



Notice of Information Upcoming Convention of Diaspora Stakeholders Convention on Washington DC 19-22 November 2015

The ECOSOCC Secretariat in CIDO wishes to announce the upcoming event of an ECOSOCC Stakeholders Convention on the Diaspora in Washington DC from 19-22 November 2015. The event will be held at Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Centre, Baltimore, Maryland; with the official opening ceremony at the African Union Mission in Washington DC.

The Convention is designed to offer an appraisal of the status quo on the outcomes of the Diaspora Summit and ideas and practical suggestions on how to move forward. These outcomes will then be cross-substantiated and cross fertilized with the views coming from regional consultations and from other parts of the world and the perspective of Member States of the AU and relevant sectorial, regional and continental actors to map the way forward. The outcomes of the Convention will also be reviewed by the principal organs of ECOSOCC that will then decide on practical recommendations that will be processed for consideration of executive policy organs.

The primary group of Stakeholders at the convention will be civil society groups from the USA. However, the Convention has also attracted some important participants from other areas around the world.

The plans and preparations for the Convention have been managed primarily by Ms. Evelyn Joe, the Special Adviser to the ECOSOCC Presiding Officer on the Diaspora, with some program guidance and support from the ECOSOCC Bureau and Standing Committee Members and the ECOSOCC Secretariat.

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Schedule of Events:

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Venue: African Union Mission, Washington, DC

- *Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Reception*

Friday, November 20, 2015

Venue: Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Centre, Baltimore, Maryland

- *General Assembly*
- *Thematic Workshops*
- *Business Networking Session*

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Venue: Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Centre, Baltimore, Maryland

- *General Assembly*
- *Diaspora Townhall*
- *Award Gala*

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Venue: Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Centre, Baltimore, Maryland

- *Adoption of Recommendations*
- *Closing Ceremony*