength and voices towards a common goal which encompasses contributing to the formation of the 'African Diaspora in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region Project' and setting its goals. In my opinion, fostering democracy and the rule of law in Africa may be among such noble goals. In this connection, I noticed that the 'US Department of State' and the 'National Endowment for Democracy' (<http://www.ned.org/>) were among the stakeholders involved in the key initiatives mentioned in your Email dated 6 June 2014. These two organisations aim to actively contribute to the democracy in Africa. For instance, the 'National Endowment for Democracy' (NED) is a non-profit organisation that strives to financially assist various projects and non-governmental groups such as ours worldwide. The NED is particularly interested in fostering democracy around the world and it has various grants and fellowships on offer (<http://www.ned.org/fellowships>) that may be of great relevance to our group, 'The African Diaspora in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region Project'. Further, the NED portrays itself as 'a multifaceted institution that is a hub of activity, resources and intellectual exchange for activists, practitioners and scholars of democracy the world over' (NED, 2014). The fact that they are associated to the US Department of State and that they invited us to participate and to contribute to the 'Conversation about the US-Africa Leaders Summit' provides us with an opportunity to touch base with its members. Either to enquire whether they may assist with travel and living allowances in regard to your call for ideas on how we may finance the trip to the US; or to explore potential partnership with 'The African Diaspora in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region Project' on the long run. Indeed, the NED has various programs that may benefit us (such as the 'Forum research Council' which consists in a group of international scholars and experts who works on behalf of the NED in order to offer a wide range of theoretical and intellectual perspectives in the field of democracy studies: <http://www.ned.org/research/research-council>).

2. Second, apart from contacting those from whom the invitations originally emanated (as suggested above), it would be advisable to contact local stakeholders. Indeed, they might help us financially or assist in facilitating the contact with potential donors who would accept to contribute to our trip (this includes local private or public sponsors or entities; encompassing local governments, universities or NOGs). For instance, the US Embassy in Canberra (notably its 'Public Affairs' and 'Political Affairs' sections) could be contacted. Most specifically, Ambassador John Berry may be approached in order to enquire whether his embassy may help in financing our trip or in facilitating further contacts with potential donors such as the 'Australian-American Fulbright Commission' (<http://www.fulbright.com.au/>). Prime Minister Tony Abbott may also be contacted since the US Ambassador and the Prime Minister of Australia are the co-chairs of the Fulbright Commission in Australia. The Fulbright Commission in Australia may not necessarily be able to help financially, but its members might enquire for help among its vast network of sponsors in Australia and in the US: <http://www.fulbright.com.au/about/the-commission?layout=edit&id=72>. It is possible that the US Embassy will be keen on actively

contributing in facilitating the presence of the African Diaspora in Australia and the region to the important events that are scheduled in Washington soon. Especially since it is highly on President Obama's diplomatic agenda and it will be the first high level consultation of its kind. Furthermore, the Obama's Administration is valuing strategies aimed at maximising the value and outcome of this summit (the United States-Africa Leaders' Summit). One such strategy consists in the fact that African leaders should come armed with strategies of engagement that are mutually beneficial both to the United States and Africa (<http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/africa-in-focus/posts/2014/01/23-africa-leaders-summit-kimenyi>). As John said in his Email dated 4 June 2014, we were warmly invited and encouraged to contribute to a strategic agenda for Africa through brainstorming 'on a range of issues from economic to social empowerment'. The US Embassy in Canberra details are as follows: <http://canberra.usembassy.gov/contact.html>.

