



STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA AND ITS INSTITUTIONAL CONNECTIONS





MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER



The State of the African Diaspora (SOAD) is an entity *sui generis*, which means it is defined by itself, like the African Union, the European Union, the Vatican, etc. And as it is also a sovereign State, therefore, it does not need to be recognized by others to exist. It exists through its own Constitution, its institutions and its actions.

However, the State of the African Diaspora is not isolated, of course. Its leaders are based in more than 100 countries in the world, and SOAD has with the United Nations, the African Union, the CAFRAD, many countries and kingdoms different kinds of connections, like cooperation agreements, mandates or programs of action, as will be explained in this document.

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1) Introduction

Within Africa, there are 5 regions: North Africa, West Africa, Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa. In 2003, at the end of the AU Summit, the Heads of State declared (14 (XVIII) add. :

“The African Union (...) decides to recognize the African Diaspora as an effective entity contributing to economic and social development of the continent. “

They decided that the Diaspora would be the “Sixth Region” of Africa, which now exists in the constitution of the African Union, and is a region without borders.

But for many years, this “Sixth Region” of the AU existed only on paper. **It was therefore necessary to give substance to this institution, and move from a de facto diaspora to a de jure diaspora.**

In 2014, Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President-in-Office of the African Union gave a mandate to Dr Louis-Georges Tin, chairperson of the CRAN (the French black coalition), to set up the African Diaspora, to “give substance” to the Sixth Region:

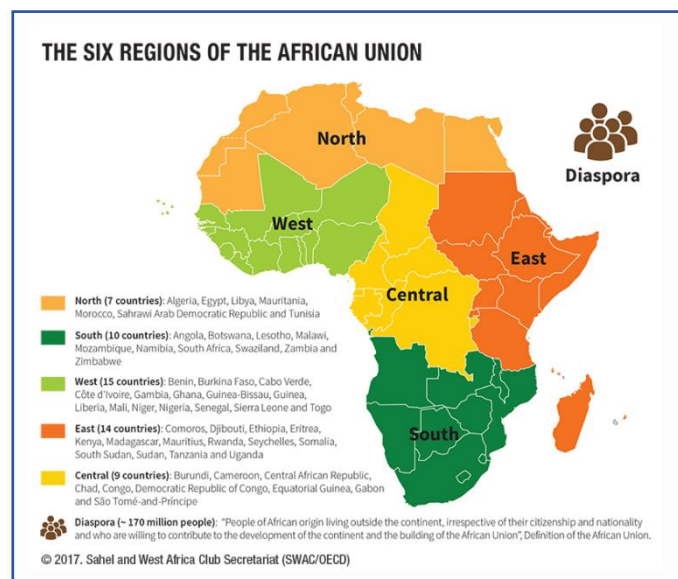
“You wished to attract our attention about your project that aims to give substance to the 6th region of the African Union(...). The interview I had with you and the information that we collected about your activities gave me the assurance of the major role the CRAN can play to contribute to the implementation of the programs of development of our Continent. “

Then, with an international team, Dr Louis-Georges Tin formed a Government. On July, 1st, 2018, during the Summit of the African

Union, where he was invited by the President of Mauritania, Dr Louis-Georges Tin launched this initiative : the State of the African Diaspora was borne, a State without borders.

The State of the African Diaspora is not a part of the African Union, has

not asked to be recognised by the African Union, and is independent from it, as it is a sovereign entity. However, Dr Tin received a mandate from the President of the African Union, and SOAD interacts with the African Union, which reinforces its strength.



