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Dear Potential Delegate,

The African Union defines the African Diaspora as all people of African descent living outside of Africa. In 2002 after an increase drumbeat from people of African descent living outside Africa (The African Diaspora), The African Union incorporated the 6th Region as part of the African Union constitution. Since the amendment of the AU constitution, it has been brought to our attention the onus has been left to the African Diaspora to organize and collectively, in a united manner present demands to the African Heads of State as to how we wish to organize and formalize the 6th Region in the same way as the other 5 regions on the continent of Africa.

The Government of Zimbabwe has heard loud and clear the out cry from the African Diaspora and their desire to come back home. As such the President the Republic of Zimbabwe has agreed to host the African Diaspora Pan African Congress (**ADPAC**) which is scheduled to take place in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe during the month of April 2023.

For those of you who are not familiar with the history of the Pan African Congress, this is a conversation which was started by W.E.B Du Bois in the 1900's when the descendants of the formally enslaved wanted to have a pathway back home to Africa. To date, there has been a total of eight (8) Pan African Congresses which were held between the year 1919 & 2014. Unfortunately, the eighth was nullified as it was not properly constituted.

The first five Pan African Congresses were held outside of the continent of Africa

- **1919** in Paris - **1st** Pan-African Congress
- **1921** in London, Brussels, and Paris **2nd** Pan-African Congress
- **1923** in London - **3rd** Pan-African Congress
- **1927** in New York City - **4th** Pan-African Congress
- **1945** in Manchester -**5th** Pan-African Congress

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- **1974** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - **6th** Pan-African Congress
- **1994** in Kampala, Uganda - **7th** Pan-African Congress
- **2014** in Johannesburg -**8th** - Nullified

None of the eight congresses held yielded implementable decisions. It is unfortunate that such a wrong of such magnitude has been allowed to go unaddressed for over four hundred years. There is a need to put an end to this conversation.

The African Diaspora Pan African Congress will primarily focus on the formalization of the 6th Region. The issues to be discussed will include but not limited to:

- **Establishment of a continental pathway to citizenship** for the descendants of the formerly enslaved as well as children of continental Africans who were born and live outside Africa. They deserve the liberty to choose what country in Africa they wish to become a citizen of.
- **Preferential investment pathway** designed to promote and pave the way for all people of African descent living outside Africa to not only participate in the development of Africa, but also to reclaim their inheritance by investing in the endless opportunities in Africa that many non-Africans have enjoyed for centuries.
- **The establishment of a 6th Region Head Quarters** in Africa within a host country similar to the other five continental regions (such as ECOWAS) in or outside Africa.
- **The appointment of African Diaspora Ambassadors** to the African Union from the following regions:

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- North America
- South America
- Central America
- Caribbean
- Europe
- Asiatic (To include Australia and New Zealand)

The above issues are going to be tabled for discussion by a truly representative group of people of African descent from all over the world. The above issues are designed to assist the African Diaspora in joining their brothers and sisters on the continent in building the Africa that we want. The delegates are going to be tasked with debating the above issues plus other issues that might arise within the scope of the 6th Region.

The outcome will be our formalized ask (*possibly the **Victoria Falls Declaration***), will be presented to the President of our host country who will table our issues as an agenda item at the next African Heads of State Summit for a decision.

Unlike the other previous PACS this African Diaspora Pan African Conference (ADPAC) will focus on how the children of Africa in the Diaspora can participate in the development of Africa while benefiting from their inheritance.

It is an undisputable fact that Africa is the richest continent on earth which has been a victim of massive exploitation on a global scale. Africa's wealth belongs to the children of Africa at home In Africa and abroad.

We are grateful to President Emmerson Mnangagwa of the Republic of Zimbabwe for agreeing to host representatives of the African Diaspora from around the globe to come to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe to participate in this very important conversation. This conversation is over four hundred years past due and must have closure.

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The African Diaspora Development Institute [ADDI], has been commissioned by the Government of Zimbabwe to work with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Foreign Affairs to identify candidates to

participate in this very important congress. We hope that you will consider being a part of this historical conversation.

The final selection of candidates will be conducted by the Government of Zimbabwe. ADDI's responsibility is to assist in identifying potential delegates and refer their names to the Zimbabwe Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Attached please find the delegates questionnaire. If interested, kindly click on this link to complete the questionnaire, and return soonest. The deadline to submit this form is February 15, 2023 <https://forms.gle/iaQkTURNPk1X5aQ56>

In addition, to the ADPAC, conference there is also going to be parallel event "Invest in Africa spotlight Zimbabwe" this event is designed to showcase low hanging investment in Zimbabwe as well as the Southern African countries. The event open to all and the registration will be posted on the ADDI website and other social media outlets within the next two weeks for those who wish to attend.



Her Excellency Ambassador Arikana Chihombori – Quao, MD FAAFP

Founder and President (ADDI)

Former African Union Permanent Representative to the United States

"Africa for the Africans at home and abroad" – Marcus Mosiah Garvey

"You are not African because you were born in Africa, you are African because Africa is born in you"

Kwame Nkrumah – Former President of Ghana