Directory of New York Area

African Immigrant Associations

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Please send an e-mail message to Linda Beck if you would like to add your organization or if your information needs correcting.
Africa Business Community
Address: P. O. Box 8614, New York, NY 10116-8614
Telephone: 212-439-8047
Fax: 212-234-2233
Email: seydina_senghor@yahoo.com
Contact: Seydina Senghor, Executive Director
Mission/Purpose: To offer services to African immigrant community in the US.
Activities/Services Provided: Orientation, ESL Programs, housing assistance, legal, immigration, health-care escort and business assistance.

Africa Development Institute
Address: PO Box 1644, New York, NY 10185
Telephone: 888-619-7535
Email: ca498@bfn.org
Website: www.africainstitute.com/
Contact: Kwame Anokor, Chairman and External Director
Mission/Purpose: To promote and foster the human and material development of Africa, through research, education and policy analysis.
Activities/Services Provided: Research, education, policy analysis and advocacy.

The African Business Network
Address: c/o ACCESS - 205 Church Street, Suite 601 - New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-865-5600
Fax: 203-562-3944
Email: mknzogu@ftnetwork.com
Contact Person: Nzogu Kulya, co-founder
Mission/Purpose: To create a forum and resources for African entrepreneurs and professionals in the New York metropolitan area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York City); to encourage entrepreneurship among our members; to develop a curriculum (seminars, classes) for small business owners; to carry out social activities for the larger African community.
Activities/Services Provided: Seminars for small business owners in New York City, Connecticut and New Jersey; networking meetings in New York City; business consulting; charitable events to finance public health projects in Africa.
The African Community Center for Social and Educational Services (ACCESS)
Address: 205 Church Street, Suite 601 - New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-865-5600
Fax: 203-562-3944
Email: accessmedia@sbcglobal.net
Contact Person: Yasir Hamed, President
Mission/Purpose: To create a center for Africans living in the state of Connecticut; to promote African cultures and history in Connecticut; to encourage initiatives within the African community; to provide information and advice to those interested in settling in Connecticut.
Activities/Services Provided: Immigration counseling; African history seminars at museums, universities and schools throughout Connecticut; cultural activities; business consulting.

The African Services Committee
Address: 429 W. 127th Street, NY, NY 10027
Telephone: 212-222-3882
Fax: 212-222-7067
Email: africanserve@att.net
Website: www.africanservices.org
Contact Person: Kim Nichols and Asfaha Hadera, co-executive directors
Other Officers: Kwamba Nkembe, prevention programs director
Mission/Purpose: To improve the health and self-sufficiency of the African community through provision of direct health, housing, social and legal services to African refugees and immigrants in New York City, and AIDS advocacy, policy work, and technical assistance benefiting African NGOs in both the US and Africa.
Activities/Services Provided: Services include: HIV prevention group-level trainings, HIV/STD/TB testing and access to care, HIV case management, recruitment for HIV clinical studies, medical interpretation, HIV support groups, HIV genetic diversity clinician and consumer education, HIV legal advocacy, HIV and HIV/TB housing placement assistance, employment referrals, ESL classes, micro-enterprise workshops, and food and nutrition services.

Akwalbom State Association

Ananbra State Progressive Union, Inc.
Address: P. O. Box 850, New York, NY, 10116
Telephone: 718-922-0636
Email: chinafun@aol.com
Contact: Franklin Okpalaosimir, President
Mission/Purpose: To provide shelter to the needy on a temporary basis.
Activities/Services Provided: Assist disaffected members.
Association of Senegalese in America  
Address: 460 W. 126th Apt. 3D, NY NY 10027  
Telephone: 212-665-5924  
Email: fg32@columbia.edu  
Contact Person: Fallou Gueye, President  

Camba (Church Ave. Merchants Bloc Association)  
Telephone: 718-462-8654  
Fax: 718-703-7210  
Email: AbdoulayeT@Camba.Org  
Web Site: www.camba.org  
Contact: Abdoulaye Tandia  

The Cameroonian Youth Development Corporation  

Center For Democracy in Africa  

Christ Pentecostal International Church  
Address: 4262 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457  
Telephone: 718-294-4833  
Website: http://www.churchpentecostal.com/  
Contact: Jonas Altan, President  
Other Officers: Rev. Ebennezer Adarkwah  
Mission/Purpose: To provide all services for all people.  
Activities/Services Provided: Prayer, food program, youth programs.  

