

## **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](mailto: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@bfm.org](mailto:ca498@bfm.org)

**Website:** [www.africainstitute.com/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 127<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10027

**Telephone:** 212-222-3882

**Fax:** 212-222-7067

**Email:** [africanserve@att.net](mailto:africanserve@att.net)

**Website:** [www.africanservices.org](http://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](mailto: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. 126<sup>th</sup> Apt. 3D, NY NY 10027

**Telephone:** 212-665-5924

**Email:** [fg32@columbia.edu](mailto: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](mailto:AbdoulayeT@Camba.Org)

**Web Site:** [www.camba.org](http://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. Ebenezer 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](mailto: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](mailto:Mammadu6@aol.com)

**Website:** <http://flamnet.webjump.com>

<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:** [gamsocyny@yahoo.com](mailto:gamsocyny@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.

**Gwangamujje New York/New Jersey**

**Address:** 1319 Sloane Bld. Plainfield, NJ 07060, USA

**Telephone:** 908-753-6513

**Fax:** 908-7530-0006

**Email:** [Gwangamujjenynj@yahoo.com](mailto:Gwangamujjenynj@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](mailto: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:** [glasyac@yahoo.com](mailto:glasyac@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/](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shit153@aol.net) and [aopetubo@netzero.net](mailto: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 bore-hole 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@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:bertrade@lehman.cuny.edu)

**Website:** [www.africamigration.com](http://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](mailto: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 148<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 asyumees 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 136<sup>th</sup> Street, #2, New York, NY 10030

**Telephone:** 212-862-9703

**Email:** [nahweyan@aol.com](mailto:nahweyan@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.nahweyone.org/](http://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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036

**Telephone:** 212-921-5563

**Fax:** 212-921-5563

**Email:** [keraynchc@aol.com](mailto:keraynchc@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.geocities.com/kerrynchc](http://www.geocities.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](mailto:RZOZAPro@aol.com)

**Website:** [www.rozapromotions.org/](http://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 W116<sup>th</sup> Street, #2D, New York, NY 10031

**Telephone:** (201) 716-7270

**Email:** [lg@nywalerway.com](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> Street, #2F, Booklyn, NY 11210

**Telephone:** 718-421-6343

**Email:** [frmipong@earthlink.net](mailto: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 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 162<sup>nd</sup> 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:** [Lmomb@aol.com](mailto:Lmomb@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.

Please send an e-mail message to [Linda Beck](mailto:Linda Beck) if you would like to add your organization or if your information needs correcting.