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Dear António Guterres,

The Board of Trustees, Directors and Management of the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON), is indeed pleased to associate with the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), launched 21 years ago in Davos by late Dr. Kofi Annan, erstwhile UN Secretary-General. We wholeheartedly ascribe to the Global Compact universal principles on human and labour rights, respect for the environment and anti-corruption.

As the world wakes up to the full glare of the global threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, you declared war on the deadly virus, and assured that 'Together we will all get through these worrying times'.

Coming at the start of the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals, COVID-19 is indeed a time for reflection on how much society have lived apart and taken life and the environment for granted, discrimination and deprivation at its height, and the failure of society to develop the enormous human potentials abound.

COVID-19 is a decisive call on a change on our perception of life, the way we live and how our societies are governed. All our problems are synthetic. Ethically and collectively the world lacks nothing in providing societal needs through the building of shared trust, transparency, mutual and healthy cooperation of everyone to human and environmental concerns such as the contagious coronavirus.

Irrespective of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or social status, we all need to look out for each other and work together in harmony to stem the spread of the plague and as the gains and recompenses of this epidemic, end up building a much healthier, peaceful and sustainable world for present and future generations.

With trade and supply chains being disrupted, threatening the financial stability of businesses and economies, there is not much of a better time than this for governments and the civil society organizations and the corporate sector to close ranks and cooperatively commit to the building of a healthy and prosperous society.

With the UN economists estimating that the COVID-19 virus could cost the global economy more than one trillion US dollars and true to the statement made by Ms. Lise Kingo, the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), to revamp our connected global economy, we strongly anticipate that leaders would not only be required to start to think 'out of the box to develop new blended financial instruments to fund commercial enterprises that support critical prevention and mitigation activities required by the pandemic' but principally invest on revamping education, the environment and the building of resourceful social structures.

Bringing together governments, the international community, the civil society, the private sector and other relevant actors, the UN SDGs Goal 17 – Partnership for the Goals, seek to strengthen global partnership for the success of the ambitious targets of the 2030 Agenda, through the adoption of people centered policies and practices.

Decisive action for transformative social change through a more practical and strategic process that will effect revolutionary change within our troubled and endemic society is today, indispensable if we are to truly and meaningfully in the coming years, achieve the UNSDGs target.

Turning the tide on this pandemic through the call for oneness in our successive actions will truly attest to our preparedness for good governance and the creation of a proportionate and compassionate world, and thereby bring forth greater hope for the realization of the Global Compact principles and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

However, for this to manifest and realistically come to light, the 17th Goal ‘Partnership’, must be reinforced by the UN and all world leaders as the foundation for the most crucial and fundamental ‘Social Change’.

Over the last two years, along with the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF), AASGON has undertaken a number of studies, proactive and far reaching actions which are clearly listed in this submission of our COE 2018-2020 report.

With the global reality on the need to overhaul the context of education and reinvigorate existing social structures, we are committed to the business of creating the enabling orientation platforms and revolutionary structures, through the incorporation of effective proactive public-private partnerships (PPPs), the most operative and viable strategy and process that will efficaciously address people centered policies and practices.

In spite of the odds and discomforts experienced in carrying out specific activities some of which were cited in our last report of engagement, we seize this opportunity to reaffirm our uncompromising commitment towards the promotion and realization of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) and the overall success of the UNSDGs by the year 2030.

In the struggle and promotion of a healthier, peaceful and sustainable world, and our conscientious service to humanity, kindly accept the assurances of our highest regards.

Fruitfully

Abdul ‘Dewale Mohammed
Founder and Group Executive President

Transformative Social Change

Under the umbrella of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, the Security Council, the International Court of Justice, the Economic and Social Council, and the Trusteeship Council, the United Nations, an intergovernmental organization aim is to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation, and act as a center for harmonizing the actions of nations. Coordinated and facilitated through ECOSOC and the Chief Executives Board (CEB), about 23 specialized international agencies coordinate their work with the United Nations through negotiated agreements.

Just in December 2016, in his remark to the General Assembly while taking the oath of office as UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, clearly pronounced that ‘Megatrends — including climate change, population growth, rapid urbanization, food insecurity and water scarcity — have increased competition for resources and heightened tensions and instability’.

Sighting that ‘a lot of people have been left behind, the explosion of youth unemployment, organized crime and trafficking, he clearly made reference to the growing inequalities across the world. Many, he reiterated, have lost confidence not only in their Governments, but in global institutions — including the United Nations. And most recently the Indian Prime Minister called for the United Nations to be strengthened and reformed ‘because its current structure does not reflect the state of play in global politics’.

To forge ahead increasingly and avoid our generations from being totally oblivious and doomed from finding solutions to our fractured world as proclaimed in 2018 through the theme of the mega conference of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, the salient and horrendous realities ventilated by the Secretary-General, had to be clearly digested and strongly considered to direct and reflect on the envisioned actions of our organization.