The Coalition of Ethiopian Women For Mutual Support  
Address: 17 Battery Place, Suite 966 N. New York, NY 10004  
Telephone: 212-968-0749  
Fax: 212-425-7260  
Contact: Ms. Abaynesha Asrat  
Mission/Purpose: To serve as a forum and resource center in order to enable Ethiopian women to discuss, promote and develop their social and economic interests; to promote the culture, history and literature of Ethiopia by organizing social and cultural events; to encourage members to become involved in American community life; to act as an advocacy group to promote Ethiopian women’s rights in Ethiopia and the US; to provide information, orientation and referral services to immigrant and refugee women; to engage in fund raising activities for implementing the objectives of the association
**Economic Forum for Africa**  
Address: 165 A Heritage Village - Southbury, CT 06488  
Telephone: 203-267-4774  
Fax: 203-562-3944  
Email: knzogu@ftnetwork.com  
Contact Person: Nzogu Kulya, co-founder and board member  
**Mission/Purpose:** To promote investment in Africa; to analyze the impact of trade liberalization and economic globalization on sub-Saharan economies; to help define new paths for the continent's development  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Seminars on economic and public policies in Africa; Investment forum to promote African potentials including telecommunications, financial services, mining, infrastructure, human resources; Conferences and lectures at foreign affairs think tanks, universities, government entities and corporations throughout the US.

**First Ghana Seventh Day**  
Address: 45 Goble Place  
Telephone: 718-731-4076  
Contact: Pastor Hermann Kuma  
**Mission/Purpose:** Church.

**FLAM (African Liberation Forces of Mauritania)**  
Address: 328 Troy Ave. #3, Brooklyn, NY 11213  
Telephone: 718-953-8048  
Email: Mammadu6@aol.com  
Website: [http://flamnet.webjump.com](http://flamnet.webjump.com)  
[http://membres.tripod.fr/flamnet/](http://membres.tripod.fr/flamnet/)  
Contact Person: Mamadou Barry  
Other Officers: Samba Thiam  
**Mission/Purpose:** To fight against racial discrimination and slavery in Mauritania  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Education of international community about the political situation in Mauritania, based on facts and deeds of the racist government of Mauritania.

**Ga-Adangme Kpee**  
Address: P. O. Box 1597, Manhattanville Station, New York, NY 10027  
Telephone: 718-365-4822  
Fax: 718-365-4822  
Contact: Isaac Nortey  
**Mission/Purpose:** To organize members of the Gadangme community for social and economic development.  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Cultural, social services and immigration.
The Gambian Society in New York, Inc.
Address: 1230 Jerome Ave, P. O. Box 297, Bronx, NY 10452
Telephone: 718-293-0500
Fax: 718-293-0800
Email: gamsocyn@yahoo.com
Contact: Bakary O. Swaneh, president
Other Officers: Binta Dibba, vice-president
Mission/Purpose: To promote the social, cultural and economic interests of Gambians and people of African origin in the New York Metropolitan area.
Activities/Services Provided: Conduct HIV/AIDS, TB, STDs awareness workshops, serve as a liaison to individuals and organizations with interest in this community and provide funeral assistance to bereaved families.

Ggwangamujje New York/New Jersey
Address: 1319 Sloane Bld. Plainfield, NJ 07060, USA
Telephone: 908-753-6513
Fax: 908-7530-0006
Email: Ggwangamujjenynj@yahoo.com
Website: under construction
Contact Person: Mr. Wycliffe Lule-Musoke, President
Mission/Purpose: To promote a viable sense of fellowship among its membership and sustain cultural awareness and enrichment, and cultural linkages amongst members in North America and Uganda; to contribute to the enhancement of the members' social welfare through a better understanding of the socio-legal dispositions in the United States as well as to participate in the advancement of the socio-economic welfare of Buganda in particular and Uganda in general.
Activities/Services Provided: Socialization, cultural enrichment, information concerning the local social environment; fundraising for development projects in Uganda.

Ghana National College Alum
Address: 1889 Sedgwick Avenue, 10C, Bronx, NY 10453
Telephone: 718-716-7270
Contact: Jonas Altan, President
Mission/Purpose: To provide funding for schools in Ghana.
Activities/Services Provided: Fund raising.
Ghanaian Presbyterian/Reformed Church
Address: 890 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226
Telephone: 718-282-2699
Email: sakmatiemo@aol.com
Contact: Rev. Samuel Atiemo, Pastor
Other Officers: Steve O. Anesong, Michael Anlo-Adu
Mission/Purpose: To provide spiritual support to African immigrants from Ghana. Also to provide for the Ghanaian community a wider secular and ecclesiastical programs of Presbyterian church/USA and reformed church in America.
Activities/Services Provided: Sunday worship, disaster assistance for WTC victims, community outreach..

