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NEWSletter

From the Desk of the Prime Minister - A Supplement bringing you the latest State **news** !

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Dr. Louis-Georges Tin

WELCOME MEMBERS OF SOAD TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER !

This Supplement will bring the latest State news that is occurring in the Government and around the world. I hope you will find this interesting.

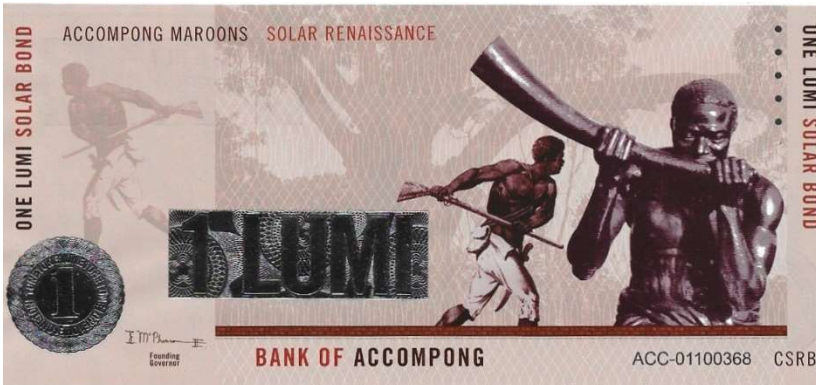


INTERNATIONAL : LAUNCHING THE PAN-AFRICAN CURRENCY – THE LUMI

grams. The current value for 1 LUMI is US\$15.96

Chief Timothy and Dr Tin made a further pronouncement :

An All African Stimulus for Health, Environment, and the Economy (« ASEE ») will be provided to all the members of the Diaspora nations, territories and realms worldwide and the Kingdoms and territories of Africa. This Pan-African Stimulus Package is made up as follows:



South Africa - On 22 September 2020, at the Summit of Her Imperial Majesty, Queen Sheba III entitled the « **4th Industrial/Digital Revolution – The Reset** », Chief, Honourable Timothy McPherson (Ra Semako) heading the Economic Community of the 6th Region (ECO-6) and Dr. Louis Georges-Tin of the State of the African Diaspora, jointly announced the launch of the LUMI currency being the currency of ECO-6 and the currency for the State of the African Diaspora.

The LUMI is the official currency of the town of Accompong, in the Sovereign Territory of the Maroons on the Island of Jamaica where ECO-6 and The State of the African Diaspora have their official siege. The LUMI from the word LUMINOUS symbolising the Sun (Ra), is backed by solar and renewable energy.

The LUMI is underwritten by 100KWh of solar energy and convertible to 4 grains of gold. 4 grains of gold in weight equals 0.02657



- The funding will be \$6,000,000,000,000 (\$6 trillion) delivered in the official currency of ECO-6, the LUMI.
- The first issuance of funds will be : October 1, 2020. The last issuance of funds will be October 1, 2023. The
- Funds to be issued: LUMI 6.26 (equivalent of \$100) per adult person per month, 18 years and over. Issuance will be to all Africans on the continent and in the Diaspora.
- Funds will also be available for the Kingdoms partnering with ECO-6.
- The funds will be used in priority to stimulate the Pan-African economy of training entrepreneurship, skills development, business, healthcare, social economic growth, goods and services.



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INTERNATIONAL : ELECTIONS WITHIN THE SOAD PARLIAMENT

In September, an electoral campaign was launched in the State of the African Diaspora. It is an unprecedented event, and it will be a truly Pan-african election : people from the Continent and the African Diaspora will vote together, in the same process. As a result, more than 80 countries are involved. Three kinds of position are open :

1. the President of the SOAD Parliament,
2. the 6 Vice Presidents of Parliament (Africa, Asia, South America, Central America, North America, Europe)
3. the Presidents of the national delegations in the Parliament.

The Candidates had until October 1st 2020 to declare themselves and to send their expression of interest. The election will take place on December 1st 2020. During that time, all the candidates will make their campaign, they will be known through several debates or interviews, and they will have the opportunity to explain their vision and strategies for Africa and for the Diaspora.

INTERNATIONAL : ECO-6 (ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA 6TH REGION) REGISTERED IN GHANA

Accra, Ghana - On 8 September 2020 The Secretariat of the Economic Community of the African Diaspora 6th Region (ECO-6

Secretariat) was officially registered in Ghana. This registration is another important and strategic achievement for SOAD. In 2019, Chief Timothy McPherson, Head of ECO-6 met with the Ghana Ministers of Business Development to discuss the sieges of the Africa Free Trade Area of which Ghana is the Secretariat for the AFCTA. It was agreed that there would be a sister office of the AFCTA in Accompong, in the Sovereign Nation of the Maroons Territory and an ECO-6 Secretariat would have its sister office in Ghana.



Now that registration has been achieved, SOAD is now sourcing an office for the ECO-6 Secretariat in Ghana.

INTERNATIONAL : FOOD BANK

As every week, the SOAD food Bank delivers thousands of meals everywhere in the Panafrican communities. In particular, **MP Nina Womack** in the United States, **MP**





Gemma Vecchio in Italy and **Melvin Brown** in Panama have shown endless dedication helping those who need assistance, like the children in Panama, the migrants in Italy, the precarious workers in the United States.