We were cautiously aware of the obvious need for the world to rebuild our universal values, reconstruct relations between people and leaders, fashion and correctly embrace an all-inclusive governance and protective international law with systemic accountability, which is prime for creating a better world, that present and future generations deserve.

Factually 75 years on, the UN has proven its inability to prevent crises and shortcomings in creating a just and egalitarian society. According to Antonio Guterres, the challenges facing the UN as the cornerstone of multilateralism, are now surpassing the organizations ability to respond favourably.

On the path for change and in his ambition to reform the way the UN operates we duly commend the Secretary-General's set of proposals for reforming the UN's management structure, which includes the creation of a Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and a Department of Operational Support, focused on surging support to entities in weak environments.

With the emergence of the deadly and disruptive COVID-19, there's greater need to turn things round and project viable initiatives that will impact and contribute considerably to the success of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

With the passion for UN to succeed and society to bequeath an indelible legacy to present-day and imminent generations, the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) are focused on the concern echoed by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland in January 2018 through its theme "Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World" as well as Pope Francis clarion call on leaders to "seek better foundations for building inclusive, just and supportive societies, capable of restoring dignity to those who live with great uncertainty and who are unable to dream of a better world".

A global agenda that has shared responsibilities for all, we strongly reinstated in our 2018 COE report, that the renewed global partnership for development as raised by the UN High Level Panel in Bali in 2013 ought to be the foundation and framework for reinforcing the UNSDGs and therefore should be stimulated through effective and far reaching Public Private Partnerships (PPP) between government and all relevant stakeholders.

Recovering from the pandemic COVID-19, Leaders more than ever, need to do things differently to create enabling transformative changes through good governance, the adoption of people-centered policies, and be more proactive in their structural reforms in order to attain the 2030 target for universal sustainable development. All human must be valued and appreciated irrespective of the job or service they render to the community.

We live in an interdependent world where we are faced with challenges from climate change to terrorism, to diseases where no one country, however powerful can handle alone. Late Dr. Kofi Annan once said that if we do not share the benefits of globalisation fairly and if we do not give globalisation a human face all the "isms" will come back and this is where we are today.

Our future lies in auspicious beginnings in the coming months.

With the ever-increasing global insecurity, the North-South divide and incessant inactions of leaders to counter the dawn of the 4th Industrial revolution and Artificial Intelligence, the UN continues to be culled for its inability over the last seven decades to conclusively address human rights violation, fundamental freedom, social security and equitable justice particularly in developing countries of the South.

As the world enters into a new decade, with uncertainty and insecurity all around, and most sudden and surprisingly the emergence of the COVID – 19 pandemics barely a decade to the SDGs target date, realistically, the basis upon which the UN Charter was established in 1945 seems quite implausible, in spite of the various reforms applied in recent years.

With government continuously distancing and disconnected from the governed and the world youths' strong feeling of repugnance towards politics, thereby leaving billions behind due to ineffective leadership, it's important for leaders to convincingly address the concerns of the UN Secretary-General that 'despite all policies and intervention there is an upsurge in the divide between people and political establishments as well as Vuk Jeremic, President of the 67th session of UNGA statement in 2012 that, leaders are not doing enough to meet the fundamental challenges to end extreme poverty and narrow the global gap between the rich and the poor.

Implying that current models for development are unsustainable' Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi, the post 2015 UN Open Working Group's Co-Chair's remark corroborates the London School of Economics' claim that the Global uncertainties have exposed the systemic imperfection of the existing structures and models of leadership, thus impacting the political, environmental and social landscape.

Indeed, leaders should of necessity inspire good practices, marshal cooperative actions, and increase probable funds that will fortify the success of the ambitious SDGs. The cost of our failure to trust one another and work together to create a better world for younger generations will be highly cataclysmic.

With enormous human and financial cost, it took the office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), along with UN Task Team with over 60 United Nations system entities, including the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs (ECESA) and the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), as well as numerous international organizations, to coordinate system-wide preparations to plan and recommend a unified vision and road map for the United Nations development agenda post-2015.

Addressing global challenges requires a collective and concerted effort involving all actors. Through partnerships and alliances, we increase our chances of success affirms the UN, therefore to fully embrace PPP and realize its immense value to peace and sustainable development, our idiosyncratic selfish nature has to radically change.

With reference to our meeting with the Commonwealth Secretary-General on the 8th of February 2018 and subsequent consultation with the UN Women in New York, on the 19th of July 2018, thematic analysis of findings in our qualitative and quantitative research over the years, convincingly, put us at an advantage to proffer a lasting solution to the rebuilding of our fractured world, which consequently, require honest and sincere approval of reformist governments and leading civil society and corporate organizations.

Henceforth leaders' engagement should be seen to be more responsive and upbeat in their individual and collective actions.

We All cannot afford to fail our generation.

AASGON 2018 – 2020 Activities

- Decade For Partnership (D4P) Global Campaign

In partnership we build a better and safe World, AASGON and its key partners have therefore designated the 4th of July as the Decade 4 Partnership (D4P).