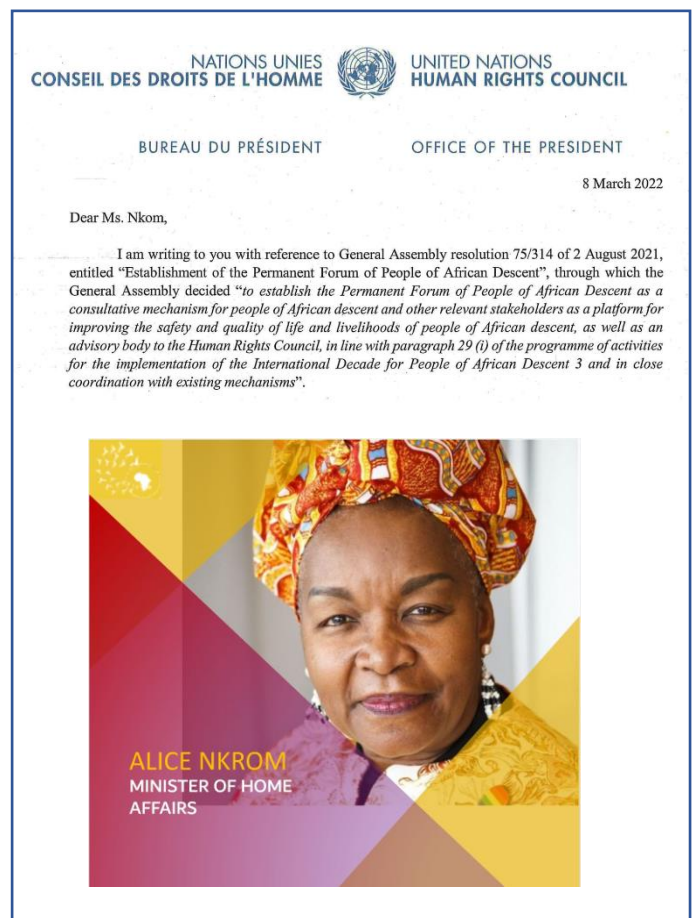
2) Connections with the United Nations

The State of the African Diaspora is not a member of the United Nations, and did not ask to be a member of this Organisation, but is working with the UN on different programs.

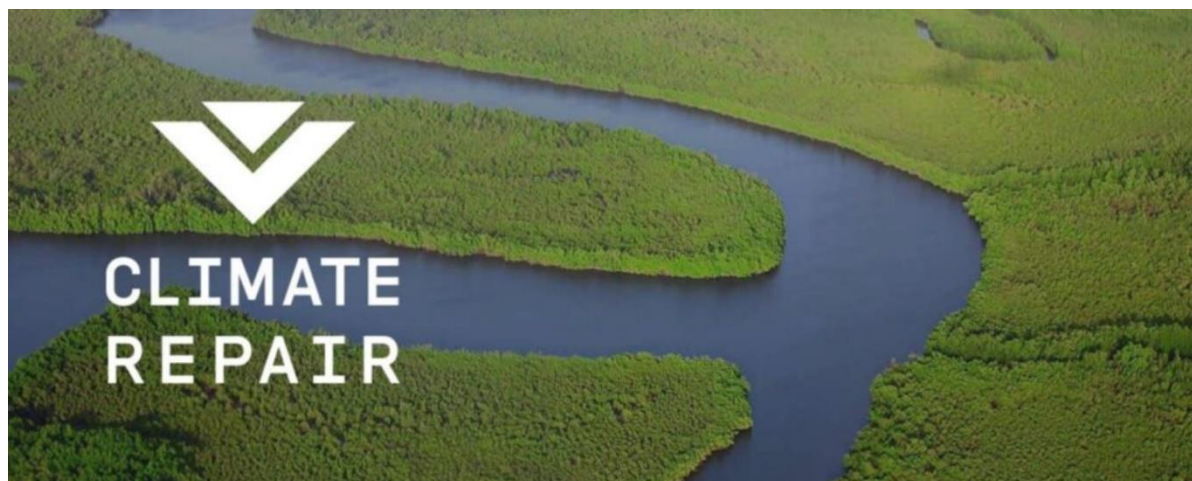


a) The UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent

In 2021, the Human Rights Council of the United Nations created The Permanent Forum of People of African Descent. The Prime Minister of the State of the African Diaspora wrote to the UN authorities to recommend his Minister of Home Affairs, Mrs Alice Nkom. In 2022, Mrs Nkom was appointed as one of the 10 members of the Forum. Therefore, the State of the African Diaspora has a direct connection with the Forum and the Human Rights Council, and contributes to their programs of action.



b) The Global Constituency of Youth for Environment



In February 2022, the Global Constituency of Youth for Environment, which works under the aegis of the United Nations, honored Salem Ayenan, Dean of the Faculty of Diplomacy of the University of the State of the African Diaspora and Chief of Staff of the Minister of Education.

