

African Advocate

Voice of African Immigrants & Refugees In Illinois

NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED AFRICAN ORGANIZATION (UAO)

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Join Us At Our African Community Picnic & Back-to-School Funfest!



African Community PICNIC
Hosted by **United African Organization**
Music • FREE Give-Aways • Soccer • Raffles • Games •
Saturday - August 4, 2012
12pm - 8pm
Staweway Park
37th Street & State Street
Chicago, IL 60609
NO ADMISSION FEE!!
Contact us for more information:
312.949.9980
www.uniteafricans.org

Our First Annual African Community Picnic & Back-to-School event will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 12pm-8pm.

There is no admission fee required, so come out and have a great time!

There will be music, free giveaways, soccer, raffles, games, etc.

Useful Resources!

Enjoy your last days of summer with the UAO!

For more information, contact us at:
312-949-9980
services@uniteafricans.org

Hope to see you there!

Protect Yourself Against Fraud!

With immigration issues being a 'hot topic', knowing how to protect yourself against immigration scams is important. Here are a few things to look out for when you're applying for the Dream Act, and other immigration statuses:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is scheduled to announce the procedures for deferred action on August 1st, and will accept applications August 15.

Anyone saying they can expedite your Dream Relief application may be scamming you.

The application for deferred action is 100% free, and is accessible via USCIS.gov. All applications and information regarding immigration can be found on government websites, as well as local community organizations. If someone is asking you to pay for the application itself, you may be getting scammed.

Attention Dreamers!

The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) is scheduled to begin accepting applications for deferred action status available to certain immigrant youth.

Announced on June 15, this new policy, if implemented correctly, will provide much-needed temporary relief to hundreds of thousands of young people so that they can remain together with their friends, family, and community and continue to fight for the rights of all immigrants.

If you, or someone you know has any questions regarding immigration, or the Dream Act, USCIS offers a [Multilingual Resource Center](#) that provides immigration facts and applications in your desired language. You can also contact your local community organization for assistance.



Aliie Kabba, Executive Director of the United African Organization (UAO), and Cindy Augustine from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) continue the discussion on President Obama's DREAM Relief policy.

For more videos, visit our [Video](#) page!

August Recipe



Doro Wat,
from Ethiopia

Ingredients:

- Chicken legs and thighs, skinless - 2 pounds
- Lemon, juice only - 1
- Salt - 2 teaspoons
- Onions, chopped - 2
- Garlic, crushed - 3 cloves
- Gingerroot, peeled and chopped - 1 tablespoon
- Oil 1/4 cup
- Paprika - 2 tablespoons
- Berberé paste - 1/4 to 1/2 cup
- Water or stock - 3/4 cup
- Red wine - 1/4 cup
- Cayenne pepper - from 1 teaspoon
- Salt and pepper - to taste
- Hard-boiled eggs (optional) -

Preparation:

Mix together the chicken pieces, lemon juice and salt and in a large, non-reactive bowl and set aside to marinate for about 30 minutes.

While the chicken is marinating, puree the onions, garlic and ginger in a food processor or blender. Add a little water if necessary.

Heat the oil, butter or niter kibbeh in a large pot over medium flame. Add the paprika and stir in to color the oil and cook the spice through, about 1 minute. Do not burn. Stir in the berberé paste and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the onion-garlic-ginger puree and sauté until most of the moisture evaporates and the onion cooks down

and loses its raw aroma, about 5 to 10 minutes.

Pour in the water or stock and wine and stir in the chicken pieces, cayenne to taste, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Add water as necessary to maintain a sauce-like consistency.

Add the whole hard boiled eggs and continue to cook for another 10 to 15 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and very tender.

Adjust seasoning and serve hot with brown rice.

“Share your Story”

We all have stories about how we, each in our own way, enrich our communities.

Tell us how you GIVE BACK to YOUR COMMUNITY...

You could be featured in the next issue of African Advocate!

Email:

editor@uniteafricans.org

UAO Extends Condolences to the Ghanaian Community



We at United African Organization extend our heartfelt condolences to the Ghanaian community here and in Ghana over the untimely passing of their President, John Atta Mills, early Wednesday on July 25, 2012. Africa has lost an illustrious son! May his soul rest in peace!!

Youth Leadership Round-Up!



Last months workshop held on July 21st featured *Youth Engagement & Empowerment: Developing a new generation of effective leaders for the future*, and touched on:

- Recruiting and cultivating youth activists
- Creating opportunities for youth-led initiatives
- Promoting inter-generational learning

The workshop was a great success. We would like to thank Bryan Echols for facilitating the event, as well as all of our participants!

Women and Leadership Workshop!

Join us for our next Leadership Workshop focusing on Women and Leadership!



The workshop will take place on: August 25, 2012
Time: 9am-1pm
Where: IIT Tower Building, 6th Floor
10 W. 35th Street Chicago, IL . 60616

E-mail training@uniteafricans.org to register or call (312) 949-9980 for more information.

Join Us For Our Next Citizenship Workshop!



Thursday, August 23, 2012
Devon Bank 3rd floor MWRC Office
6445 N. Western Ave.

Chicago, IL 60645

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call United African Organization @ (312) 949-9980

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN NOW!

Tanzania's Diaspora- Investment, Citizenship, and Relationship



You are invited to attend the DIOCTA 2012 Convention - themed

"Tanzania's Diaspora- Investment, Citizenship and Relationship"!

The convention brings together the Tanzanian Diaspora in the US, and government officials to discuss key decisions markers from:

Tanzanian and U.S. businesses; Financial institutions; International organizations with vested interest in investment and growth in the country.

When:
August 30-September 2, 2012

Where:
Chicago Marriott O'Hare
8535 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

To register, [click here!](#)

Early registration with great discounts end August 16, 2012

Africans In Chicago: Behind the Scenes



Almaz Y. of Ethiopia

Click the 1st photo for a stream a pictures from our shoots!



Maurice M. of Minnesota/ Liberia

Mark Your Calendar

African Community Picnic

Saturday August 4, 12pm-8pm
The Park
37th & State street

UAO Leadership Workshop

Topic: *Women and Leadership*

- ⇒ Women's leadership in a patriarchal society
- ⇒ Empowering women as change agents in the community

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2012

Time: 9am-1pm

Venue: University Room, 6th floor,
10 West 35th Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Email: training@uniteafricans.org

Call: (312) 285-5024

The Diaspora Council of Tanzanians in America

2012 Convention, Chicago
August 30-Sept 2
Chicago Marriott Hotel
O'Hare Airport

African Unity Gala & Awards

Saturday, September 22, 2012
For more information, call:
312-949-9980

African Voices in July

July's African Voices Podcast

featured:

Top news stories from Chicago and the African continent.

An exclusive interview and music from reggae artist Dah Jah of Benin.

Advice Box: Taxi Drivers and Health Care

Africans in Chicago interview
Fehinty African Theatre Ensemble (FATE)



To contribute news, events, issues, interviews or music to our podcast:

Email: podcasts@uniteafricans.org

Call: (312) 949 9980 between 9am-5pm, Mon Fri.

[Click to Listen!](#)

Read & Write Arabic!



Join us every Thursday from 10am-12pm at UAO's offices!

Session I:

July 5, 2012 - September 6, 2012

Learn how to:

- ~ Read and Write Arabic!
- ~ Basic Greetings!
- ~ Form written!
- ~ Spoken sentences!

~ Music and culture lessons!

Lessons are free! **Just enroll today!**

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