In our capacity as active ‘Participant and Signatory to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and Member of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD) with specific focus on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, we remain ardent in our efforts to reinforce the prospects of ensuring significant success of the UN Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030, which is just barely a decade away.

The concept of D4P is to motivate and encourage reactive actions and create a significant day for enlightenment and assessment of good practices and their impact, internationally observed annually to promote effective Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the building of the Trust deficit among nations, through which the world can make significant success of the 2030 UN SDGs.

‘Decade for Partnership’ (D4P) Global Campaign is a multi-stakeholder partnership of global public and private institutions structured to elevate support for people-centered and self-sustaining and comprehensive policies.

AASGON and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) along with Rotary and Rotaract and other relevant stakeholders are set to collaborate with policymakers, civil society organisations, educational institutions and the organized private sector, to commence this lofty global campaign initiative, which at this stage for its overall success, very much require the blessings of governments, the UN and all intergovernmental organisations.

Only through a renewed global partnership can we overcome COVID-19 and to bequeath indelible legacies to present and future generations, make significant success of the UNSDGs by addressing our ‘Fractured World’ as pronounced by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in January 2018 and Pope Francis clarion call on leaders to “seek better foundations for building inclusive, just and supportive societies, capable of restoring dignity to those who live with great uncertainty and who are unable to dream of a better world”.

For the revitalization of the global partnership for sustainable development, the reinforcement and strengthening of the implementation of the 2030 UNSDGs through extensive Public-Private Partnership, AASGON clamour’s for instantaneous endorsement of the Decade 4 Partnership (D4P) Global Campaign by the United Nations.

GSWL4PSD – Panache for Rebuilding our Fractured World

Over the last ten years, AASGON has been promoting sustainable structures and new models of leadership that will enable leaders actuate far-reaching changes in governance and be more sensitive and credible in the all-inclusive management of state affairs. Responsible management and adequate investment in social structures and human capital development should be of highest priority of government.

Presenting well researched practical solution for rebuilding the bricks in our fractured world, through enabling structures and the development of robust and impregnable institutions in our meeting with Commonwealth on February 8 and subsequent meeting with the top management of the UN Women at their headquarters in New York on the 19th July 2018, we emphasised on the need for women empowerment through the advancement of Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the reinforcement of people centred policies, equity and human capacity development.

Today's problems are complex and will require drastic but gradual systematic action of all stake holders. The concept of the 1st Global Summit of World Leaders for Peace and Sustainable Development (GSWL4PSD) Awards and Expo has been developed and efforts are being intensified to get the UN Secretary-General and Governments to collaborate with AASGON and GSEF in actualizing the self-financing and far reaching initiative dedicated to the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. Projecting good governance through the platform of Public Private Partnership the GSWL4PSD hinges on three key factors 'Human Rights (the logical review of the rule of international law), Educational Reforms and Social Welfare.

The overall aim is to ensure that respective governments unambiguous duty to meet up with the goals and targets of the new development agenda, through a more inclusive and equitable system of global governance would not only help in strengthening coherence within the global partnership but in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, facilitate an enabling environment for peace and sustainable development.

Currently, we are observing the trend and possible impact of the recent call on world leaders by Pope Francis for a global compact on education and its aim at developing a new universal solidarity and a new humanism as claimed by the Pope.

GSHSS-4PSD – Reformed Action for SDGs

1st Global South Heads of State Summit for Peace and Sustainable Development.

At the G-20 meeting in Osaka and the 74th UN General Assembly PM Modi explicitly confirmed the importance of strengthening ‘Reformed Multilateralism’ and conscientiously address the challenges of the 21st century, including those brought by technological and scientific advancements.

With reference to his emphasis on Swami Vivekananda’s historic address at the convention of Parliament of Religions in Chicago and on India’s message to the global community as that of ‘Harmony and Peace’ which the spiritual guru gave in 1893, as well as his leading role in forging peace and sustainable development of the global south through a number of proactive measures such as the establishment of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, a dedicated facility within the UN Fund for South-South Cooperation established in 2017, AASGON followed up with the introduction of the Global South Heads of State Summit for Peace and Sustainable Development.

A request was recently made to the office of the Prime Minister, requesting his government to Chief Host the first and the launch of GSHSS4PSD and the foundation of Divine Global at the World Peace Dome in Pune, India (the world’s largest and most outlandish Peace Dome) on the 21st – 23rd September 2020.

A tripartite celebration, the GSHSS-4PSD is designed to commemorate this year’s UN International Day of Peace, the South-South Cooperation Day and the 65th anniversary of the Asia Africa Conference. In partnership with our key allies, the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) and the MIT – World Peace University, we intend collaborating with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP), to organise the planned Intercontinental Summit Awards and Expo.

The prime purpose of GSHSS-4PSD in fortifying joint efforts towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, is to ensure that the Global South addresses the increasing North-South divide, human rights poverty, education, human capacity development, social structure as well as the growing technological and scientific imbalance.