This UN institution had launched a call for applications for the organization of Local Youth Assemblies for the Environment. It should be recalled that these assemblies are held each year before the UN General Assembly for the Environment, and their mission is to contribute to the work of the UN in this area by making proposals that are presented at the UN General Assembly for the Environment.

Salem Ayenan had applied on behalf of the State of the African Diaspora. On February 10, 2022, he received the following message:



“Dear Mr. Salem Ayenan of the University of the State of the African Diaspora, we congratulate you on your selection to implement the Regional Youth Assembly for the Environment on behalf of the Africa region. Out of more than 200 applications from all countries in Africa, your application was of particular interest to us because of your vision, ideals and experiences.”

<https://thestateofafricandiaspora.com/salem-ayenan-dean-of-soads-faculty-of-diplomacy-chosen-by-the-un-to-organize-the-youth-assembly-for-the-environment-in-africa/>

c) UN Alliance for Sustainable Development Goals (UNASDG)



On April 5, 2023, the United Nations Alliance for Sustainable Development Goals (UNASDG) and the State of the African Diaspora (SOAD) signed a convention and a cooperation agreement. According to these documents,

"the UNASDG hereby confirms its willingness and intention to enter into long-term cooperation with the State of the African Diaspora, hereinafter referred to as "Diaspora". Likewise, the State of the African Diaspora hereby confirms its willingness and intention to enter into long-term cooperation with the intergovernmental organization UNASDG, and both organizations fully recognize each other as a full sovereign body by signing this Agreement. "

As indicated in the convention, *"the objectives of the cooperation are the smooth implementation and completion of projects and processes at the technical,*

environmental, economic, humanitarian and financial levels within the framework of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

The SDGs were defined by the United Nations in 2015 and include 17 objectives such as « no poverty », « no hunger », « clean water », « clean energy », « gender equality », « quality education », etc. The State of the African Diaspora is very involved in the SDGs, especially through its program to provide agribusiness and to create 25 smart cities in Africa and in the Diaspora, and is working with the UNASDG to raise financing for these initiatives.

<https://thestateofafricandiaspora.com/the-un-alliance-for-sustainable-development-goals-and-the-state-of-the-african-diaspora-sign-a-cooperation-agreements/>



3) Connections with the African Union



a) Mandate from the President of the African Union

In 2014, Dr Louis-Georges Tin who was then the President of the CRAN (the French Black Organisation) received a mandate from His Excellency Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, the President of the African Union, to create an entity for the African Diaspora 6th Region.



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Nouakchott, le 04 DEC 2014

Monsieur Louis-Georges Tin
Président du CRAN

Monsieur,

Vous avez souhaité attirer notre attention sur votre projet qui a pour but de donner corps à la 6^{ème} région de l'Union Africaine à travers le congrès international de la diaspora panafricaine, que vous souhaitez organiser dans les mois qui viennent.

L'entretien que j'ai eu avec vous et les informations que nous avons recueillies sur vos activités, m'ont donné l'assurance du rôle majeur que le CRAN peut jouer pour contribuer à la mise en œuvre des programmes de développement de notre Continent.

C'est pourquoi, je tiens à vous assurer de notre soutien à cette importante initiative.

J'attirerai l'attention des Chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement et la Présidente de la Commission de l'Union Africaine sur l'importance de prendre les initiatives nécessaires, pour que vos interlocuteurs vous accordent l'attention et les moyens requis pour la réussite de votre projet.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

b) Letter of Acceptance of Chief Charumbira, President of the Parliament of the African Union, and Co-Chair of the Royal Chamber of the State of the African Diaspora



On July 12, 2021, Chief Fortune Charumbira, President of the Parliament of the African Union, accepted to become Co-Chair of the Royal Chamber of the State of the African Union, signifying his strong support to the State.



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Harare,
July, 12, 2021

To : Dr Louis-Georges Tin
Prime Minister of the State of the African Diaspora

Excellency,

Please accept this letter as confirmation that I am very pleased to accept the position as Co-Chair of the **Royal Chamber of the State of the African Diaspora**. I thank you for this opportunity.