AFRICA : ROYAL AFRICAN HERITAGE COMMEMORATION 2020

South Africa
- On 25th September, 2020, The Dean of Ambassadors of the State of the African Diaspora, King Francis Kelechi



Nwaneri II, launched a commemoration to look at insightful ways of preserving African Heritage. A wonderful jingle was produced to prelude the advertising of the commemoration. The Event was held by live video and hosted by African Youth Diaspora Organisation. The 2nd Day of the Celebration was with the network of Kings and Royal members of SWAF (The South West and African Forum).

WEST AFRICA : MOU SIGNED WITH THE KING OF ILLASSO

The State of the Africa has already signed different agreements with African kings. Recently, the SOAD Also signed a MOU with His Majesty Kiffouli Adehoumi, King of Illasso, which is one of the oldest kingdoms of Benin. Among the topics involved in this cooperation are restitution, historical legacy, land, telemedecine. “We are very grateful to the King of Illasso, and we are ready to work with him and his population”, the Prime Minister said.

EUROPE, UK : REPARATIONS LETTER SENT TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

In March 2019, after our lobbying efforts, the European Parliament voted a resolution asking European countries and institutions to make policies on restitution and reparations.

Following this campaign, in September 2020, the Prime Minister wrote a letter to the Vatican, and Guillaine Brutus, MP for the UK with her fellow MPs, wrote another letter to the Church of England. In these two messages the concerns were expressed about the history of these institutions, which gave support to the slave trade and



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actually had many slaves during this period. According to SOAD, there is no peace without justice, and no justice without reparations! More news will be provided as our lobbying unfolds.

AFRICA : WEST AFRICA COMMODITY EXCHANGE (BOPAO-WAACE) OFFICIALLY REGISTERED



The Gambia – The SOAD is co-founder of the West African Agricultural Commodity Exchange. This institution has members in more than 17 countries, from Mauritania to Nigeria. Millions of farmers are already members of cooperatives, that are members of the Commodity Exchange. “Thanks to this institution, African farmers will have more control on their production, and on the prices”, Prime Minister declared. In September, the Commodity Exchange was officially registered in the Gambia, and the first offices were inaugurated in Togo.

The next Agricultural Commodity Exchange will be located in the Diaspora.

SOUTH AMERICA : COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE QUILOMBOS OF BRAZIL

Pernambuco – Brazil : On 9 September 2020, The Prime Minister, Louis-Georges Tin, the Vice-Prime Minister, Keturah Amoako and Chief Timothy McPherson, Head of ECO-6 met with the Quilombos of Brazil. The Quilombos were represented by 25 Heads of the Quilombos Communities. The discussions centred around their persecution, discrimination, exclusion and racism of the quilombos and Brazilians in general. Discussion also centred around their mobilization to effect socio-economic development amongst the communities. SOAD with its partner – The House of Ancestry, will be facilitating the DNA testing of 1,000 Quilombos to trace their Ancestry back to Africa. After a few days, the CONAQ, the Coalition of Quilombos signed a cooperation agreement with SOAD and ECO-6.

It was also agreed that another strategic branch of the ECO-6 Secretariat will be registered and launched in Brazil.



CENTRAL AMERICA : MEETING THE CURUNDU QUEEN OF PANAMA

Panama – On 11 September 2020, our MP for Panama, **Melvin Brown** organised a meeting with the Marcia Rodriguez the Queen of Curundu of the Palenque community in Panama. The discussion centred around their marginalization, racism and discrimination of their community. It also centred around the Palenque indigenous community becoming a Member of ECO-6.

CENTRAL AMERICA : INAUGURATION OF OUR REGIONAL OFFICE IN PANAMA

Panama. Recently, the Prime Minister of SOAD signed a MOU with Melvin Brown, MP from Panama. SOAD will now have a regional office in the country. Its objective is to represent the interest of SOAD in Central America, the Caribbean and South America, to “work with national and local authorities in promoting, designing, implementing projects and programs approved by SOAD executive Branch, and provide information about SOAD affairs and activities.” After the office established in South Africa, SOAD is glad to have another regional office. “We congratulate Mr Brown for his initiative, and

we believe it will be a great help to develop SOAD”, the Prime Minister declared.

NEW SOAD ARRIVALS

Please welcome our new members of the State which have been recruited recently. These are:-

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Ms. Dominique Pierre – Member of Parliament Mauritius

AMBASSADORS

Mr. Paul Steele – Ambassador for New Zealand

Mr. Jean Pierre Jean Maurice – Ambassador for Mauritius

These are just a few of our new Members. We will publish another list of new members in the next issue.

The State of the African Diaspora currently has over 300 leaders (Ministers, MPs and Ambassadors) worldwide and we are still growing. Well done to all of you !!

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Dear Members of the Government – we hope you found this Newsletter useful. We would like to further develop Newsletters devoted to the MPs activities showcasing all the great work you are doing and a Newsletter for our phenomenal Ambassadors. This way we can all keep up-to-date with the great projects and undertakings that is occurring within the State around the world with an opportunity to participate or contribute to the great initiatives.

Anyone who would like to be journalists for the MPs or Ambassadors' Newsletters and be in charge of receiving the news and publishing it, please email amoako@stateofafricandiaspora.com.