To be attended by Heads of Government, Education Ministers, Ministers of Justice and Ministers of Women, Children and Social Welfare as well as Ministers of Information and Technology, prominent Legal Practitioners, Educationists and Civil Society Organizations from across the Global South, the GSHSS-4PSD was conceptualized as a proactive and preventive means for tackling and seeking solutions to the prevailing challenges of the 21st century as contained in the UN Secretary-General’s remark when taking his Oath of office in 2016.

WWS4PSD – Women Empowerment

In 2018 the state of the world and the challenges of the 21st century led to the unilateral decision and bold admission of the World Economic Forum, that we live in a splintered and fragmented world.

In its pronouncement 'Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World', a theme of the 2018 Conference in Davos, described as 'very timely' by Pope Francis, renowned women leaders from across the world aside from Africa were appointed as Co-Chairpersons.

In the words of one of the chairpersons, Sharan Burrow, General-Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) "The world needs to renegotiate a new social contract, and re-write the rules. We built this fractured world, and now we need to learn some lessons and rebuild"

To therefore begin to 'Rebuild our Fractured World' it became pertinent and obligatory, for us to seek probable solutions. This resulted in creating the concept of the World Women Summit for Peace and Sustainable Development (WWS4PSD) and advocate for the establishment of a World Women Centre for Peace and Sustainable Development (WWC4PSD).

An initial proposal was presented to the UN Women Under Secretary General at the UN Women headquarters in July 2018 and this is being courteously developed for implementation as part of next year's celebration of the annual International Women's Day.

FAAAPUP - Good Governance, Human Capacity Development & Academic Entrepreneurship.

With the Qatar Foundation dedicated to the 'unlocking of human potential, the Advisor to the Chairperson and President of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and the Supreme Council for Family Affairs, was recently consulted on our plans to seek the collaboration and support of the Foundation to join us in our determined efforts at 'unlocking the wealth of universities and the enhancement of the standard and quality of education, mainly through decisive academic entrepreneurship, research and human capital development.

The notion to break the vicious cycle of poverty through education has stimulated our resolve to bring added value to the developing countries through the hosting of the debut of the 'Forum of Africa Arab Asia Pacific University Presidents' (FAAAPUP) and the establishment of the Ghandi-Mandela-Zayed Research, Innovation and Technology Centre for Peace and Sustainable Development (GMZ-RITC4PSD).

In facing the challenges of the 21st century, and acknowledging the absence of a functional collaborating platform for heads of universities in developing countries to partnership and proactively engage, Prof. Dr. Toyoshi Satow, President of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), and Dr. Ramu Damodaran, Chief United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of IAUP held in Oxford on May 2015, fully endorsed the formation of the 'Forum of Africa Arab Asia-Pacific University Presidents' (FAAAPUP) and the establishment of the 'Pride of Africa Arab Asia-Pacific University Leadership (PAAAPUL) Global Awards' and entrusted the responsibility of FAAAPUP's foundation to AASGON.

Subsequently Prof. Dzul kifli Abdul Razak, as President International Association of Universities (IAU), and the Secretary Generals of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the Association of Africa Universities (AAU), Prof. Sultan T. Abuorabi Al-Adwan, and Prof. Etienne E. Ehile, along with Dr. Shawn Chen, as President Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific, and founder of China's 1st American University, followed by 100s of heads of universities and colleges from the two continents advanced the need for AASGON to forge ahead with the official launch of these two grand initiatives.

In fulfilment of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, it is our hope that in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Qatar Foundation and the 65th Asia Africa Conference, and the International Day for South-South Cooperation, the Qatar Foundation, will endeavour to join hands with us in making history through the formal institutionalization of FAAAPUP and the PAAAPUL Global Awards, as well as the launch of Africa Arab Asia-Pacific Scholars Trust Fund (AAAPSTUF) and the award of

Posthumous Awards to Mahatma Ghandi, Nelson Mandela and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

In the heart of our commitment to overhaul the context of education through an established structured and proactive platform for ardent university leaders, FAAAPUP and PAAAPUL Global Awards and International Educational Expo is tentatively scheduled for the 14th - 16th September 2020, at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

Prior to the main event in Qatar, the carefully drawn out logistics for the successful conduct of FAAAPUP Pre-Global Media Consultative Forums is expected to take place in London, India, Jordan, Indonesia, China and Ghana.

A number of institutions such as Ajeenkya DY Patil University, in Pune, Maharashtra, India have officially declared interest in hosting FAAAPUP however a number of factors are being considered for the final selection of the host university, for the debut of FAAAPUP and PAAAPUL Global Awards and Expo.

Internationalization of Education

Intensifying collaborative opportunities in areas such as, Summer Programme, Student Exchange, Faculty Development Programme, and Credit Transfer Programme, over the last two years we have explored opportunities for joint conference and research as well as coach and mentor a number of higher institutions of learning across Africa, Arab and the Asia Pacific.