4) Connections with CAFRAD



Since June 02, 2022, **the State of the African Diaspora (SOAD)** has officially been part of the Intergovernmental Organization, CAFRAD (“Centre Africain de Formation et de Recherche Administratives pour le Développement”, an IGO including 38 States). As such, SOAD is entitled to sit in the same capacity as the other Member States, on all the statutory bodies of the institution, and will as well participate in the debates on the governance and development of CAFRAD.

Representing the African Diaspora, SOAD automatically integrates the Executive Committee of CAFRAD as the sole representative of the 6th Region of Africa, by virtue of the principle of geographical representation in force within this body.

<https://thestateofafricandiaspora.com/cafrad-issues-press-release-on-cooperation-with-soad/>

Organisation Intergouvernementale Panafricaine	منظمة إفريقية بيحكومية	Pan African Intergovernmental Organisation
<i>Au service de l'innovation, de la modernisation et de la construction d'administrations pour une Gouvernance Publique Responsable</i>	 <i>Depuis/Since 1964 ...</i>	<i>Serving innovation, modernisation and establishment of administrations for Responsible Public Governance</i>
Réf: 2022/GA. / 43	Date: 07 juin 2022	
Objet : L'adhésion de l'Etat de la Diaspora Africaine au CAFRAD		
<i>Excellence Monsieur le Premier Ministre,</i>		
<p>Je voudrais, au nom du CAFRAD ainsi qu'à mon nom propre, vous souhaiter la bienvenue comme membre à part entière de l'Organisation Intergouvernementale Panafricaine CAFRAD. A ce titre, vous siégez désormais, au même titre que les autres Etats Membres, à toutes les instances statutaires de l'Institution, en même temps que vous avez le même droit de vote. Vous pouvez par la même occasion, participer aux débats sur la gouvernance du CAFRAD, autant que faire des propositions sur son développement par le financement de projets, ou par des moyens que votre gouvernement jugera adapté à cet effet.</p>		

5) Connections with the WFDP



On December 6, 2022, the State of the African Diaspora signed a cooperation agreement with the World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP). The WFDP is an Inter-Governmental Organisation that seeks "to monitor the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and focus on global partnership as well as on financial governance and access to technology within the African region and to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in developing countries through public and private, domestic, and international resources".

The 17 SDG were defined by the United Nations in 2015 to "provide a shared blueprint for a more peaceful, prosperous years sustainable future for all". They include items such as "no poverty", "0 hunger", "good health and wellbeing", "quality education", "gender equality", etc. The SDG are definitely included in the vision of the State of the African Diaspora. They are part of the campaign for climate justice, that SOAD launched in February 2022, in the framework of the COP 27 in Egypt. However, the SDG will be essential also for the smart cities SOAD is working on.

<https://thestateofafricandiaspora.com/soad-signs-a-cooperation-agreement-with-the-world-fund-for-development-and-planning/>



INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the Convention on Partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals between World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP), Member States and International Organizations was adopted at: UN Avenue, Runda, Plot 128 , Nairobi , Kenya on Monday , November 21 , 2022 .

AND WHEREAS the said Convention has been accepted by **DR. LOUIS-GEORGES TIN**, on behalf of **STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA** on Monday, December 5, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE I, DR. LOUIS-GEORGES TIN, PRIME MINISTER, declare that **STATE OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA** has the legal capacity to enter into treaties or international agreements and has considered the above-mentioned convention and accepts the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

