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Community Leadership Workshop



Participants with Dale Asis, Executive Director of CAAPELLI

Leadership workshops take place every month and cover a range of topics. The workshops are free BUT you must register in advance to attend.

The next Leadership Workshop, on **Saturday, July 21**, will be on **'Youth Engagement & Empowerment'**:

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Venue: 6th Floor, 10 West 35th Street,
Chicago IL 60616

Topic: Youth Engagement & Empowerment

Relief for Undocumented Youth!

On June 15, 2012, soon after President Barack Obama **announced** that undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children will be safe from deportation and be able to obtain work permits, we received a call from N. K., an undocumented African and one of about a million youth expected to benefit from this new policy. N. K. was so excited, full of praise for President Obama, and immediately rushed to our office to begin putting the needed documents together.

What is Deferred Action?

Youth, whether or not they are currently in deportation proceedings, will be able to apply for "deferred action," which would temporarily shield them from deportation and enable to live and work legally in the U.S.

Requirements:

Age:

Must have come to the U.S. before they turned 16;
Must have not yet turned 30 when they apply.

Continuous Presence:

They must have continuously resided in the U.S. since June 15, 2007, and must have been present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012;



Alie Kabba discusses Deferred Action with Maria Salazar

Education:

They must currently be in school, have received a high school diploma or GED, or been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or the Coast Guard;

Good Moral Character:

They must not have been convicted of a felony, a "significant misdemeanor", multiple misdemeanors or offenses, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety. Anyone applying for deferred action

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July's Recipe



Zom, from Cameroon

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds of stew beef, cut into small cubes, water
- 4 tablespoons of oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 pounds of spinach, washed and chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped finely
- 1 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons of peanut butter
- 1 lemon
- salt and pepper

Preparation:

1. Trim fat and gristle from the beef and cut into 2.5 cm chunks. Put the beef in saucepan with a little salt and enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, covered, and simmer for 1-1/2 to 2 hours until the meat is just tender (it will cook later in recipe). The time will vary depending on the cut of meat and the size of the pieces. Remove the meat and keep the liquid.
2. Using a large pan, heat the oil and soften the onion. Add the meat pieces and cook for two minutes.
3. Take 2 cups of the reserved beef broth. Add water if necessary, then pour this in a pan with onion and meat. Add spinach, tomatoes, tomato paste, peanut butter, pepper and salt. Bring to a boil and then cover, reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring regularly. Serve 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

Supreme Court Upholds Obamacare

The American public has been battling the opponents of fairness and corporate insurance industry greed for 100 years to create a system of health care that works for all.. An affordable, accessible, quality system of health care gives consumers and small businesses the ability to choose, and ensures their peace of mind and security. Obamacare accomplishes these goals.

Who is protected and helped by Obamacare?

- **You and your family:** Obamacare makes health care coverage more secure for working families.
- **Women:** The new health care law makes health care more secure and fair for women by ending denials due to pre-existing conditions and ensuring women can no longer be charged 150% of what men pay for the same coverage.



- **Young Adults:** Young adults want jobs and a future. Thanks to Obamacare, 2.5 million young adults are now more secure because they are able to stay on their parents insurance
- **People with Cancer and other Health problems:** Thanks to Obamacare, the more than 120 million Americans under 65 who have a "pre-existing condition" now have peace of mind from knowing they can no longer be denied affordable coverage.
- **Small Business:** Under Obamacare, tax credits will help small businesses provide quality health care choices to their employees.

Alie Kabba Joins Office of New Americans Advisory Council

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Office of New Americans is dedicated to improving services and engaging Chicago's global immigrant communities through enhanced collaboration with community organizations, educational institutions and the private sector.

In order to ensure that Chicago continues to thrive as a world class city, the office will leverage and support the many contributions of Chicago's diverse immigrants and

set a visionary goal of making Chicago the world's most immigrant friendly city.

UAO Executive Director Alie Kabba accepted the Mayor's invitation to serve on the advisory council, which will assess existing challenges and opportunities for Chicago's immigrants, solicit community input and develop strategies to achieve the laudable goals of the Office of New Americans.

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

'Like' Africans in Chicago on Facebook!

The UAO's "Africans in Chicago" project now has an official Facebook page!

Find featured *Africans in Chicago* video clips, 'behind-the-scenes' footage, photos, and more!



To view is simple:

- Just log into Facebook and search [AfricansinChicago](#)
- Press the 'like' button, found on your right;
- Browse through stories, footage, and click 'share'!

To visit the UAO's official Facebook page, visit:

www.facebook.com/UnitedAfricanOrganization

Africans in Chicago:

www.facebook.com/AfricansInChicago

Watch Chicago African Summit on CAN TV



Africans in Chicago: Oral History

Hair Braider

Fatima Traore highlights how African artistic and storytelling traditions help immigrants maintain a sense of history and identity.

Thursday, July 5 at 10 a.m. on CAN TV19

Thursday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. on CAN TV19

Friday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m. on CAN



One Voice: African Leadership in the U.S.

James Thindwa, Chicago ACTS, joins this conversation about immigration, civic engagement, and community development among Africans in the United States

Wednesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. on CAN TV19

Friday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m. on CAN TV21



Africa Matters: U.S.-Africa Policy

Panelists shed a light on the impact the United States' policies on health, governance and human rights in Africa, and the implications of China's increasing involvement in the continent.

Wednesday, July 4 at 10:30 a.m. on CAN TV19

Thursday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. on CAN TV19

Friday, July 20 at 8:00 a.m. on CAN TV19

Community Calendar

African Voices



UAO Leadership Workshop

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Date: Sat, July 21, 2012

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Venue: University Room

10 West 35th Street

Chicago, IL 60616

Email: training@uniteafricans.org

Call: (312) 285-5024

Umu Igbo Alliance's 3rd Annual - Ama Ndigbo Inter- generational Dialogue!

Date: July 26 - 29, 2012

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Venue: UIC Forum

750 S. Halsted Street

Chicago, IL 60607

Email: umuigboalliance@gmail.com

Call (773) 759-8883

Miss Ghana 2012

Date: Fri, July 27, 2012

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: DuSable Museum of

African American History

740 East 56th Place

Chicago, IL 60637

Email: gloriaopare@missghanausa.org

GhanaFest 2012

Date: Sat, July 28, 2012

Time: 10:00am - 10pm

Venue: Washington Park

5600 S. Russell Drive

Chicago, IL 60616

Email: info@ghananationalcouncil.org

Call: (773) 636-7013

African Unity Gala & Awards

Saturday, September 22, 2012

For more information,
call Kwe at 312-949-9980

June's African Voices Podcast featured:

- Top news stories from Chicago and the African continent.
- An exclusive interview with Ahmed Hajir (owner) & Abder Elouadrhiri (manager) of **Marrakech Restaurant** in Chicago.
- Advice Box: U.S. Education system
- Africans in Chicago interview with Amira Kefi

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