

AFRICAN DIASPORA & DEVELOPMENT DAY (AD3)

‘The African Diaspora within a Global Context’

FRIDAY, 2ND JULY 2010 – 17:30 to 20:30

The Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House
10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE
(Piccadilly Circus or Green Park Station)

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SNACKS & DRINKS SERVED - £10 DONATION

CHAIR: Prof Thandika Mkandawire – Chair of African Development, London School of Economics

LECTURES: Dr Shihan De Silva Jaysuriya – ‘Africans in South Asia: A Forgotten People’

Historic and contemporary role and contribution of Africans in the military, culture and music of the Indian subcontinent. Shihan De Silva Jaysuriya is the author of ‘African Identity in Asia :Cultural Effects of Forced Migration’, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (University of London), and Rapporteur of UNESCO Slave Route Project (Paris).

Gibril Faal – ‘Historical & Developmental Perspectives on the African Diaspora’

Historical basis of the different African diasporas and their role in contemporary socio-economic development of the African continent. Gibril Faal is the author of paper on ‘Definition and Classification of the African Diaspora, Chairman of African Foundation for Development (AFFORD), and Board Member of the EC-UN Joint Migration & Development Initiative (Brussels).

‘Diaspora Action in African Development’

SATURDAY, 3RD JULY 2010 – 12.00 to 19.30

Cass School of Education, University of East London
Stratford Campus, Water Lane, E15 4LZ (5 minutes from Stratford Station)

ADMISSION IS FREE & COMPLIMENTARY AFRICAN FOOD WILL BE SERVED

Places are limited, so book early through: www.uel.ac.uk/ad3

Entertainment provided by various artists including:

Juwon Ogungbe – Composer, singer, music director & educator
Natural Selectionz Breakdance Crew

12.00 – 14.00: Artistic Entertainment, Lunch & Networking

14.00 – 16.00: Keynote Presentations & Discussion:

Prof Sonny Nwankwo – UEL Business School (Chair of Plenary Session)

Dr Salihu Bakari – Chair of Adamawa State Universal Basic Education Board (Nigeria) on ‘Education for All’

Gibril Faal – Chair of AFFORD on ‘Social Enterprise and African Development’

16.00 – 17.30: DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

1. Education for Development in Nigeria

(Development Impact For Nigeria - DIFN)

Yomi Oloko – Programme Manager

Dr Abiola Ogunsola – Returned Volunteer & DIFN Trustee

2. SME Investment Opportunities in Zimbabwe

(Zimbabwe Diaspora Development Interface)

Dr Livingstone Musoro – ZDDI Vice Chair & Senior Lecturer

Yvonne Kuimba - ZDDI Board Member & Project Manager

3. Enterprise Development in Ghana (REMADE & REMITSKILLS)

Benjamin Cobblah – Enterprise Educationalist

Toyin Dania – AFFORD Resource Person

4. Remittances & Business Development in Sierra Leone (REMITPLUS)

Thelma Bowlay-Williams – Operations Manager, RemitPlus

Benjamin Noballa – Managing Director, FinanceSalone (Sierra Leone)

17.30 – 18.00: Refreshment & Entertainment

18.00 – 19.00: Feedback & Closing Remarks

19.00 – 19.30: Networking & Close

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African Diaspora and Development Day (AD3) was piloted by AFFORD in 2000 and became an annual event in 2003. Every year, a theme linked to ‘diaspora and development’ is explored. AD3 serves as a platform for networking and sharing of knowledge, information and best practice. AD3 is held on the first Saturday of July every year and AD3 2010 is the ninth such event organised by AFFORD.

Past speakers include:

Prof Wangari Maathai – Nobel Laureate & Environmentalist

Philip Emegwali – Mathematician & Scientist

Yasine Fall – Economist & Gender Specialist

Alexander Amosu – New Technology Entrepreneur

Firoze Manji – Editor in Chief of Pambazuka News

<p>AFRICAN FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (AFFORD)</p> <p>AFFORD was set up in 1994 to extend and enhance the contribution Africans in the diaspora make to African development. It was a pioneer in advocating for international development policy and practice to recognise and reflect the role of diasporas. AFFORD acts as a catalyst and innovator in the field of migration, diaspora and development. It works on enterprise development, job creation, remittances, diaspora action etc. www.afford-uk.org</p>	
<p>BLACK BUSINESS OBSERVATORY / UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON</p> <p>The aim of BBO is to develop a coordinated portal for information, research and market intelligence regarding Black-owned businesses. BBO is based at UEL, which has a significant number of African students. UEL has hosted AD3 several times, including the initial pilot event in 2000. www.uel.ac.uk/bbo</p>	
<p>CHATHAM HOUSE</p> <p>Chatham House is a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all. It promotes open as well as confidential debates on international affairs and produces rigorous policy analysis and new ideas to decision-makers. www.chathamhouse.org.uk</p>	
<p>DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FOR NIGERIA (DIFN)</p> <p>DIFN aspires to become a leading diaspora-run development agency working in Nigeria. Established in 1999, its early work was on HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, care and support. Through partnerships with Nigeria-based Community Based Organisations, NGOs, schools, faith groups etc, DIFN undertakes projects on youth, community and social work, education and health. DIFN runs a diaspora volunteering project in partnership with VSO. www.difn.org.uk</p>	
<p>ZIMBABWE DIASPORA DEVELOPMENT INTERFACE (ZDDI)</p> <p>ZDDI is a non-partisan development initiative providing a platform to engage Zimbabweans in the diaspora for the purposes of harnessing new ideas, skills, experiences, networks and financial resources for the development of Zimbabwe. ZDDI engages Zimbabweans on specific themes such as investment, appropriate technological transfer, human capital, capacity building, national healing and reconciliation. www.zimdiasporainterface.org</p>	
<p>REMADE & REMITSKILLS</p> <p>REMADE & REMITSKILLS are AFFORD projects focussing on enterprise development in Africa. REMADE entails a package of business support for members of the African diaspora who want to set up businesses in Ghana. The package includes subsidised market research and field trips to Ghana. REMITSKILLS is the new brand name of AFFORD's Diaspora Volunteering Programme (DVP). In partnership with VSO, DVP was piloted in 2005 for Sierra Leone and Ghana. African diaspora professionals are recruited as volunteers to work on SME development in Ghana. AFFORD is seeking partners to expand both projects to other African countries. www.afford-uk.org</p>	
<p>REMITPLUS</p> <p>REMITPLUS is a pilot project run by AFFORD in partnership with IFAD. It creates strong and tangible links between remittances, enterprise development, investment and personal savings. Remitters in the UK get financial literacy training and remittance recipients in Sierra Leone get business support and financial guidance. www.remitplus.org</p>	

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