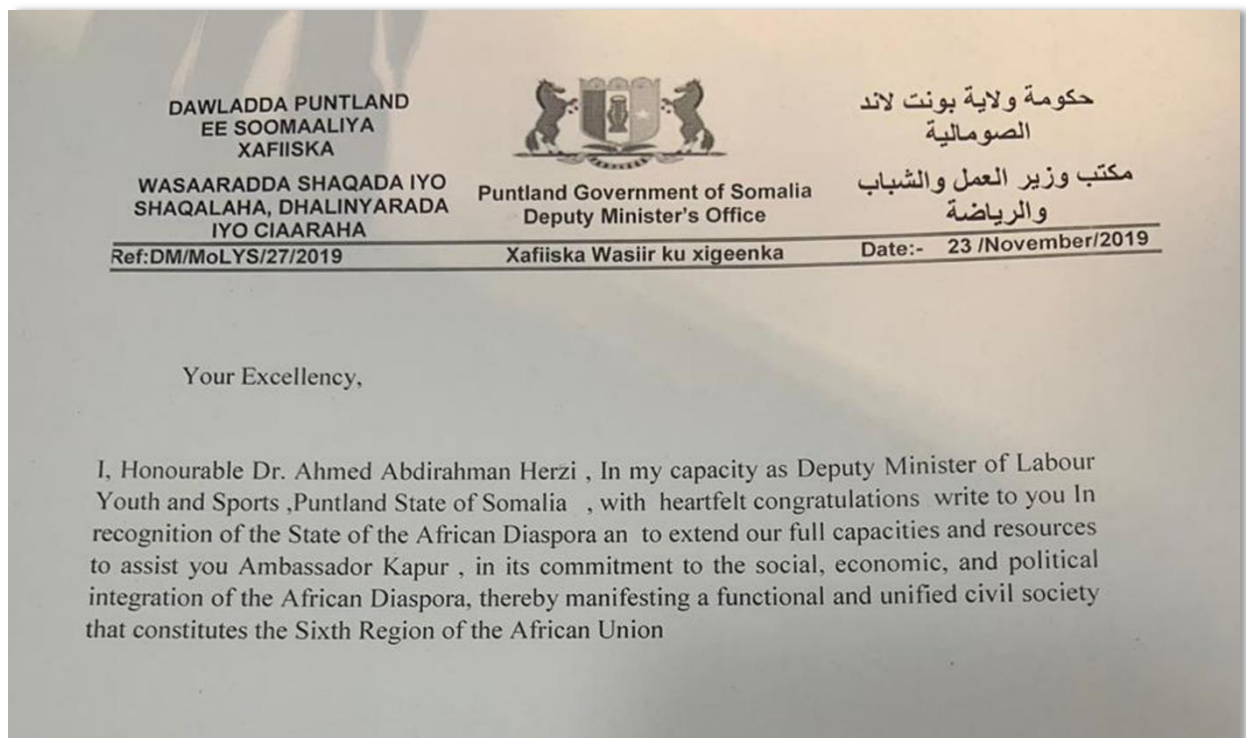
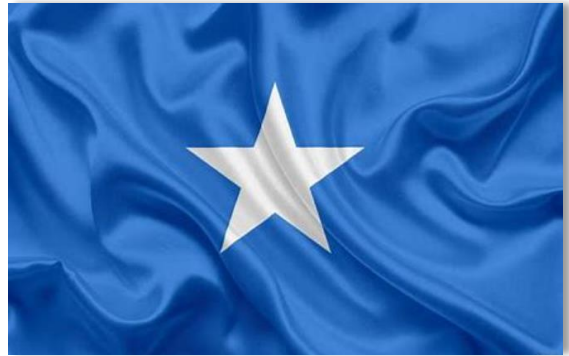
6) Connections with Nation States

The State of the African Diaspora also has institutional connections with several Nation States.

a) Cooperation Agreement with Liberia



b) Recognition from Somalia



c) Letter of support from
Mauritania



d) Recognition from the Maroon States of Jamaica



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State of the African Diaspora
Office of the Prime Minister
His Excellency M. Louis-Georges Tin

Ref.: SAD/30062019-001

July 1, 2019

Re: Multilateral Cooperation

Your Excellency,

In my capacity as Maroon Secretariat for the Island of Jamaica, it is with distinct honour and gratitude that I officially write you in recognition of the State of the African Diaspora and its constituted Government for which you are the Prime Minister.



