



AFRICAN HUMANITARIAN COUNCIL



PREAMBLES

Africa Humanitarian Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. It is a think tank dedicated to improving the lives of Africans through ideas and action.

We combine bold policy ideas with a modern communications platform to help shape the national interest, expose the hollowness of partisan and oppressive governing philosophy, and challenge the various governments of Africa and the African Diaspora as defined by the African Union to focus on the issues that truly matter to the masses.

It is a collection of bright and passionate thinkers of Africans and her friends on issue of social emancipation and economic well being for the masses of Africa.

We are **INSPIRED** by the noble ideals that giving back to the community is an integral part of every moral and spiritual tradition. Therefore our distinctive role of the council is to empower the minority group to play an active role in charting the future of their community, organizing itself in partnership with governments and private sectors in contributing to the principles, policies and programs that affect the minority group. Transformation and integration of the minority as human capital in the advancement of their societies is our epic assignment. We are convinced that our kindness to the poor heals their wounds quickly.

We are determined to build a council that is people oriented, fully aware of the untapped riches and diverse human and institutional resources at the grassroots level.

The council is devoted to building strong partnerships between government and non-governmental agencies run by the minority community leaders. 'GIVING BACK ENRICHES US ALL'.

We are **RECALLING** the heroic struggles waged by the minority group leaders for political independence, human dignity and economic emancipation.

We are **CONSIDERING** the struggles of past minority leaders had played in determining an invaluable role in the liberation of the minority, the affirmation of a common identity and the process of attainment of the unity of minority and had provided a unique framework for our collective action in where the poor reside.

We are **DETERMINED** to take up the multifaceted challenges that confront the minority in the light of their social, economic and political issues.

We are **CONVINCED** of the need to accelerate the process of implementing our transformation project that would immediately promote the socio-economic development of inner-city dwellers and to face more effectively the challenges posed by globalization;

We are **GUIDED** by our common vision of a united and strong minority and by the need to build a partnership between governments and all segments of humanitarian organizations, in particular women, youth and the private sector, in order to strengthen solidarity and cohesion among our peoples.

We are **CONSCIOUS** of the fact that the scourge of conflicts in Africa constitutes a major impediment to the socio-economic development of the continent and of the need to promote peace, security and stability as a prerequisite for the implementation of our development and integration agenda.

We are **DETERMINED** to promote and protect human and peoples' rights, consolidate democratic institutions and culture, and to ensure good governance and the rule of law.

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We are FURTHER DETERMINED to take all necessary measures to strengthen our common institutions and provide them with the necessary powers and resources to enable them discharge their respective mandates effectively.

VISION

TO BE THE FOREMOST GLOBAL PROVIDER OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AIMED AT ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE MINORITY, THE POOR ,THE HOMELESS, THE WIDOWS., THE UNEMPLOYED, LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED.

MISSION

AHC's mission is to promote efficiency of deliveries of humanitarian and development assistance and services to the needy through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation: one individual, one village/community, and one country at a time.

THROUGH COLLABORATIONS PROVIDE RELEVANT AND SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUPS, THE LESS PRIVILEGED, THE POOR, THE NEEDY, THE HOMELESS, THE WIDOWS, THE UNEMPLOYED, LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE OPERATE, WE GO WHERE THERE IS NO TRAIL OF MINORITY WELFARE AND LEAVE A PATH BEHIND.

OBJECTIVES

The council will amongst other things perform the following functions:

1. Promote continuous collaborations among grassroots humanitarian organizations working for the economic, social and cultural development of the minorities.
2. Forge strong partnerships between governments and all segments of the non-government agencies, in particular women, the youth, children, organized labor, the private sector and professional groups.
3. Promote the participation of minority group in the implementation of the policies and programs of government for their communities.
4. Support policies and programs that will promote peace, security and stability in communities where minorities dwell and foster development and integration of the minority nationwide.
5. Promote and defend a culture of good governance, democratic principles and institutions, popular participation, human rights and freedoms as well as social justice as its affect the minority
6. Promote, advocate and defend a culture of gender equality.
7. Promote and strengthen the institutional, human and operational capacities of the minority's non-governmental organizations

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THE GOAL

The goal of the organization is to develop partnerships among various civil societies and non governmental organizations serving the community. And be a credible, dynamic organization that donors and supporters use as a screening tool for funding local NGOs operating on behalf of Africa.

