

THE AFRICAN UNION AFRICAN DIASPORA SIXTH REGION HIGH COUNCIL "LEAVE NO COMMUNITY BEHIND GOVERNANCE ORGANISATION"

Dear Visitor,

Thank you for visiting our 'AUADS Sixth Region High Council' website. 'AUADS' stands for 'African Union African Diaspora' and refers to the African Union's invitation through the Article 3q of the AU Constitutive Act.

"TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED, LIBERATED UNIFIED UBUNTU CONNECTED AFRICAN FAMILY"

is our motto with which our High Council Organization wishes to welcome you, inspire you and inform you about who we are, our vision, mission, strategies, the basic principles as well as about the "Leave No Community Behind Ubuntu Connected Governance Organization Model".

In short: the AUADS Sixth Region High Council aims to strengthen collaboration and promote development initiatives between Africa and the Diaspora. It is an outcome of the Regional Consultative process between the Diaspora and the African Union, initiated by the African Union in 2005. Our Council recognizes the significance of harnessing the collective power and resources of the African Diaspora to drive socio-cultural and economic progress, poverty eradication, education and scientific research, healthcare, digital & technological advancement and sustainable development within both Africa and the Diaspora. Our Council strongly advocates for Reparatory Justice for the Crimes against Africa and African People in context of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, chattel slavery and colonialism, as well as the "Right to Return". These are issues of high importance. The official launch of the establishment of the AUADS Sixth Region High Council Organization took place on July 10th, 2023 in Maputo, Mozambique in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Her Excellency Veronica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo. This follows a development, mobilization, and organizing process that began in 2007.

Why the launch in Maputo?

Maputo was the city where on July 11th, 2003 the African Union (AU) Heads of State officially adopted Article 3q of their Constitution by which the African Diaspora are invited and encouraged to the full participation as an important part of the African continent, in the building of the African Union. This Article 3q lays the groundwork for the official integration of the African Diaspora into the African Union as the Sixth Region.

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In the background information you can find a brief overview of the developments since 2003 and the process that led to the adoption of the African Union African Diaspora Declaration on May 25th, 2012. This May 2012 Declaration lay-down the foundation on which the AUADS Sixth Region High Council derives its raison d'être. Furthermore, we provide insight into the self-supported International Pan African (Global) Roots Synergy Round tables that we have organized since 2019.

The initiators of the "Leave No Community Behind Model" towards the building of the High Council non-governmental Sixth Region Diaspora organization structure and co-founders of the African Union African Diaspora Facilitators Working Group EU, Dr. Tumenta Kennedy and Dr. Barryl A. Biekman, together with Dr. David Horne, co-founder of the Sixth Region Diaspora Caucus, played a vital role during the Regional Consultative Conferences and the developing and decision-making process of the important 'May 25th 2012 Diaspora Declaration'.

In the process towards the development of our website, we have tried to be as complete and specific as possible so that you are optimally informed. We may have overlooked important information. We therefore appreciate your advices, suggestions and recommendations.

Thank you in advance.

Respectfully Yours,
on behalf of the AUADS Sixth Region High Council



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