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e) Cooperation Agreement with Nanny Town Maroons, Island of Jamaica



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

The Government of Nanny Town, Jamaica, Represented by Colonel Wallace Sterling

AND

The State of the African Diaspora, Represented by His Excellence Hugh Johnson, Vice Prime

Minister of the State of the African Diaspora

PREAMBLE

Considering that the African Diaspora is an entity which was recognized by the African Union, in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), on February 3, 2003, and by the 2nd ordinary session of the Conference of Heads of State of the African Union in Maputo (Mozambique), July 11, 2003,

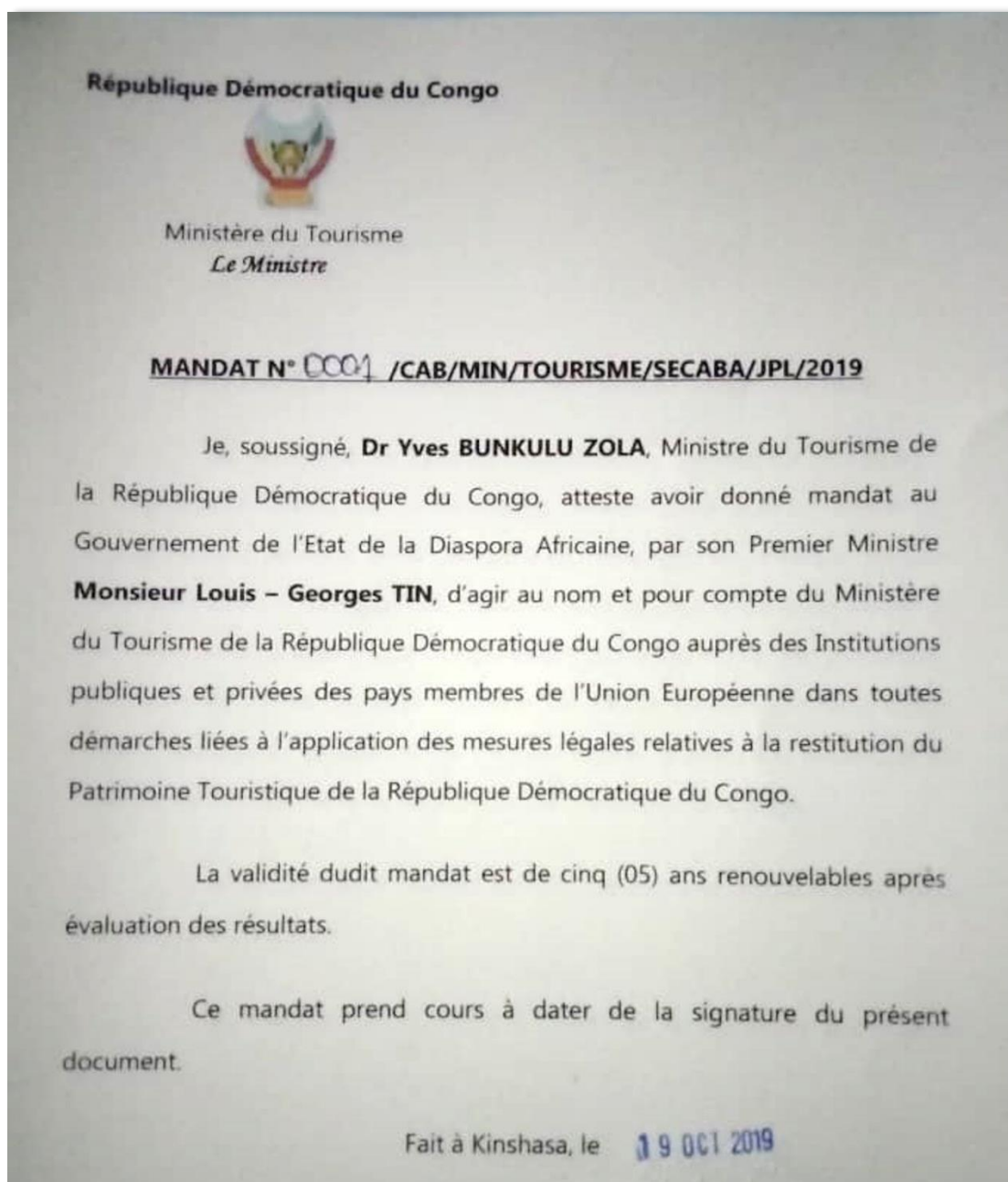
Whereas the State of the African Diaspora aims to strengthen Africa through the Diaspora, and the Diaspora through Africa,

Whereas Nanny Town, Portland Maroon Territories, Island of Jamaica.

