

Africa Action's 1st Annual



BARAZA

Ending Global Apartheid:
Uniting to Change U.S.
Policy Toward Africa

October 3-4, 2003

Gallaudet University Conference Center
800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002-3695

Africa Action

Three of the oldest Africa advocacy groups in the United States merged in 2001 to become **Africa Action**. Beginning in 1953, our parent organizations, the American Committee on Africa (ACOA), The Africa Fund, and the Africa Policy Information Center (APIC), provided key support for independence movements throughout Africa, particularly the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa. Today, Africa Action continues the work of its predecessors by providing policy analysis and mobilizing public pressure to change U.S. policy toward Africa.

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The struggle today is no longer against colonialism and South African apartheid, but against **global apartheid**—the worldwide system of entrenched inequalities and racism that keeps Africa poor. Global challenges, like the AIDS pandemic, the failure of peacekeeping, and the burden of illegitimate foreign

debt, have their most devastating consequences in Africa. These challenges must be addressed in solidarity with Africans if they are not to overwhelm the continent and the world.

On October 3-4, 2003, Africa Action will hold its first annual Baraza (Kiswahili for "Assembly") in Washington, DC. The Baraza will bring together more than 50 activists from the U.S. and Africa for a day of groundbreaking discussion and strategizing on U.S.-Africa relations. By building partnerships between activists and civil society organizations in the U.S. and Africa, the forum will create a

space to learn from one another's experiences and identify priorities and opportunities for coordinated action in the year ahead. The Baraza will focus specifically on mobilizing support for **Africa's Right to Health** and addressing the challenges of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, debt cancellation, and World Bank/IMF policies.



SCHEDULE

Friday, October 3, 2003

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| 8:00-9:00 | Registration and Breakfast |
| 9:00-9:30 | Welcome |
| 9:30-10:00 | Introductions |
| 10:00-11:30 | Ending Global Apartheid —A plenary where civil society groups in the U.S. and Africa discuss African struggles for social justice and critical U.S. policy priorities. |
| 11:45-1:00 | Drop the Debt, Treat the People —In-depth workshops detailing campaign strategies in Africa and the U.S. focused on debt cancellation and treatment access. |
| 1:00-2:30 | Lunch—African Storytelling |
| 2:45-3:45 | Uniting to Fight —A plenary dedicated to identifying common priorities and opportunities for collective action. |
| 4:00-4:30 | Africa Action's MOST WANTED Campaign —A new initiative to demand U.S. leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS. |
| 4:30-5:00 | Closing |
| 7:00-11:00 | AFRICA ACTION 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! <i>The Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.</i> |

Saturday, October 4, 2003

Africa Action National Mobilizing Strategy—An in-depth discussion of Africa Action National Strategy for African Partners and grassroots activists.

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| 9:00-9:15 | Opening |
| 9:15-10:30 | The Africa's Right to Health Campaign —An overview of the injustices that gave rise to and now perpetuate the AIDS pandemic. |
| 10:50-12:30 | Africa Action National Mobilizing Strategy —Strategy sessions focused on mobilizing grassroots support for greater U.S. funding to fight AIDS in Africa. |
| 12:45-2:30 | Lunch |
| 2:45-5:00 | Bringing it all together: Building the campaign, building partnerships, and identifying opportunities for collective action culminating in the Africa Action "Day of Action" on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2003. |
| 5:00-5:30 | Closing |

"By changing the policies of our own government, we have proven that we can make a real difference."

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of **\$35** is requested for each participant to defray the cost of meals, materials, and travel for our African partners. However, a number of scholarships are available upon request.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Africa Action at 202.546.7961 or e-mail africaaction@igc.org. Please send checks by September 26 made payable to Africa Action to: 1634 Eye Street, NW Suite 810 Washington, DC 20006

AFRICAN PARTNERS

All African Conference of Churches, KENYA*
 All-African Students Union-Accra, GHANA*
 BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights, NIGERIA*
 FEMNET (African Women's Development & Communications Network), KENYA*
 Forum for African Alternatives, SENEGAL*
 Health Rights Action Group, UGANDA
 Network of African People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+), KENYA*
 Treatment Action Campaign, SOUTH AFRICA

*Denotes continent-wide network.

DOMESTIC PARTNERS

National Organizations

50 Years is Enough-U.S. Network for Global Economic Justice
 Advocates for Youth
 AFL-CIO
 Africa Faith and Justice Network
 African Services Committee
 AIDS Action
 American Friends Services Committee
 Amnesty International
 Artists for a New South Africa
 Black AIDS Institute
 Black Radical Congress
 Center for Economic Justice/World Bank Bonds Boycott Campaign
 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists

Conscious Movements Collective
 DC Metro Washington Labor Council
 Ethiopian Community Development Council
 Foreign Policy in Focus
 Friends of the Earth
 Global AIDS Alliance
 Global Justice
 Health GAP
 Jobs with Justice
 Jubilee USA Network
 National Minority AIDS Council
 National Urban League
 Physicians for Human Rights
 Progressive National Baptist Convention
 Student Global AIDS Campaign
 TransAfrica
 United States Student Association
 Washington Office on Africa

Local Activist Networks

Atlanta, GA-Georgia Africa Action Coalition
 Bay Area, CA-The Priority Africa Network
 Houston, TX-Houston Africa Action Coalition



“Now, more than ever,
 the struggles
 for human security
 here and in Africa
 must be joined.”

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Africa Action's 1st Annual Baraza will take place on October 3rd and 4th at the **Gallaudet University Conference Center in NE Washington, D.C.**

The conference center is located at:
**800 Florida Avenue, NE
 Washington, DC 20002-3695**

Union Station is approximately one mile southwest of Gallaudet University. A shuttle bus runs regularly from Union Station to the Gallaudet campus.

For more information
 Please contact Africa Action at 202.546.7961.