



ALEC Leadership Proclamation

AFRICAN LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL

A United States of America 527 Political Organization



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PROCLAMATION OF LEADERSHIP VISION

I. Legal Status:

The African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) is a US 527 political organization of Pan-African People immigrated to the United States and who are interested in their integration into the American political mainstream at all levels, Africa, its vision, its relationships with the world, and its socio-economic, political and sustainable development. Its proclamations, decisions and resolutions are intended to the re-creation of the African presence in America, a way for Africans to assert their individual identity while affirming their cohesiveness to the global American values and culture.

II. Strategic Vision:

1. A united African Diaspora and a Voice of African Immigrants.
2. An integrated umbrella of African political and cultural organizations.
3. An African leadership empowerment and political integration movement.
4. An African immigrant social network and educational attainment.
5. An African landscape of economic growth, trade and investment.

III. Historical Background:

Over 13 percent of the current US population traces its origin to Africa. We, the People of that region are losing our visibility in the mainstream America today. Our visibility is only related to crisis and genocide like in Rwanda, Darfur, or the DR Congo. As immigrants from Africa, we are still confronted with barriers associated with racial inequality and stereotypes in America. We are held in low esteem even after our greatest social mobility and professional achievements.

The Africans who have settled in the United States during the last twenty years represent the largest number of Africans in more than two hundred years to settle in America. The cultural polyphony of African immigrants, their urban landscape in major metropolitan centers, and their economic and political contributions have been chronicled in major newspapers all over America.

The transfer of Africa's human capital to the United States has been consistent and historic. However, largely invisible and disconnected, these new African immigrants deserve to have a united voice in the mainstream America today as a democratic path to their full integration and participation.

The African immigrants in the United States of America constitute varied entities in their cultures and the countries in Africa that they represent here. However, we remain united in our pursuit of same goals and objectives of achieving their America dreams. We share not only our dreams but also our



pieces of the material and non-material culture. As Africans, we remain fiercely family-oriented and kinship-oriented in our views.

Like native American Blacks, African immigrants believe in social stratification in the United States. We are very reluctant if not extremely cautious to engage in political affairs and to participate in community activities. We still feel foreigners after decades of naturalization. We face racial and cultural animosities, economic marginality, and political exclusion.

African immigrants are now committed to defining their cultural identity and their presence in the United States through the African Diaspora Council. Back home, Blacks are generally in charge of all aspects of administration and decision-making process that affect the citizenship.

This empowering mission is a fact of political independence and liberation even if such empowerment is not often translated into meaningful social and political change due to corruption and mismanagement.

This empowerment contrasts with the current African immigrant status in the United States who are politically marginalized and sometimes completely left out of political and social discourse at federal, state and local level. The goal of the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) is to end such political exclusion by showing African immigrants how to confront these exclusion issues.

ALEC believes that the participation and integration of Africans in the American political mainstream system is now a matter of urgency, and a matter of historical legacy to promote and protect.

IV. Operative Plans and Strategy:

To succeed, we the people of African descent in the United States of America, need a bold plan of action consisting on the integration of almost all existing African Immigration Associational networks into ALEC as well as an umbrella supra-national, pan-African, and official representative of all nations' members of the African Union.

ALEC shall prepare and invest in a new generation of African leaders, imbued with democratic governance and public accountability, respect for the constitution, Human rights, the rule of law, term limits and mandates, and the pursuit of happiness at all times for all the people they will represent. We shall seek to assist those serious Africans interested in public service, public policy, transformational leadership at all levels of public offices in the United States of America and Africa.

We must position ourselves as official representatives of the African Union in the United States with an official mandate to have a united voice. We must act as an African family, furnishing a variety of support and opportunities to its individual members and other associations affiliated to the ALEC.

A united African Leadership Voice is the best strategy to negotiate our entrance and integration into the mainstream America, as a voting block, as a



business community, as a cultural entity that transcends ethnicity and national identity. This strategic plan requires a change of our mental, behavioral and mannerisms from invisible aliens to a status of a dynamic group with an extensive visibility through our own TV channels, Newspapers, Radio stations, Websites, African Cultural Centers, etc.

The African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) shall become the official voice of all Africans in the United States. We shall become partners with the US Senate, the US House of Representatives, the US State Department, other US government institutions, business and private institutions in order to accomplish this noble task.

The hundred associations that exist today have been instrumental and useful in providing economic, psychological, cultural support to their respective members of such and such African country. In addition, they have been successful in meeting some socialization needs of new immigrants. As secondary groups, these African immigrants associations have become a vital part of the network of associative relationships to most of us. But then, these associations must serve as the building blocks for the creation of a larger and broader Pan-African Voice in the United States with a clear political vision and mission. In short, these African immigrant associations shall become the symbolic representations into ALEC here in the United States and in its regional branches in Africa, Europe and Asia.

What is needed is clearly an African Continental Identity, a transnational continental affiliation that brings all the African immigrants together, under a unified normative system and umbrella that reinforces their identity, their political dreams, and finally their emancipation. ALEC is the call for today's transformational leadership. ALEC is the new vision for future leaders.

V. ALEC Education and Housing

The African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) continues to respond to the many social challenges affecting the African immigrant communities in the United States. ALEC Education and Housing is the organization's 501C(3) affiliated Non-Profit Corporation with a vision to promote Academic Excellence and community outreach programs, affordable and fair housing, energy assistance and food stamps to low income families. The transfer of Africa's human capital to the United States has been consistent and historic. However, largely invisible and disconnected, these new African immigrants are in need of an organization that responds to their socio-economic and political needs, thus creating a united voice in the mainstream America today as a democratic path to their full integration and participation. The African immigrants in the United States of America constitute varied entities in their cultures and the countries in Africa that they represent. However, we remain united in our pursuit of same goals and objectives of achieving the America dreams. We share not only our dreams but also our pieces of the material and non-material culture. Like native American Blacks, African immigrants believe in social stratification in the United States. African immigrants are now committed to defining their cultural identity and their presence in the United States through the African Leadership Empowerment Council. The goal of the organization is to provide avenues, in partnership with the government, for active participation in community and nation



building, community service and volunteer work by being a voice to the African immigrant issues and advocacy. Its proclamations, decisions and resolutions are intended to the re-creation of the African presence in America, a way for Africans to assert their individual identity while affirming their cohesiveness to the global American values and culture.

VI. Leadership Voices Radio (LVR):

Leadership Voices Radio (LVR) is the Blog Talk Radio Show of the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC). We are live on air every Saturday and our programs vary according to programming objectives in the AM and PM.

More details on www.africanleadershipcouncil.org Home Page or click on the link below to access LVR. You can as well participate live in the show by calling (646)-929-0359. We equally accept experts' appearances, interviews, policy and scholarly discussions.

Web Link: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/LeadershipVoices>

VII. The ALEC Magazine:

ALEC Magazine is published Quarterly--Print and Online--focusing on Academics and research, leadership and strategy, African affairs and public policy, the African Diaspora, business and marketing, communication, youth and women leadership, Good Governance and democratic transitions in Africa.

VIII. Involvement:

- Membership into the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) is open to ALL Africans in the United States of America, Africa, as well those Africans around the world wishing to strengthen a collaborative and new Pan-African vision.

- Our Regional Offices in Africa coordinate membership into the organization based on specific requirements and country rules on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

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