Conscious of the need to develop cooperation between the Maroon Council of Nanny Town and the State of the African Diaspora in a Pan-African framework,

f) Mandate from DRC

In October 2019, the Minister of Tourism of DRC gave a formal mandate to the State of the African Diaspora to operate on its behalf on the issue of restitution.



g) Cooperation with the Minister of Youth and Sports, Republic of The Gambia



In June 2024, the State of the African Diaspora and the Republic of The Gambia signed a Cooperation Agreement in the area of sports. The collaboration between the two parties means to reinforce the infrastructure and the sporting activities in The Gambia.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

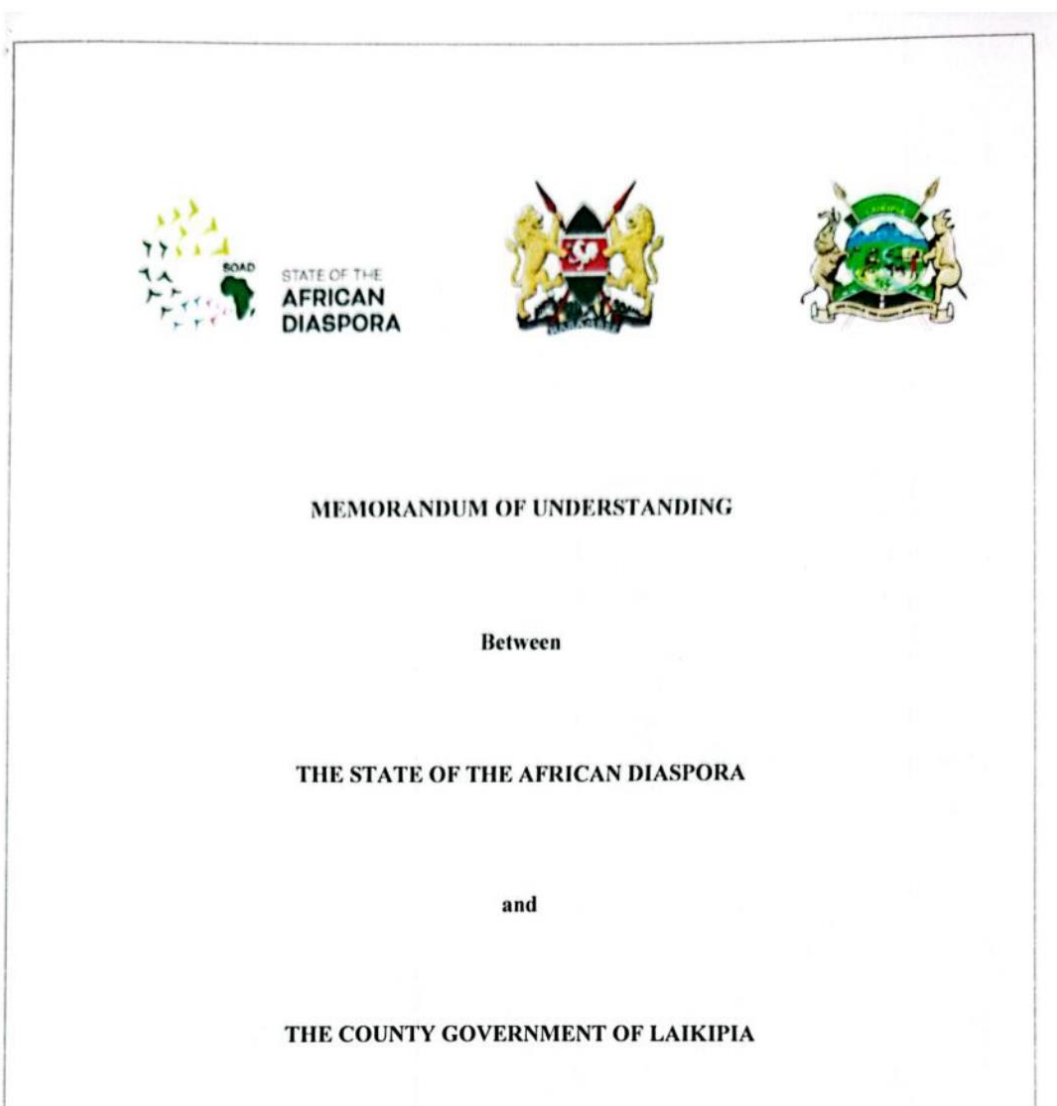
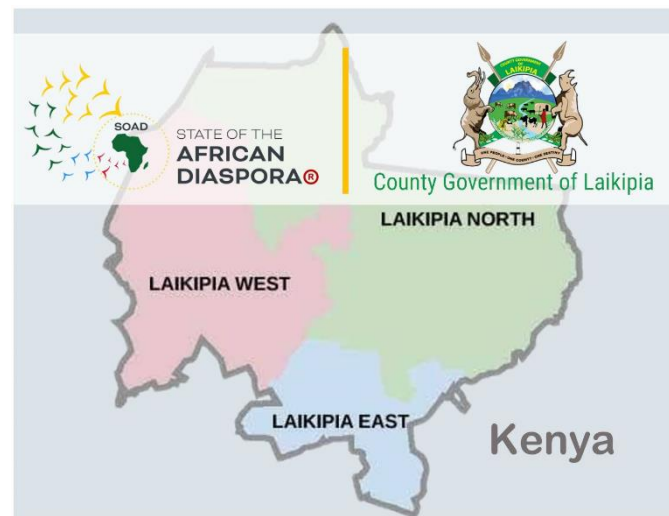
The ministry of Youth and Sports is responsible for facilitating Youth and Sports in The Gambia. The core responsibilities of the Ministry we are focused on is creating conducive environment that provides strategic support on producing the right policies that provides strategic support systems, initiatives for personal development, character building, sports policy implementation and community-based youth-led programmes. The ministry coordinates and facilitates two core programs, which is Youth and Sports Development.