3. John's Emails also relate to the 'Invitation to Diaspora Meeting at the Fraser Mansion' to be held in Washington (USA) on 28 June 2014 concerning the 'African Heads of States Summit' and the 'CFA African Diaspora Leadership Conference Call 2014 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series' scheduled for September 2014. The acronym 'CFA' actually refers to the 'Constituency for Africa' which consists in a network of (Non Governmental Organisations) (NGOs) in the US which aim to build organised support for Africa in the United States (<http://www.cfanet.org/about-cfa/>). Here is another link of interest on CFA's desire to 'harnessing the capacity building of the Africa Diaspora in building Africa': <http://www.cfa-network.org/>. They also focus on fostering 'cooperation among a broad-based coalition of American, African and international organisations, and individuals committed to the progress and empowerment of Africa and African people' (CFA, 2014). Furthermore, CFA also founded and sponsors the annual 'Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series' mentioned in John's Email sent yesterday. This event to which we were warmly invited to contribute to is held in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Legislative Week every year in September. In this regard, the 'African-American Unity Caucus' (AAUC) is a program founded by the CFA and one of its core objectives is about establishing effective partnerships with public and private entities in Africa and within the African Diaspora worldwide in order to positively impact the US foreign policy; especially in Africa (<http://www.cfanet.org/cfa-aauc/>). In this vein, both CFA and its program the AAUC may be of great relevance to our project on the long run! I would suggest that we contact them in order to enquire whether they may contribute to our travel or living expenses whilst attending the 'CFA African Diaspora Leadership Conference Call 2014 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series' mentioned in John's message! Alternatively, we may ask if they could recommend NGOs or any other donators among their extensive network of stakeholders who might help. Their contact details read as follows: Phone: (202) 371-0588 ; Fax: (202) 371-9017; E-Mail: info@cfanet.org. Here is an interesting link to the biography of their key staff: <http://www.cfanet.org/cfa-leadership/>.

4. Here is another web link of interest pertaining to a private stakeholder ('Bloomberg Philanthropies') who might assist us financially regarding honouring the invitations conveyed to us. Indeed, 'Bloomberg Philanthropies' will co-host with the 'US Department of Commerce' the first US-Africa Business Forum on 5 August 2014: <http://www.bloomberg.org/press/releases/bloomberg-philanthropies-u-s-department-commerce-host-inaugural-u-s-africa-business-forum/>. Contacting them in order to explore potential financial assistance might be advisable.

5. Finally, here is a web link on one of President Obama's core project on consolidating leadership in Africa; especially among its future generation of decision makers: <http://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/washington-fellowship/>. Each year, they intend to

organising a meeting in Washington called the 'Young African Leaders Initiative' (YALI) and to offer grants and fellowships. On the aforementioned link it is stated that people should join the 'YALI network in order to receive opportunities available for young African emanating from the US Government. On the long run, such initiative may be of great relevance to the noble project spearheaded by John; for instance, through a referral system whereby the 'The African Diaspora in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region Project' would advocate the inclusion of young African-Australians or young Africans living overseas in the YALI program. This may be done by identifying young talents and by facilitating the contact with those in charge of the YALI initiative and by encouraging young talented African-Australians to joining President Obama's YALI network online [http://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/!](http://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/)

Cheers,

Arsène

Mr Arsène J. BOUNDA

Melbourne

AUSTRALIA

Appendix 4

PLEASE CIRCULATE TO YOUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

The Botswana High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. Molosiwa Selepeng, in conjunction with the African Heads of Mission in Canberra, the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN), the Australia Africa Business Council (NSW and ACT chapters) and the Crawford School at the Australian National University, will co-host the Australia Africa Conference 2014: Promoting Strategic Engagement and Partnership between Government, Academia and Business.

The Australia Africa Conference 2014 will be held at the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, from 14 to 16 July 2014. The Conference aims to assess progress and identify priorities to promote strategic partnerships and practical outcomes within the framework of Australia-African cooperation. It shall consist of plenary sessions and workshop around the themes:

1. Development Strategies in Africa: Development Models, Export Processing Zones and Dutch disease
2. Education, Science & Technology in Africa: Creating a synergy to generate jobs and create wealth
3. Health Nutrition & Food Security: Optimal policies to enhance nutrition and food security and harnessing emerging markets.

The topics of the Conference will:

- a. address gaps in existing policies with the objectives of proposing improvements or

policy alternatives that can help to create investment friendly regulations and environment, to foster business partnership and exchange of knowledge.

