

*“Welcome to the African diaspora a diverse group of intelligent, sophisticated highly adaptable and totally indestructible individuals who can accomplish anything if they set their minds to it. The status of health care in Africa is unacceptable and must be addressed. As African Diaspora health care professionals we are ready and willing to face the challenge and the African Union has our back. As a Diaspora physician, I can speak for my colleagues by reminding us of the timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people– **Yes We Can” make a difference in health care in Africa. It takes a village to raise a child, we are the village. We must convert the brain drain into brain gain.”***

Dr Arikana Chihombori, M.D.

Membership

Membership for ADHI is open to all African Diaspora, Africa health focused organizations operating in North America, the Caribbean, Latin America, as well as to individual members who have Africa at heart. **You are African because Africa is born in YOU!!**

For more information on membership, visit
<http://www.audafamericas.org/adhi.html>

Africa is experiencing a health care crisis. The enormous burden of disease is retarding progress in Africa. Through effective implementation of the African Diaspora Health Initiatives, the African Union and its partners will positively impact the health, wellbeing and ultimately, the futures of all those on the continent. Mother Africa is calling . It is time for us to answer that call by becoming members of AU-DAF Americas/ADHI.



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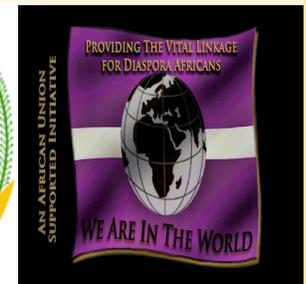
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The AU has partnered with AU-DAF Americas to
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African Union (AU) African Diaspora Health Initiative



***A program of the African Union
Mission to the United States***



H.E. Mr. Jean Ping
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About the African Union

Launched in 2002 as the successor to the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the African Union (AU) has set about addressing the various Health, Education Political, Social, Economic, and developmental challenges of a continent with almost a billion people. In 2003 the AU unanimously agreed on a historic decision that resulted in the creation of Africa's 6th Region. This region is vast and includes continental Africans as well as ALL people of African descend living outside Africa. Included are people from the Caribbean and all of the Americas. This decision was in recognition of the valuable contributions the Diaspora are making to the continent. They are a critical partner in Africa's growth and development.



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The Mission

The African Union Mission to the United States (AUMUS). AUMUS's purpose is to be the bridge that strengthens the relationship between our beloved Mother Africa and her children in the Diaspora. The areas of interest are: Health care, Education and private sector development. The African Union is fully aware of the decades of unilateral brain drain that has occurred out of Africa to the West. **The Mission seeks to change this equation from brain drain out of Africa to brain gain back into Africa.** In addition the AU has also embarked on a program to showcase the New Africa—an economically vibrant continent imbued with lucrative investment opportunities and enormous prospects for unparalleled economic development. As the first of several initiatives, the AUMUS has created the African Diaspora Health Initiative (ADHI)



About ADHI

The vision of the African Diaspora Health Initiative (ADHI) is to develop a healthy and prosperous Africa free of the heavy burden of disease, disability and premature death.

In partnership with AU-DAF Americas, the main focus of ADHI is to bridge the gap between Africans on the continent with the African Diaspora health care professionals abroad. The initiative aims to mobilize clinicians, public health experts, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, scientists and other members of the health workforce in the Diaspora and encourage them to look back and participate in improving health care conditions on the continent of Africa. The mission will be realized through creation of an environment that facilitates Diaspora participation in the development of Africa. Through the support of best practices in clinical care and public health and sustained advocacy for better health in Africa, short and long-term programs designed to increase the number and quality of health professionals on the continent will be developed on an ongoing basis. Involvement of partners in the USA, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America is strongly encouraged. By creating an alliance of organizations engaged in efforts to improve health in Africa, ADHI will ensure that goals and objectives are met and that the target populations benefit from the Initiative.

The Look Back Project.

ADHI has chosen this initiative as its first of many other projects to follow. In addition to giving us access to immediate data, we hope that it will also serve as a unifying factor for the Diaspora. Participation is open to all African Diaspora as well as Africa health focused organizations and their Africa based counterparts. To achieve its mission, the ADHI will work with the African Union, African governments and their ministers of health, other continental Institutions, the private sector and the civil society on the continent. Please see website for details of the project.

The Committee

To ensure transparent operational activities, ADHI has a Steering Committee comprised of respected leaders in the health care and business fields. This committee will keep the Diaspora updated on the progress made on the ground both in the Americas as well as in Africa. This committee will also provide strategic and operational leadership.

“As an African woman, a mother, a long term government minister in Zanzibar and Tanzania, and now as the Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States, I have often wondered how Africans in the continent and Africans in the Diaspora can work together to create and implement sustainable development initiatives for Africa.”

—Ambassador Amina Salum Ali