

## COAA JUNE 2016 MINUTES

The following minutes are taken as the COAA/ MOAA and the public input was reported.

6/2/2016	6:13PM	OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Meeting called by:	Chairwoman: Akua Asare		
Secretary	Commissioner: Kedist Geremaw		
Attendees	<p><b>Commissioners:</b> Chibu Anyanwu, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Akua Asare, Lafayette Barnes, Kedist Geremaw , Loide Jorge, Ify Nwabukwu, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor</p> <p><b>Director:</b> Mamadou Samba</p> <p><b>Deputy Dir:</b> Heran Sereke- Brhan</p> <p><b>Outreach Specialist:</b> Bezawit Mane</p> <p><b>Interns:</b> Donald Ndebeka, Semhal Hagos</p> <p><b>Public :</b> Lydia Nylaele, Abeba Tadesse</p>		
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
May Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted.</li> </ul>		
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission Chair Asare opened the meeting by welcoming Commissioners and public attendees.</li> </ul>		
<b>STANDING BUSINESS</b>			
<p><b>COAA/MOAA Issue 1:</b></p> <p><b>Director:</b></p> <p><b>Mamadou Samba</b></p>	<p>MOAA update: Director Mamadou Samba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefed all on the outcome of the African Ambassador’s Group Africa Day event which was successful with 800 people in attendance. Mayor Bowser’s proclamation was read by deputy director Sereke-Brhan.</li> <li>“Know Your Rights Forum” will take place on June 27 with the DC Mayor’s presence in addition to DC Government agency partners as the Office of Attorney General’s, the DC Office of Consumer Protection, MOLA and MOAPIA among others.</li> <li>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young African ConneXions Summit will take place on July 15, 2016, in partnership with Howard University and Wagner College, New York, UNESCO Center for Peace, South African Airways, Africa Today TV, VOA and COAA.</li> <li>Mandela Day of Service will follow the Summit (July 16, 2016). Partners include the National Park Services, Path to Greatness (a group working with the DC youth), and the Alice Fergusson Foundation. DC Agency partners include: Departments of Public Works, Department of Parks and Recreation MPD and FEMS. Deputy Director Sereke Brhan, pointed out that MOAA is the only agency in the District hosting Mandela Day of Service.</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> annual DC Africa Festival August 27, 2016 will be an evening soirée to mark MOAA’s 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.</li> <li>Director Samba stressed on the need to coordinate the event with COAA, Commissioner Nwabukwu volunteered to bring 5 of the AWCAA staff</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Issue 2 Chair Asare</b></p> <p><b>COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Input/ Public Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Upcoming events</b></p>	<p>members to help at the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Barnes raised several issues to consider the cultural aspect and capacity building at the event. He also suggested in involving the staff of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson’s office.</li> <li>• In addition to the events mentioned in the May COAA meeting Community Service Award recognition will also take place at the soirée.</li> <li>• Chairwoman Asare suggested that MOAA confirm the venue and sponsors of the event. Once that is established the joint task with MOAA/ COAA will follow.</li> <li>• Third Quarter Goals</li> </ul> <p>Chairwoman Asare stressed to all Commissioners the importance of attendance and submitting the task assigned in a timely fashion.</p> <p>Education, jobs and economic development subcommittee member Commissioner St.Vil talked about how to engage youth in jobs offered at the District level, and getting proper access to online platforms. Other subcommittee members did not submit reports.</p> <p>Director Samba suggested rethinking the roles of the sub committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Attendees Mrs. Tadesse asked about the event and her willingness to participate in making it a success. Mrs. Nylaele - informed all those present about being a prospective COAA member an her vision for the MOAA and the Diaspora.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know Your Rights forum will take place on June 27, 2016.</li> <li>• Young African ConneXions Summit will take place on July 15, 2016.</li> <li>• Mandela Day of Service July 16, 2016.</li> <li>• MOAA 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Soirée</li> <li>• African Heritage Month TBA</li> </ul>
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Meeting Ended at 8:10PM