- b. explore common priorities across Australia and Africa countries and identify priority programs and projects for taking strong partnerships forward.
- c. provide high-level African input into deliberations and sharpen the utility of policy and business initiatives to come out of the conference.
- d. turn what are already very promising initiatives into a key component of Australia's ongoing involvement in Africa.
- e. raise awareness of Australia's contribution to Africa's economic and social development.
- f. demonstrate how Australian technology and skills in areas such as sustainable energy can contribute to development.
- g. provide a useful showcase for Australian know-how, both academic and business. The idea is that this know-how can be leveraged into concrete policy programmes and/or business initiatives as a result of the conference, attracting funding to achieve sustainability.
- h. identify sources of funding and venture capital for programmes, projects and proposals that may emerge from the Conference.

Accordingly, we would like to invite you to attend and participate in the Conference. The cost of registering for the conference is \$60. Registration for the Conference Dinner needs to be made separately and also costs \$60. The Conference programme is attached for your reference and appreciation.

Please see link to conference below and follow the instructions to register for both the Conference & Dinner:

<https://crawford.anu.edu.au/events/4210/australia-africa-conference-2014?#tab>

'I am confident that the proceeding of the Conference will help to come up with practical projects in relevant areas of each of the above-mentioned themes, facilitate new networks, create joint ventures and generally improve development cooperation between Australia and African countries. I look forward to seeing many of you at what promises to be a really exciting event.'

H.E. Mr. Molosiwa Selepeng PH
Botswana High Commissioner and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps.

Appendix 5

Celebrate African Australians via googlegroups.com
2 Jul 2014

Dear Leaders

As a follow up to discussions about the conference in Washington DC on 28 June, I wish to forward the below email and attachment. (This covers the brief to the forum by our leaders that attended)

Best regards

John

John Nze-Bertram
Facilitator - African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Binta Terrier

Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Subject: PLAD. Briefing on Diaspora Meeting held Saturday, June 28, 2014, 2-4pm - Selected Topics by Participants for African Heads of States Summit in Washington, D.C.

To: PLAD Communications

Dear all,

Just to briefly inform on topics that were decided by participants to focus on. and share with you the Power Point Presentation on what was discussed.

PLAD would like to thank all participants to the Saturday discussion. Especially, for those who braved the time differences and technical hicups..

In sum:

1. We reached a consensus on areas of focus listed below
2. Technical groups were formed to draft sections of interest for the 1.5 pages letter to be presented and/or discussed with our leaders in August.
3. Newly introduced USA/Africa business to be shared with African embassies shortly.

Focus areas:

1. Corruption
2. Resources: Scramble for Africa
3. Population Movement Out of Africa -- Population Movement In Africa
4. Immigrant
5. Business Relations -- How to enhance Africa/US business relationship?
6. Remittances
7. Foreign Aid
8. Health
 - (i) Africa -- experimental laboratory for products
 - (ii) Depo-Provera -- banned in Europe and Israel -- why in Africa?
9. Other Handicaps for Africans
 - (i) Foreign Advisors
 - (iii) Foreign Philanthropy
 - (iv) Some foreign NGOs

We will continue to share info as we make progress.

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PLAD Diaspora Discussion on African leaders Summit

Washington, D.C., June 28, 2014 Fraser Mansion 1701 – 20th Street, NW, (Corner of Connecticut and R Street, NW) Washington, D.C., 20036

202-667-6404

Proposals:

As discussed with various heads of African Diaspora associations, the following are the issues they would like to be addressed in a comprehensive manner and wish to convey to African heads of states during the August 2014 summit in Washington D.C.

I. Corruption: How to address

1. African Leaders' looting wealth of African nations?
2. Role of Foreign advisors to African leaders in facilitating the looting? Aren't they also looting the wealth of the nations?
3. Why can Foreign Banks harbor the loots?

II. African resources: The new scramble for Africa

1. Mining sector – Who are the “true owners” of Africa's resources?
2. Land Grab –Only African leaders to blame? How about the complicity of western leaders and those from emerging markets?
3. African resources reserves for powerful nations to extract ?
4. Impact on the environment

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III. Conflict:

1. Militarization of Africa

a. Drones

2. Presidential Elections

a. Who elect African leaders?

b. Why massive civil unrests after elections?

c. Human Rights Violations – Why elected leaders resort these?