In our continuous strive to promote higher education in Kent and the Universities at Medway, the first of its kind in the country, on Monday the 24th of February 2020, we hosted a team of Professors led by the Dean of University Faculty of Management PG from the MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU), one of India's leading private Institutions.

Similar to 16th of December 2016 when we conducted the President of the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), Professor Pratapsinh Kakaso Desai on a study tour of the University of Creative Arts, the University of Kent, University of Greenwich and the Canterbury Christ Church University, the team was welcome by the Chair of the MillionPlus, the Association for Modern Universities in the UK and Vice Chancellor of the Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU), and taken on an official visit of the Medway Campus of CCCU, situated at the Universities at Medway.

Blazing the educational trail of 4 universities, 72 institutions with over 65000 students enrolled at a time, the MIT –WPU, a flagship of the MAEER’s MIT Group of Institutions, and since its inception in 1983, the harbinger of new age education practices that augur all round development of students in India.

ACCSEP – Exchange Program

With the objective of providing quality, unique and affordable foreign exchange study opportunities, AASGON created ACCSEP - Academic Career Culture Summer Scholarship Employment Exchange Program to offer international study abroad, academic, work, summer, semester and cultural exchange programs for university and college students across the 8 continents of the world, namely Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia.

With options in selections of faculties we collaborate with vast number of Host institutions and culture-based learning centers. We also assist those seeking study abroad scholarships, fund raising and financial aid consultation.

Providing unique experiences in international educational and cultural exchange opportunities, we are noted to be exceedingly friendly, caring and supportive.

We facilitate study abroad opportunities for institutions interested in their students exploring knowledge on global issues around the world and provide information and advise on field of study, program length, program term, course subject, language of instruction, and destination that suits relevant institutions and their students.

Providing the best experience in exchange programs, AASGON is well acknowledged as a trusted, professional student exchange programs provider.

Diversity

As part of strengthening diversity and human rights we planned for the celebration of the first Black Mayor since the creation of Medway, a unitary authority, formed in 1998 when the City of Rochester-upon-Medway amalgamated with Gillingham Borough Council and part of Kent County Council to form Medway Council in Kent, United Kingdom.

However due to restrictions on gathering and stay at home enforcement to curtail and contain the Coronavirus pandemic, the 22nd anniversary of the foundation of Medway Council in 1998 and plans to acknowledge the 1st Black Mayor of Medway on the 20th of April 2020 at the Medway Council has been put on hold.

To enter the record books of Medway Council, a conurbation and unitary authority in Kent in the region of South East England and becoming the first Black person in history to be elected as Mayor of Medway Council in England, is indeed a great landmark of our time.

Transforming neighborhoods and bringing hopes to diverse communities, the idea is to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of Medway's 1st Mayor of African heritage and first Citizen, on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Medway Council.

Promoting diversity and multiculturalism, we have plans to also celebrate many other trailblazers such as Ambassador NneNne Iwuji-Eme, the First Black British female career diplomat who is currently the British High Commissioner to Mozambique as well as Sarosh Zaiwalla, the first Indian to qualify as an English solicitor, and first to set up a law firm in the City of London.

CAPSA4PSD - Climate Change and Ecosystem

Urgent action to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to prevent catastrophic global warming and disasters, according to the Paris agreement, has become a priority for world leaders.

In view of His Majesty King Tupou VI's confirmation of a climate change crisis in the Pacific Islands Region and his demand for the strengthening of the Kainaki II Declaration, and on the UN to consider Climate change an existential threat for the Pacific islands, during his poignant speech at 74th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, in September, and his government's commitment at ensuring the rapid progression on its 'Nationally Determined Contribution Target of 50%' renewable energy by 2020, followed by a 70% target by 2030 and then 100% by 2035, AASGON and GSEF, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Vocational University (CVU), Tonga, and the Asia Africa Development Council (ADCO), recently proposed to the Prime Minister of Tonga to endorse and chief host the 1st Commonwealth Asia Pacific Summit & Awards for Peace and Sustainable Development (CAPSA-4PSD) on Climate Change & Ecosystem.

In our earlier meeting at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, the Chief of Staff assured us of the presence of the Commonwealth Secretary-General to deliver a speech at our forthcoming Conference on Climate Change.

Dedicated to this year's celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of the Kingdom of Tonga, CAPSA-4PSD will in challenging conventional wisdom, acknowledge people centered policies and practices.

Seeking viable and concrete solutions towards addressing the extreme disasters of cyclones and typhoon, flooding, drought and king tides which are frequently more intense inflicting damage and destruction to Island communities and ecosystems within the Asia Pacific, the summit aims to generate new ideas for healthy environment and sustainable economic growth.

With the United Kingdom's plan to double its contribution to the Green Climate Fund and Tonga, being a former protectorate of England and member of the Commonwealth, as well as London being the headquarter of the Commonwealth, the Summit is tentatively scheduled for late September 2020 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Westminster, London, highlights of the Summit, will include the launch of a Commonwealth Oceania Fund for Climate Change (COFCC) and a friendly Rugby Match at the Wembley Stadium.