Ghana Veteran’s Association, USA
Address: 1522 Union Port Road, 4C, Bronx, NY 10462
Telephone: 718-828-8581
Contact: Capt. Kuma

GLASYA (Great Lakes Asylees Action)
Telephone: 973-484-3557
Email: glasvac@yahoo.com
Contact: Judicael Mukarhinda or Suzie Meta

Guinea Development Foundation
Address: 140 West end Avenue, suite 176, New York, NY 3373
Telephone: 718-874-2911
Website: www.guineadeve.org/
Contact: Sekou M. Sylla
Mission/Purpose: To promote primary health care, information on HIV and community education.
Activities/Services Provided: Health Care.

High Council of Malians of Overseas
Address: 26 W 25th Street, New York, NY 10010
Telephone: 212-414-9492
Fax: 212-414-9493
Contact: Mahamadou Dibassy, President
Mission/Purpose: To provide assistance to Malian nationals in improving their daily life; to help them understand and respect the laws and regulations of their host countries; and to guide them in their investment projects in Mali.
Activities/Services Provided: Legal assistance, health assistance, post-mortem evacuation, and repatriation to Mali in case of mental illness.
Ijebu Development Organization, Inc.
Address: P. O. Box 020811, Brooklyn, NY 11202
Telephone: 718-477-1026
Fax: 718-477-5388
Email: shit153@aol.net and aopetubo@netzero.net
Contact: Murino Shittu, President
Other Officers:
Mission/Purpose: To promote education, culture, socio-economic conditions, politics and technological advancement of the Ijebu people in the United States and more generally in Nigeria and the diaspora.
Activities/Services Provided: Donate educational materials to various institutions of learning; provide assistance to homelessness in the USA and Nigeria; fund raising to establish an orphanage home in Nigeria; provide medical equipment for hospital, books for schools and borehole for drinkable water.

Irinkerindo: A Journal of African Migration
Address: Department of Black Studies, 285 Carman Hall, 250 Bedford Park Blvd, Bronx, NY 10468-1589
Email: bertrade@leahman.cuny.edu
Website: www.africamigration.com
Contact Person: Prof. Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum
Other Officers: Prof. Mojubalu Olufuké
Mission/Purpose: To provide a forum for scholarly articles of the highest quality; to document the relevance of African immigration to the world’s social, political and economic systems as well as its historical effect on culture; to respond to the debates on immigration and problematize its assumed effects.
Activities/Services Provided: Publish original essays, reprints of hard to find essays, critical commentaries, book reviews and interviews of African immigrants.

Kibombo 117 (Congolese Vision Association)
Address: Po Box 1642 Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Telephone: 973-483-0409
Fax: 973-483-0409
Email: Okemi9_11@yahoo.com
Contact Person: Michel Okenghe
Purpose/Mission: To focus on building and supporting African culture and dance, organizing various conferences and international meetings, networking and exchanges with others African immigrant communities
Activities/Services provided: Organize and produce African dance groups, Participate and help summer activities into African immigrant communities
James Town Social Club  
**Address:** 468 West 148th Street #5F, NY, NY 10031  
**Telephone:** 212-862-7327  
**Contact Person:** Nu Ahuma Kojo Lantei  
**Mission/Purpose:** To provide support and help to all members, financially and socially  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Cultural activities, lectures, scholarships, immigration counseling services, health counseling

The Mauritanian Committee for Human Rights Defense  
**Address:** 1248 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
**Telephone:** 718-919-4201  
**Fax:** 718-230-4076  
**Email:** Habsadia@networkdesign.net  
**Contact Person:** Habsa Dia  
**Other Officers:** Oumar Deh, N’Gaide Ibrahima, Mansour Kane  
**Mission/Purpose:** To promote the defense of human rights in Mauritania  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Inform Mauritanian refugees and asylumees about on-going human rights abuses in Mauritania; collect contributions for the refugees living in Senegal and Mali; inform the American public, academic community and media about human rights abuses including slavery in Mauritania

Miracle Church of Christ, Inc.  
**Address:** 601 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238  
**Telephone:** 718-230-0744  
**Fax:** 718-638-5279  
**Mission/Purpose:** To preach the gospel and win souls for the kingdom of Christ. The organization also cares for orphans and elders and helps the community.  
**Activities/Services Provided:** Worship God, Sunday school, youth programs, marriage counseling, general counseling including services for people with drug and alcohol problems.

Nah We Yone  
**Address:** 103 W 136th Street, #2, New York, NY 10030  
**Telephone:** 212-862-9703  
**Email:** nahweyan@aol.com  
**Website:** www.nahweyone.org/  
**Contact:** Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith, Judy Rogers, Co-Chairs.  
**Other Officers:** Les Rickford
National Council of Ghanaian Associations
Address: P. O. Box 2602, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008
Telephone: (914) 963-3020
Contact: Thomas Mensah, Executive Secretary General
Other Officers: Mohammed Mardah, Deputy Secretary General, Alhaji Abass A. Adamu
Mission/Purpose: To enhance economic and political status of Ghanaian people and preserve the socio-cultural traditions of Ghanaian culture.
Activities/Services Provided: Economic empowerment, cultural preservation, social interaction, networking.