IV. Immigration:

a. US immigration – African expatriates' status

b. African asylum seekers in Europe, Israel

V. Business Relations:

A. How to enhance Africa/US business relationship?

(i) Conglomerate level

(ii) Small entrepreneur level: could the US EB-5 Immigrant Visa be a generator of investment both sides?

(iv) How to integrate Diaspora returning/ investors in Africa

B. How to boost trade within the African continent?

Would lifting border barriers between African countries free trade, population movement and boost trade?

VI. Remittances: Why are foreigners –World Bank/EC, and other collaborators involved in the private affairs of Continental African Diaspora and their families without their knowledge or consent?

a. African Institute for Remittances -- Is this institute needed

b. Western Union. Practicing price discrimination based on color?

c. Money gram. Practicing price discrimination based on color

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VII. Foreign Aid: Africa must get out of this perpetual self-imposed foreign aid dependency.

Are we only good to produce for the maintenance of other nations' consumption patterns?
And For how long?

A/ USAID: In kind--Not in the best interest of Africans

Food dumping has destroyed the incentives of farming sector development in Africa.

Research and development in farming is almost nonexistent in Africa.

Remedy: How to address this?

The massive dumping of excess foreign goods and pharmaceutical products must stop.
Else, Africa will never develop.

B/ European Aid: Cash & in kind-tied to contracts not benefiting Africans.

C/ Foreign Advisors: Involvement of former foreign leaders into the national affairs of African countries must stop immediately. No other ex-foreign leader and/or billionaires are invited by the people to help run the national affairs of any African country. How can this be enforced?

D/ Philanthropy: Not all involvement of foreign philanthropy in national affairs of an African country is in the best interest of that nation. (i) Why should they have direct access to African heads of States?

(ii) Does African billionaire Dangote or Moe Ibrahim enter into business dealings with US or European head of states?

E/ Foreign NGOs: Many are in Africa for their own self interest. How to evaluate their performance in African countries

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E/ Health: African countries have been turned into experimentation laboratory for any new product. Why? How do we address this problem?

President Obama stated (paraphrasing):

1. "Africa doesn't need strong men. What Africa needs are strong institutions."

How do we put in place these "strong institutions?"

- What can the US do to help Africans on that?
- What can African leaders do to put them in place?
- What can the African Diaspora do to make them happen?

2. What do Africans want?

Has anyone responded to this question?

Everybody has his/her own Africa plan.

What do we, Africans really want for our continent?

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29 Jun 2014

Dear Leaders

Thank you very much for attending the conference today. You all made us, Africans in Australia, PROUD!

Sister Binta, attendees from Australia are:

- Mr David Malinda, Australia Day Ambassador; and President, African Communities Organization of South Australia
- Mrs Eleni Bereded, People of Australian Ambassador & one of 100 Australian Women of Influence
- Dr Yohannes Yihdego Woldeyohannes, Senior Hydrogeologist/Modeller, SMEC Australia
- Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts - Director at Western Health; Lecturer Community Health, College of Health and Biomedicine, Victoria University; and Patron, Women Federation for World Peace Australia
- John Nze-Bertram, Facilitator, The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

Mimmie and David are interested in being part of a committee that you may setup. Mimmie is keen to take leadership in health research.

Please add the above emails to your mailing list.

Once again, thank you for the fantastic discussions.

Warm regards

John

John Nze-Bertram

Facilitator - The African Diaspora (& Asia Pacific) Project

Appendix 6

4 Jul 2014

Dear Leaders

I am pleased to inform you that we had a successful meeting today discussing the attached draft programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent. This is a follow up to the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its twelfth session.

I will provide a final draft (which address the questions asked at the meeting) once it becomes available.

Thank you Sister Juliana Nkrumah AM for attending and contributing to discussions.

