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### AROUND AFRICA

A look at the US Embassies and Ambassadors, Bureau of African Affairs deals with the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, not North Africa; Assistant Secretary of African Affairs is Jendayi Frazer.

#### African Countries

#### US Ambassadors

Angola	Cynthia Efird
Benin	Gayleatha B. Brown
Botswana	Katherine H. Canavan
Burkina Faso	Jeanine Jackson
Burundi	Patricia Moller
Cameroon	R. Niels Marquardt *
Cape Verde	Roger D. Pierce
Central African Republic	**
Chad	Marc M. Wall
Comoros	Stephens Schwartz
Congo, Democratic Republic	
	Roger A. Meece
Congo, Republic	Robert Weisberg
Cote D'Ivoire	Aubrey Hooks
Djibouti	W. Stuart Symington
Equatorial Guinea	R. Niels Marquardt*
Eritrea	Scott H. Delisi
Ethiopia	Donald Yamemoto
Gabon	R. Barrie Walkley*
Gambia	Joseph D. Stafford

#### African Countries

#### U.S. Ambassadors

Guinea	Jackson McDonald
Guinea-Bissau	Janice Jacobs
Kenya	Michael E. Ranneberger
Lesotho	Robert Nolan
Liberia	Donald E. Booth
Madagascar	James D. McGee
Malawi	Alan Eastham
Mali	Terence P. McCulley
Mauritania	Charges d' Affaires Charles Twinings
Mauritius	Cesar B. Cabrera*
Mozambique	William Steiger
Namibia	Joyce A. Barr
Niger	Bernadette Allen
Nigeria	John Campbell
Reunion	**
Rwanda	Michael R. Arietti
Sao Tome and Principe	
	R. Barrie Walkley *
Senegal	Janice Jacobs
Seychelles	Cesar B. Cabrera *
Sierra Leone	June Carter Perry
Somalia	**
South Africa	Eric M. Bost

**African Countries**      **US Ambassadors**

Sudan	**
Swaziland	Charges d' Affaires Maurice Parker
Tanzania	Michael Retzer
Togo	David B. Dunn
Uganda	Steven A. Browning
Zambia	Carmen M. Martinez
Zimbabwe	Christopher William Dell

*Bureau of Eastern Affairs include North Africa*

Algeria	Robert Ford
Egypt	Frances J. Ricciardone, Jr.
Libya	Charges d' Affaires Gregory L. Berry
Morocco	Thomas Riley
Tunisia	Robert F. Godec

\* Ambassador to more than one country  
\*\* No US Ambassador

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**African Union**

Her Excellency Ambassador Amina Salum Ali is the Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States.

The African Union, or AU, is a pan-African organization whose goal is to propel a united continent towards peace and prosperity.

The AU supports political and economic integration among its 53 member nations. It aims to boost development, eradicate poverty and bring Africa into the global economy.

The AU succeeded the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 2002. In its later years the OAU - which originated in the decolonization struggles of the early 1960s - had been criticized for becoming a mere talking shop.

African Union aims to: Promote unity, peace among African nations; encourage democracy, good governance, and foster sustainable growth.

**OVERVIEW**

Conceived by the Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, who proposed a "United States of Africa", its structure is loosely modeled on that of the European Union.

It inaugurated a pan-African parliament in March 2004 - one of a number of proposed institutions. The body debates continent-wide issues and advises AU heads of state.

There are far-reaching plans to set up a human rights court, a central bank and monetary fund, and by 2023 an African Economic Community with a single currency.

The AU believes that conflicts must be settled before there can be a chance of achieving

prosperity. To this end, it set up a Peace and Security Council in 2004. The council may intervene in conflicts, replacing the old OAU principle of non-interference with one of "non-indifference".

The council can deploy military forces in situations that include genocide and crimes against humanity. It can authorize peacekeeping missions. The council plans to have a stand-by rapid-reaction force in place by 2010. AU peacekeepers have served in Burundi and AU ceasefire monitors have been sent to the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

The AU oversees the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad), an anti-poverty blueprint that offers a bargain with the West: the promotion of good political and economic practice in return for more aid and investment.

**FACTS**

- **Annual budget:** \$43 million (2004 figure)
- **2000:** AU constitution signed in Lome, Togo
- **2002:** AU launched at Durban summit, South Africa
- **Headquarters:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Membership:** 53 African nations



**TRANSAFRICA FORUM UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP**

**Mission**

The work of TransAfrica Forum is summarized by the words from a section of the declaration of the 5th Pan-African Congress (1945), which reads in part:

*"We believe the success of Afro-Americans is bound up with the emancipation of all African peoples and also other dependent peoples and laboring classes everywhere."*

As such, the organization serves as a major research, educational, and organizing institution for the African-American community offering constructive analyses of issues concerning U.S. policy as it affects Africa and the Diaspora in the Caribbean and Latin America.

A center for activism focusing on conditions in the African World, we sponsor seminars, conferences, community awareness projects and training programs. These activities allow us to play a significant role in presenting to the general public alternative perspectives on the economic, political, and moral ramifications of U.S. foreign policy.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| <b>May</b>     |  |
| <b>16</b>      | DC –Dakar Meeting LTBA   |
| <b>Summer</b>  |  |
| <b>July</b>    |  |
| <b>18 – 21</b> | Sister Cities International Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL                           |
| <b>31</b>      | DC-Dakar Meeting LTBA  |
| <b>August</b>  |  |
| <b>7 – 15</b>  | Annual US African Sister Cities Conference, Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa |
|                | <b>It's not to late to join us!</b>  |
| <b>Fall</b>    |  |
| TBA            | DC Sister Cities Dinner – Coordinated and hosted by DC Dakar                         |

- TBA Treasurers of African-African American Art Home Tour and Reception at Senegalese Embassy
- TBA Female African Ambassador Luncheon
- 2008 Annual Conference in Lansing, MI
- 2009 Annual Conference in Morocco, North Africa

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We support African relations. If you would like to host an African visitor or delegation for a meal, a short visit or a semester, please contact us!

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In 1980, Washington, DC officially twinned with Dakar, Senegal. Generally the purpose of our sister city relationship is to promote friendship and mutual understanding between the two cities and their citizens, based upon the principle of mutual respect, mutual benefit and cooperation. Through D.C.-Dakar, people in the Washington Metropolitan area can participate in a variety of cultural, educational, and economic development activities, which help to foster a bond with the people of Dakar.

**Remember that our membership fee runs concurrently with the calendar year. If you have not paid your 2007 membership (\$40.00 for individuals and \$60.00 for couples) please do so now!**

**Beginning January 1, 2008 your 2008 membership fee is due.**

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