7) Connections with Counties or Provinces

a) Connection with Laikipia County (Kenya)

In November 2023, the State of the African Diaspora signed a cooperation agreement with Laikipia County, Kenya. The agreement provides for the construction of a smart city, a solar farm, a zone reserved for the agri-food industry, and several eco-tourism projects.

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b) Connection with Nandi County (Kenya)

In April 2024, the State of the African Diaspora signed a second agreement with another Kenyan county, Nandi County, to set up similar infrastructure. This cooperation should facilitate sustainable development in the region, to the benefit of the population.



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OF NANDI**

SOURCE OF CHAMPIONS

c) Connection with Kasai Central Province

In August 2024, the State of the African Diaspora signed a cooperation agreement with the province of Kasai Central, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The text evokes various objectives, including a smart city, an agricultural exchange, a medical complex, the development of mines and the restitution of cultural property. The two parties also agreed on financing strategies to support all these infrastructures.



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8) Connections with Diaspora States

Cooperation Agreement with the Sovereign State of Shrikailasa

On October 13th, 2022, the State of the African Diaspora signed a cooperation agreement with the Sovereign State of Shrikailasa, which is a Hindu Nation, Like the Vatican for Catholics, Tibet for Buddhists and Israel for Jews. The purpose of the State of Shrikailasa is to revive, preserve and protect the ancient enlightened Hindu civilization.



The State of the African Diaspora, that was created in 2018, is the first State without Borders. Shrikailasa, that was created in 2019, is the second one. More are coming...

9) Connections with Kingdoms



On July 1st, the State of the African Diaspora created a Royal Chamber, led by Reine Aidji, Minister of Historical Legacy of SOAD, and Chief Charumbira, President of the Parliament of the African Union.

The Chamber includes many national or international organisations of Kings, Queens and Traditional Leaders of Africa.



- The CPACT (Pan-African Council of Traditional and Customary Authorities),
- The High Council of Kings of Africa,
- The Forum of Kings and Traditional Leaders,
- The SWAF (South West and African Forum Federation),
- The National Council of Chiefs of Zimbabwe
- The National Association of Chiefs and Elders of Liberia,
- The House of Chiefs of Zambia,
- The High Council of Kings of Benin,
- The Union of Traditional Chiefs of Togo,
- The South African Royal Kingdom Organization, etc.



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