Additionally, we work with local organizations to participate in people-to-people, village-to-village exchanges and to build long-term partnerships between Africa and international organizations. Our relationships transcend national politics with the ultimate goal of Africa's development, and general well-being of the poor.

Our interest builds upon progressive ideals of the Millennium Development Goals put forth by the United Nations based on the realities on the ground. We draw from the collective social and economic experiences of Africa, the World Bank and International Monetary Funds, and promote universally acceptable labor rights and worker safety, civil rights and equality of men and women. We exist to translate those values into practical ideas and action firmly rooted in the economic and political realities of the African Nations.

The AHC is designed to provide long-term leadership ethics and support to the progressive movement centered in helping the poor in Africa. Our ability to develop thoughtful policy proposals and engage in the war of ideas with nonchalant African leaders, and the African Diaspora is unique and effective.

OUR FOCUS:

- Restoring ethical global leadership in Africa and as such making Africa relevant to world affairs. We believe that poverty and disease are moral problems of African leadership.
- Alleviating poverty and diseases in Africa, all revolving around a robust leadership and governance structure.
- Seizing the energy opportunity to create a clean, innovation-led economy that supports a sustainable environment.
- Creating progressive growth that is robust and widely shared, and restoring economic opportunity for the masses of Africa.
- Delivering universal health care so that quality, affordable health services are available to all Africans.

AREAS OF AHC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS:

- Education
- Safe Water, Health and Housing
- Workforce Development
- Private Sector Development

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that Africa is a land of boundless opportunities, where people can better themselves, their children, their families, and their communities with the right leadership and various interest groups for Africa.

These beliefs can be achieved through collaborations and opportunities that allow the masses to receive technological education and the freedom to climb the ladder of economic mobility. We believe an open and effective government can champion the common good over narrow self-interest, harness the strength of our diversity, and secure the rights and safety of its people. And we believe the leadership and its policies must always be a beacon of hope and strength to the poor people of Africa.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

- a. Each African nation will be registered as an entity in their home country
- b. All national NGOs will be under one umbrella based in USA
- c. We will register 5 NGOs from each country to begin with
- d. Structure will be modeled after “United Way of America”

General Assembly (Core Executive Group) – governance

Central Administration – Staff / volunteers

In addition:

1. The following Cluster Committees are hereby established as key operational mechanisms of the council to formulate opinions and provide inputs into the policies and programs of the organization.

a. Economic Affairs: (Economic Integration; Monetary and Financial Affairs; Private Sector Development including the informal sector and Resource Mobilization, etc).

b. Peace and Security: (Conflict Anticipation; prevention; management and resolution; post-conflict reconstruction and peace building; prevention and combating of prostitution, use of child soldiers; drug trafficking; illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons and security reforms, etc).

c. Political Affairs: (Human Rights; Rule of Law; Democratic and Constitutional Rule, Good Governance; Power Sharing; Electoral Institutions; Humanitarian Affairs and assistance, etc).

d. Infrastructure and Energy: (Energy; Transport; Communications; Infrastructure and Tourism, etc).

e. Social Affairs and health: (Health; Children; Drug Control; Population; Migration; Labor and Employment; Family; Aging; the physically challenged; sports; culture; youth and protection and social integration, etc).

f. Human Resources, Science and Technology: (Education; illiteracy Information Technology; Communication; Human Resources; Science and Technology, etc).

