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## **PAN AFRICAN BUSINESS AND TRADE SEMINAR**

The Sixth Region Diaspora Caucus International (SRDC) Washington State Chapter, AND, The Africa-USA International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AfUSA) Los Angeles California, in association with Merita Technology Solutions, Ethiopia – announces the -

**Pan African Business and Trade Seminar**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Dreamliner Hotel, Meskel Flower, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at 9:00AM**  
**AND**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Lily of the Valley Hotel, Shashamane, Ethiopia at NOON**

The purpose of the Seminar is to bring business people together to:

- **develop a program to implement ongoing business and economic relationships;**
- **promote and facilitate bi-lateral trade and investment within Africa & the USA; and**
- **begin to establish joint ventures with businesses on the ground in Ethiopia.**

A contingent of business men and women, and investors from the USA and other locations in the Diaspora are traveling to Ethiopia for this historic Seminar. They will seed the start of a Diaspora entity focused on assisting repatriates in their return home to contribute to *Pan Africanism and the African Renaissance*.

Highlights of the Seminar will be:

- Mr. Al Washington, Executive Director of AfUSA - the keynote presenter.
- Dr. David Horne, SRDC International Facilitator, will detail the SRDC's mission and purpose for coming to Ethiopia.
- Representatives from the Pan-African Business and Trade Center in Ghana will talk about their work in establishing the Trade Center there.
- Ambassador Taye, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ethiopia, will present their role in the Diaspora community.
- Ethiopia Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Association will highlight the Chamber's work.
- Ministry of Trade will be represented.
- Ethiopian organizations' representatives, African Diasporan entrepreneurs, and local grass roots businesses will also be participating.

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The SRDC has as its primary mission to help organize the African Diaspora for participation and membership in the African Union (AU), per the AU's 2003 Article 3(q) **invitation to African descendent to join it as the 6<sup>th</sup> Region**, and to help create the Union of African States/United States of Africa. The SRDC works at establishing tangible collaborations, and networks with Diasporan organizations on a global scale for joint projects toward that goal.

The Africa-USA (AfUSA) International Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a non-profit, mutual benefit, business organization established to promote trade, commerce, education, and cultural development between *the people and business enterprises of the United States of America and the nation states in Africa.*

Merita Technologies is a Software Development consulting firm that specializes in Enterprise level software development. They provide services such as ICT Consulting in Software Development, Outsourcing Software projects to programmers in Ethiopia, Lectures and Training series on Software Development. Located in Addis Ababa, this is an example of an African Diasporan coming home to contribute to the growth and development of the Continent.

The Seminar will all be held at Dreamliner Hotel Conference Center, Meskel Flower, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – 9am to 5pm (Intl time). The 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be held in Shashamane, at the Lily of the Valley Hotel, on **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013** beginning at noon.

Preregistration is required for ALL attendees.

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