Best regards

John

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Dear All,

We are sharing an invitation by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) - on behalf of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Mission of South Africa - for representatives of civil society organizations to participate in a teleconference with the Mission of South Africa and the Office of the President of the General Assembly this Thursday, 3 July at 9:00 am EST (New York time) to share views on the elaboration of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent.

The discussion will be facilitated by the Permanent Representative of South African to the UN, H.E. Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo. Ms. Aqeelah Akbar, Advisor to the President of the General Assembly on Third Committee Matters, will also participate in the call.

RSVP is required for participation. Please send the following information:

Name of participant

Organization
Email address

Call in details will be provided after receipt of RSVP.

With support from the UN Millennium Campaign, we will use Turbobridge for the call, which allows connection via Skype or telephone.

To prepare for the call, please review A/HRC/26/55, the Draft programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on its twelfth session).

Feel free to share this information widely.

Best regards,

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Appendix 7

Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe

Jun 29

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Dear John, and through you to all the others,

Thank you all who have represented us (African-Australians), in the Diaspora Discussion on African Leaders Summit, Washington, D.C., June 28, 2014. Following on my earlier communication, that I would not participate in this summit because it coincided with a symposium held at the La Trobe University Centre for Dialogue, Melbourne. This was another contribution the discussions that were taking place elsewhere.

Some of you might have noted the flyer and topics proposed. The symposium was well supported, attended, and substantial discussions, questions, answers, and some solutions came up in regard to African-Australia Diaspora (African-Australians), and the Australia-Africa relations. An abridged publication of the proceedings, and proposed way forward (recommendations) is being worked on. The key focal areas of the symposium were (1) Settlement into Australia, (2) Enhancing Resilience –thus growth, (3) Australia-Africa Relations –Historic, Policies, the Economics, key Issues in the relationship and the Dawn of ‘New Africa and Diaspora’ including the role of sports in the developments, and finally (4) Contemporary Issues in the Australia-Africa Relations: Politics, Security, Peace Making and Future. As well the roles played and activities collaboratively staged as part

of the Africa Day celebration in Australia were summarised. The symposium was the last event of the Africa Day celebrations but which can be dubbed as a forum for triggering issues, allowing debate over the matters, at the same time seeking solutions. Therefore symposium touched on: how the African-Australians arrive, settle (including where and why), grow (questions of inclusion, access, & equity, and contributions), and extension of their relationships with the original countries. Questions of enablers, context, purpose, policies, benefits, global dynamics, socio-politic, broad economic agendas and so on; all emerged in the discussions.

However, among the many outcomes of the symposium is a general agreement that even though Sub-Sahara Africans are non-homogeneous; due to a host of positive reasons, and the needs a critical mass in addressing many of the above mentioned issues, the “Hybrid African-Australian Identity ” as an easy convenient way of having a strong cohort reference of the sub –Sahara people in Australia, it is a better way to go.

Also, this symposium concluded that it is high time to foster initiatives towards establishing an “Africa-Australia Institute” in Australia as a major central Agency through which some of the above matters could be addressed. This is added to the recommendation by the Inquiry into Australia’s Relationship with the Countries of Africa (Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade) in regard to the development of An African Studies Centre within the Federal Department of education.

It is my belief that in one way or another, some of the above matters will be within the jurisdiction of “The African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project”.

I am looking forward to making further contributions as we move into the tasks.

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Dear Brother Apollo

Congratulations to you too and everyone that participated in the Symposium on 28 June in Victoria. We are indeed proud of your commitments and unity in purpose.

I have asked our leaders that attended the conference in Washington DC to brief the forum about key discussions, solutions and action plans. I am certain we would be hearing from them.

From the Washington DC's conference discussions, a draft proposal would be developed by a panel of high calibre diaspora committee. The committee is made up of representatives from Australia, the USA and Intercontinental. A final proposal will be submitted to African Heads of State and the US Government before the US-Africa summit in August. I will present to the forum, a draft and final proposal once received. (Please see below email)

Moving forward, we would be looking at merging key outcomes of both the conference and symposium; in view, to develop short and long term projects that are sustainable and strategic.

Cheers

John

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