To be attended by all Heads of Government, policy makers scientists, researchers, the academia, civil society organisations and the organised private sector from across the Commonwealth, Asia Pacific and Oceania countries in particular, we are hopeful that the Prime Minister will soon endorse Tonga's hosting of the debut of CAPSA – 4PSD.

Currently anticipating to meeting with the Office of the Prime Minister to divulge in detail, our well thought out strategic plan for the successful conduct of the proposed Summit Awards and Exhibition which includes the Pre-CASPA Global Media Event to be hosted by the Tonga High Commission in London.

Modern Science and Technology

- GSSPAINT & the 4th Industrial Revolution.

With the advancement of the 4th Industrial Revolution, significant number of researchers have made a point of highlighting the poor levels of preparation and participation by developing countries in advancing artificial intelligence and nanotechnology, amid its huge impact on modern society and the 21st century, scientists and engineers from several disciplines including physics, chemistry, biology and materials science use of nanoscience principles for advanced applications in energy, medicine, information storage, computing, aeronautics and space, and many other diverse resources such as addressing challenges in mining and minerals,

chemical and bioprocessing, and advanced materials and manufacturing as well as national security and education.

Praising the potential of artificial intelligence in making people's lives better and in making progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Ambassador M. Chatardová, President of ECOSOC, warned against 'connected human rights and security issues' and, to close the digital gap, the UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka highlighted the importance of women's access to, control over and the full use of technology.

In the heart of our commitment to reduce the ever increasing Global North-South divide in fulfilling the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, with experts predicting the future of nanoscience to likely involve scaling up from atomic assembly and individual nano devices to macroscopic systems and structures, evolving properties and multiple functions, to avoid a greater global technological divide between the Global North and the South, we have had to initiate the Global South Strategic Partnership on Artificial Intelligence and Nanotechnology (GSSPAINT) Awards and Expo, and the foundation of the Global South Technology Research and Resource Development Centre (GSTRRDC)

Enticed and stirred by the book recently published by Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), 'The Fourth Industrial Revolution' which reminds us of the need 'to grasp the opportunity and power we have to shape the technological revolution and direct it toward a future that reflects our common objectives and values'.

Before the advent of the COVID – 19 epidemic relevant Government Ministries of Science and Technology were being contacted to collaborate with us on the conduct of the debut of GSSPAINT. This will be intensified as soon as the endemic is fully contained.

UKAAABTES – Youth Empowerment

In our position as member of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD), we have designed a number of strategies at ameliorating the impact for Brexit on the UK, one of which is the conduct of UK Africa Arab Asia Business Technology and Education Summit (UKAAABTES), a widely acclaimed initiative which has received the official endorsement of the Chairman of the Science and Technology (S&T) Committee at the House of Commons.

As Britain leaves the European bloc, the Academic and Business community are experiencing new challenges and opportunities, delving into the unknown of Brexit, with pressures on productivity and new markets to be explored and accessed, it becomes inevitable for the civil society institutions and the organised private sector to join hands with Government to decisively unlock UK's full growth potentials.

To bolster trade with countries outside the EU, the former Prime Minister, Theresa May on her first visit outside Europe, led a delegation of small and medium-size businesses to India in 2016, and with the advent of Brexit and on the background that the British higher education, the fifth-largest export sector in the UK and the Government's Science and Technology (S&T) Committee urging government to reflect on the need for UK's world-class science and research centres to be at the heart of the country's economic drive, and risk being left behind if it does not take action to address the digital skills crisis, the conduct of UK Africa Arab Asia Business Technology and Education Summit (UKAAABTES) Awards and Expo was initiated to commemorate the annual World Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs').

Instructing his office at the House of Commons to make reference to UKAAABTES when the Science and Technology Select Committee undertakes any inquiries in the sustainable development field, Rt. Hon. Norman Lamp MP, Chair of the Committee on October 18, 2017, officially endorsed UKAAABTES and pray for its successful conduct as proposed.

With Brexit negotiations still weighing heavy in Parliament, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson is putting more focus on strengthening non-European relations. UKAAABTES, according to renowned pundits, is a huge leap forward to affirm the success of Brexit and help facilitate UK's Universities earnings and a strong trading & investment relationship with developing countries of Africa, Arab and the Asia Pacific.

Slated for the 30th June – 3rd July 2021 at the ExCel London, UKAAABTES is designed to cushion the effects and aftermath of Brexit and shore up the socio-economic transformation and sustainable growth of the UK to attain the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as promote International Student Mobility to defuse the fears of the UK Universities on Brexit.

As the leading UK government institution striving to end extreme poverty and among others committed to building more prosperous world for people in developing countries and in the UK, we shall be requesting the support and partnership of the Department for International Development (DFID), and other relevant agencies of government and the British Council for the successful launch of the debut of UKAAABTES.