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- g. Trade and Industry: (Trade; Industry; handicrafts; and Customs Matters, etc).
 - h. Rural Economy and Agriculture: (Rural Economy; Agriculture and Food Security; Livestock; Environment; Water and Natural Resources and Desertification, etc).
 - i. Women and Gender: (Women; Gender and Development as a crosscutting issue, etc).
 - j. Cross-Cutting Programs: (all other cross-cutting issues that are not covered in the above clusters such as HIV/AIDS, international cooperation, and coordination with other institutions
2. The Cluster Committees of MHC shall prepare and submit advisory opinions and reports of the council
 3. The Cluster Committees shall also perform any other functions as may be assigned to it.

HOW WE WORK

Through dialogue with African leaders, thinkers, and various international groups, we explore the vital issues facing Africa. We develop a point of view and take a stand. We then build on that and develop bold new ideas. We are involved in the implementations of international and national policies affecting the masses of Africa. We involve ourselves in creating the enabling social and environmental support for meaningful economic and human development of the masses of Africa.

We are committed to help in shaping constructive policies on African issues. We share our points of view with everyone who can put our ideas into practice and effect positive change. That means online, on campus, in the media, on the shop floor, in faith communities, and in the boardrooms. We take our ideas even to parliaments and statehouses.

AHC is an excellent way for various nonpartisan interests group working for the interest of the masses in Africa to establish close relationships with one another. These partnerships allow any organization to creatively learn, work, and solve problems through educational, business, professional, and technical exchanges and projects.

SERVICES:

The national office provides assistance to its affiliated organizations and other non-profits through the specialized divisions. Through a process of organizational assessment, team building and follow-up, the Field Operations staff delivers technical assistance in:

- Local Affiliate Institutional Development
- New Training Policies and Initiatives
- Program Assessment
- Proposal Development

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- Fund Development
- Fiscal Accountability
- Staff Development
- Organizational Management
- Customized Training & Special Initiatives

Partners of AHC are entitled to many benefits through our programs and services:

As a partner of AHC, you enjoy exclusive access to the best practices database featuring economic development, humanitarian assistance; youth program development, sustainable development, and arts projects.

You can also download useful "Members Only" toolkits and guides on fundraising, communications, program assessment and more.

Exclusive access to our online searchable database allows partners to network with members throughout the world.

PUBLICATIONS

All AHC members will receive official listings in both print and online versions of the Membership Directory. In addition, receive our bi-monthly e-Newsletter, and a copy of our Annual Partnership Directory.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference allows partners from across the countries of Africa and the world to network with hundreds of local government leaders, business executives, educators, international leaders, and community activists who will be on hand to discuss projects, programs and partnerships.

PROJECT STORIES DATABASES

Organizations seeking to build relationships have access to a beneficial tool found on our website that allows international partners looking for a project partnership to submit a profile of your organization with details of the types of projects and programs you are interested in. The searchable "Tell your project Database" allows a partner to share their project successes, personal experiences, and fundraising achievements.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

AHC promotes youth programs such as the Africa Youth leadership Exchange conference (hold in conjunction with the Annual Conference), and the Youth and Education Network.

GRANT AND AWARDS OPPORTUNITIES

Through the Annual Awards Program, AHC annually honors exemplary partners and donors to Africa development for their achievements. In addition, AHC also maintains an updated list of grant opportunities for projects and humanitarian programs to which our partners may apply on our website.

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FAITH BASED PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

AHC recognizes that in order to secure a more peaceful future, we must encourage better understanding and cooperation among religious groups of the world. The Faith Based Partnership Initiative seeks to provide African communities and communities of the Faith world support and opportunities for positive direct engagement with one another. Equally encourage partnership with Faith based organization and other civil organization in dealing with social and economic issues of the needy people in Africa.

NATIONAL/STATE COORDINATORS

For partners in the United States, state coordinators serve as another resource for information and support for the partners in their states. The national coordinators in African countries provide similar support to partners in their respective countries. Our State/National coordinators are experienced partners providing assistance and nation-wide support for the programs.

NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Partners can apply to join our Network for Sustainable Development; a network of our partnerships is dedicated to responding to the challenges of achieving sustainable rural development of Africa. Provide humanitarian aid to Africa and Emergency Disaster Response to Africa during artificial and natural disasters.