



...No Substitute for Action

# Accomplishments

## **Project Africans living in the USA as integral and viable parts of the American society:**

1. Facilitate the hiring and actual employment placements for members of the community -- especially our young graduates entering the professional workforce.
2. Continue to promote the idea of creating more Africa Affairs commissions within the region.
3. Facilitated Africans being invited to participate in historic local government events – the first ever.
4. Worked with other African groups to help create the Office & Commission on Africa Affairs by the DC Mayor.

## **Promote dialogue with policy-makers about the plight of, and need to directly engage, Africans living in the USA:**

1. The only African membership organization involved in discussing the huge immigration issues our people face while living in the USA.
2. Directly engage the US State Department and Congress on deplorable Visa and Trade Policies towards Africa – occasionally intervening on visa denial issues in Africa.
3. Participate in various stakeholder meetings and community outreaches with the US Citizenship & Immigration Services – especially in the areas of F-1 Student status, Deportations, Fraud, and Employment.
4. In partnership with other immigrant organizations, hosted the largest ever pro-immigrant rally in Washington, DC – attracted half a million people.

## **Coordinate Africans and groups to engage more in cross-collaborations and civic responsibilities:**

1. Host annual survey of the African immigrant community and disseminates findings to appropriate service providers and government program agencies.
2. Without taking sides or trying to influence legislation or endorse candidates for public office, we pioneered the drive for Africans to become politically involved -- to shift away from **cultural and ethnocentric isolations or individualism** and, more towards **community-based servant-leadership orientation**.

## **Open cross-cultural dialogues and building bridges with other immigrant and ethno-demographic groups.**

1. Partnership with other immigrant groups to ensure African issues are considered and/or addressed towards policy initiatives.
2. Host events that both draw from the US Civil Rights experience and leverage our own dynamic Cultural Heritage.
3. Host educational and leadership workshops and seminars that inspire and empower our people.

## **Create ongoing footprints with media networks to enlighten them, as well as the American public, about Africa and Africans.**

1. Grant media interviews for dissemination in the Continent of Africa, highlighting issues and challenges of living in USA.
2. Coordinate targeted articles and panel discussions that highlight the positive contribution of Africans in the USA.