Prior to the main Summit and International Exhibition, logistics for the successful conduct of UKAAABTES as outlined in our strategic action plan will have the Pre-Summit Media Consultative Forums held at the House of Commons in London, followed by India (Delhi) for Asia, UAE (Dubai) the Middle East and Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) for Africa.

Health and Wellbeing

- GSSHM-PUC

Universal health coverage is the UN and WHO's number one goal. Key to achieving it is ensuring that everyone can obtain the care they need, when they need it, right in the heart of the community. Progress is being made in countries in all regions of the world. But millions of people particularly in the Global South, still have no access at all to health care. Millions more in developing countries are forced to choose between health care and other daily needs such as food, clothing and even a home.

In fulfillment of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDGs), AASGON in partnership with the iSON Group, Africa's largest technology and BPO specialist operating in 29 countries, including India, Asia and the Middle East, initiated the 1st Global South Summit of Health Ministers, Practitioners, Universities and Colleges (GSSHM-PUC), Awards and Expo and the foundation of the first Global South Health and Technology Research and Innovation Centre (GSHTRIC).

Vital that health institutions, public health practitioners and policy makers as well as researchers, inventors and investors, in the spirit of fortifying Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the 17th Goal of the UN 2030 agenda (Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development), under the platform of GSSHM-PUC, jointly collaborate for the realization of the SDGs, a decisive, far reaching and realistic concept for attaining, with regards to health, the UN SDGs 2030 Agenda.

Trade Reforms

- GSSTM&HCCBS and KARC-4SD

The Global South Summit of Trade Ministers, Heads of Chambers of Commerce and Business Schools for Sustainable Development, Awards and Expo and the establishment of Kofi Annan Research Centre for Sustainable Development (KARC-4SD) has been conceptualized.

An innovative landmark for consistent and sustainable growth of developing countries, the platform will enhance proactive engagement of public private partnership of policy makers, drivers of the economy and proponents of human capital development.

In ensuring the realization of poverty alleviation and the attainment of prosperity and sustainable growth, strengthen cooperation, through the promotion of best practices

and people centered policy formation the annual forum of Trade Ministers, Presidents of Chamber of Commerce and Heads of Business Schools will substantially bring about effective actions and significant solution to the imbalance of trade in developing countries and significantly, help alleviate poverty and accelerate economic growth.

For a brief on plans to organize GSSTM&HCCBS and KARC-4SD, AASGON last year met with both the Deputy High Commissioner of Ghana and the Head of Trade and Investment at the High Commission in London.

To effect the intercontinental summit AASGON is working in close partnership with the President of the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PACCI) and the Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI).

Investment Promotion

- EEATIF

1ST EUROPE - EAST AFRICA TRADE & INVESTMENT FORUM AWARDS AND EXPO.

Over the last five decades, the Eastern Africa Association (EAA) continues to make vital contributions to the socio economic advancement of countries within the Eastern region of the African continent.

For the promotion of 'Peace, Educational Development, Poverty Alleviation, and overall 'Prosperity and Sustainable Development of the East African Community, a geographically and economically homogeneous region committed to regional integration, the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON), and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF), have come up with plans to conduct the 1st Europe - East Africa Trade and Investment Forum (EEATIF), Awards and Expo, in November 2020 at London ExCel.

Endorsing the initiative, which is designed to address the EAC's ambitious regional integration project within the 2063 Africa Union Agenda and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Prof. General James Wani Igga, the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan, during his meeting with AASGON on the 13th and 15th of June 2019 in Lucknow and New Delhi, India, confirmed the Government of South Sudan's partnership and his willingness to be a Keynote Speaker at EEATIF 2020.

. Boasting of a market size of over 172 million people, the East African Community (EAC), a regional intergovernmental organisation of six Partner States, comprising Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, finalised negotiations for an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union on the 16th of October 2014.

With the Chairman of the Africa Union and Heads of Government of the EU and EAC declaring the Forum open, the EEATIF is designed to strengthen the EAC comprehensive EPA with the EU, principally on investment, trade and development cooperation.

- ACFTSEA

The World Bank's twice-yearly analysis of economic trends published recently indicated that economic activity in Sub-Saharan Africa slowed in 2015 to its lowest rates since 2009 and that the GDP growth averaged only three per cent, down from 4.5 per cent in 2014.

Most of the developing countries in the South-South often find it difficult to access funds available in international platforms due to lack of the capacity and ability to write or prepare good bids or present exceptional proposals, and quite often disregarded and disempowered, they find it hard to secure funds for bankable projects and mobilise adequate resources for pre-feasibility or feasibility studies.

Many African countries continue to struggle to compete in industrial sectors and to integrate into the global value chains that generate the goods and services that are demanded by consumers around the globe.

According to US-based think tank the Brookings Institute, intra-African trade stands at about 14%, while the share of manufactured goods to the rest of the world stands at 18%. Trade among Asian countries is much higher – at 59% – and even higher among European countries at 69%.

