



African Diaspora Forum

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PRESS RELEASE

AFRICA WEEK CELEBRATION 2016

“UNITED IN OUR DIVERSITY”

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Venue: Yeoville Recreation Center, 36 Raleigh Street, Yeoville

The Africa Week Festival is a commemorative and celebratory event, first held in 2010, which takes place every year in the Johannesburg inner-city suburbs of Yeoville Bellevue in recognition of Africa Day (25 May). The Africa Week Festival is a project of the African Diaspora Forum (ADF), an NGO working for an integrated society, free of all forms of discriminations incl. xenophobia, racism, sexism.

The aim of this event is to stage an annual Africa Week Festival which:

- a. Commemorates the 2008 xenophobic attacks on international migrants in South Africa as a way of avoiding such violence from happening again.
- b. celebrates Africa Day and the formation of the Organization of African Unity (now called the African Union) which took place on 25 May 1963;
- c. Promotes social cohesion and combats xenophobia, racism, sexism through celebrating the diversity of culture in Yeoville Bellevue, the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng province and South Africa.
- d. Contributes to the re-positioning of Yeoville Bellevue as a Pan-African cultural destination.
- e. Creates economic opportunities and helps to reduce unemployment and poverty, especially through creation of income generating activities during the Africa week series of events.

SABC Channel Africa, Gauteng Provincial Government, Brand SA, Holocaust and Genocide Centre, South Africa Police Services, Wits Radio, French Embassy, United Proactive Artists, Department of Arts and Culture and Foundation for Human Rights all heralded to our clarion call to partner with ADF in this grandiose attempts to show our Unity of purpose, pragmatism and belief in our common destiny.

Confirmed Dignitaries to honour these events include Honourable Premier of Gauteng Province Honourable David Makhura, French Ambassador to South Africa, Nigeria Consul General Ambassador Uche Ajulu-Okeke.

Thanks and looking forward to celebrate with you.

Yours sincerely

AFRICAN DIASPORA FORUM (ADF)