New Jueaben Association, Inc.
Address: 460 E. 21st Street, #5J, Brooklyn, NY 11226
Telephone: 718-287-6352
Contact: K. Amankwah Mensah, President
Other Officers: Albert Wusu (VP), Steve Panford (secr.), Stanley Manto (financial secr.)
Mission/Purpose: To support members with basic needs in this foreign land.
Activities/Services Provided: Monthly meetings, annual picnic, student support.

Nigerian Catholic Community, Inc.
Address: c/o 4769 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10470
Telephone: 718-994-3455
Contact: Chief Nathaniel Ajunwa, Director
Other Officers: Chief Onyema Ma Okone, President
Mission/Purpose: To promote Christian worship in Igbo language, to educate children about the Nigerian culture.
Activities/Services Provided: To teach Igbo language and culture to Nigerian and American children, to give seminars on the importance of preserving one’s identity.

Nigerian Community Help Center
Address: 5 West 46th Street, New York, NY 10036
Telephone: 212-921-5563
Fax: 212-921-5563
Email: keraynchc@aol.com
Website: www.geocitias.com/kerrynchc
Contact: Segun Kerry
Mission/Purpose: To provide emergency assistance, counseling and referral services to Nigerians in America.
Activities/Services Provided: Counseling, emergency assistance, referral services.
**Pulaar Speaking Association, Ltd.**
Address: 1169 Fulton Street, P. O. Box 160341
Telephone: 718-638-1613
Contact: Lamine Sakho, president
Other Officers: Mamadou (Makane) Kane
Mission/Purpose: To provide cultural and social education to African immigrants. Also, the organization provides health education and ethnic linkage within the African community.
Activities/Services Provided: Health education, social services, English classes, services for pregnant women, funeral services for the dead, and assistance for sick people.

**ROZA Promotions, Inc.**
Address: 131 Canal Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
Telephone: 718-556-3237
Fax: 718-556-3253
Email: RZOZAPro@aol.com
Website: www.rozapromotions.org/
Contact: Rufus Z. Arkoi
Mission/Purpose: To provide culturally appropriate services to African immigrants and refugees living in Staten Island.
Activities/Services Provided: Tutorial, referrals, music, recreational, health info, sports.

**Senegalese Cultural Committee**
Address: 120 W116th Street, #2D, New York, NY 10031
Telephone: (201) 716-7270
Email: lg@nywalerway.com
Contact: El Madji Ndiaye
Other Officers: S. Ofosu So Muah
Mission/Purpose: To build a bridge over the gap created by colonization.
Activities/Services Provided: Promote African culture; teach children about their roots and culture; teach people to avoid discrimination.

**Techimanita Abusuakuo**
Address: 645 E 26th Street, #2F, Booklyn, NY 11210
Telephone: 718-421-6343
Email: frmipong@earthlink.net
Contact: Jerry Fmipong
Mission/Purpose: To provide services to Ghanaians who live in the New York City area; to build schools and clinics for the villagers in Ghana.
Activities/Services Provided: Fund raise through members to build public schools and clinics.
United African Congress (UAC)
Address: 44 East 32nd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016
Telephone: 212-685-2848
Fax: 212-685-4497
Contact: Sidique A. Wai, National President and Spokesperson
Other Officers: Al Haji Souleymane Konate (deputy spiritual leader), Dr. Michael J. Cole (co-chair professional affairs), Emmanuel Wansi (media)
Mission/Purpose: To empower continental Africans to effectively participate in activities and programs that affect them in the USA. To help Africans in articulating their concerns to the powers that be, thereby improving their quality of life and opportunities here and the homeland.
Activities/Services Provided:

United Sisters Club
Address: 421 W 162nd Street, 4G, New York, 10032
Telephone: 212-795-8864
Contact: Dora D. Bello
Mission/Purpose: To protect African identity and help each member in time of need.
Activities/Services Provided: Meetings when requested by the members with the approval of founder as above.

Yankasa Association of New York, Inc
Address: P. O. Box 984 Bronx, NY 10452
Telephone: 718-681-3384
Email: Lmomd@aol.com
Contact: Lukumanu Mohammed, President
Other Officers: Alhaji Abbas A. Adamu, Vice President Mohammed Marda, Braimah.
Mission/Purpose: To preserve and promote culture, religion, education and economic empowerment.
Activities/Services Provided: Idil Fatir, Idil Adha, Picnics, SAT preparation, home work and enrichments programs, religious education to the children.

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