On the premise that the African free trade area will boost trade across the continent by 52% by 2022 %, AASGON and GSEF, in celebration of the 31st UN Africa Industrial Day in November 2020 have formulated plans to organise the 1st African Continental Free Trade Summit Awards and Expo (ACFTSEA) in Dubai.

The proposed Summit which is designed to boost and fortify the newly established Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), expected to commence operation this year in Accra, Ghana.

Noting the recent launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that Africa has made solid progress in its unity and self-improvement and its global influence has increasingly grown.

Highlight of the Free Trade Summit Awards and Expo will be the foundation of an Africa Trade and Industrial Centre (ATIC) in Dubai, UAE.

The ATIC will extensively integrate and promote the viability of Africa's economic investment and industrial development and in the process enhance the continent's International Trade and negotiations and facilitate the sustainable investment and infrastructural growth of the emerging continent.

AASGON and GSEF are in consultation with the Consul General of the Republic of Ghana in Dubai on the logistics for the conduct of ACFTSEA in Dubai.

Tourism

- SAMTHOTOU

Tourism still in the early phase of its development, the African continent only attracts a mere 3% of worldwide tourism revenues, and for the thriving continent to contribute about \$300 billion to its GDP and create around 30 million new jobs by 2026, as projected by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), it became imperative that in fulfillment of Goal 17 of the UN SDGs, we introduced the Summit of African Ministers of Tourism, Heads of Tourism Organisations and Universities (SAMTHOTOU) Global Awards and Expo and the foundation of the first ever 'Africa Centre for Tourism Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development ' (ACTRI-4SD).

Vital that investors, hotel operators, tourism chieftains and policy makers as well as academic Institutions under SAMTHOTOU jointly work together to grow this vibrant industry and ensure its sustainability, we went into partnership with the University of Cape Coast (UCC) Ghana, and in the spirit of PPP and with great enthusiasm for Africa's sustainable development chosen Ghana as the preferred first host country of this historic course of action, an innovative, decisive, smart and realistic concept for attaining the SDGs 2030 Agenda and indeed the Africa Union Agenda 2063.

The inclusive cost effective and colossal initiative compliments the projected African Tourism Organization by African Leaders and Ghana's aim of achieving sustainable economic and industrial growth.

SAMTHOTOU and ACTRI- 4SD will through proactive engagement of Policy Makers, Drivers of the Economy, Tourism Operators and Institutions, create an indelible legacy for 'Africa's Tourism and Hospitality Sector'.

Food for ALL

- SAMWA-EFUCA

Out of the roughly 7.7 billion people living on Earth today, more than one in ten does not have enough food to eat. And according to UN DESA's World Population Prospects, our planet may be home to 5 billion people more by the time this century is over.

In fulfilment of our commitment to the UN ASDGs, the notion for the Summit of Africa Water and Agriculture Ministers, Engineers, Farmers, Universities and Colleges of Agriculture (SAMWA-EFUCA) Awards and Expo, and the concept for the foundation of the Africa Water, Food and Agriculture Research and Resource Centre for Sustainable Development (AWFARREC-4SD) were conceived.

We noted that in addressing the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, President Muhammadu Buhari, called for a coordinated multilateral effort to be set in motion to utilise and maximise use of the enormous resources on the African continent for the benefit of all nations and further reaffirmed his commitment to strengthen partnerships and cooperation with international and regional organisations for the benefit of humanity.

Inspired by President Buhari's statement and to leverage the spirit of Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Africa's sustainable development, we chose Nigeria as the preferred first host country of this historic course of action, an innovative concept and decisive platform for attaining the SDGs 2030 Agenda and indeed the AU Agenda 2063 with respect to the provision of fresh water to All, food security, sustainable agriculture and the alleviation of poverty.

To produce enough food for everyone, an enabling structural reform initiative such as the conduct of an annual 'Summit of Ministers of Water and Agriculture, Engineers, Farmers and Heads of Universities & Colleges of Agriculture' initiated by AASGON and GSEF has become inevitable and promising.

In meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Africa Union 2063 agenda - 'The provision of Food Security and the alleviation of extreme poverty, Public Private Partnership is being sought with both the Ministers of Agriculture and Water Resources in Nigeria and anticipating positive response for the government to host the 1st Summit, Awards and Expo.

Major highlight of SAMWA-EFUCA is the launch of Africa Water, Food and Sustainable Agriculture Fund (AWFSAF) and the official presentation of the 1st Africa Water, Food and Agriculture Global Awards '(AWFAGA).

GNH for GDP

- GSGNHS-4PSD

We recognize the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals and aspirations in the lives of human beings around the world and the importance of their recognition in public policy objectives.

The Royal Kingdom of Bhutan the country which first acknowledged the value of national happiness over national income in the early 1970s and famously adopted the goal of Gross National Happiness over Gross National Product.

Therefore, to host the 1st Global South 'Gross National Happiness' Summit for Peace & Sustainable Development (GSGNHS-4PSD) Awards & Expo 2021, with Bhutan as favorite host country, we have opened consultation with the Vice Chancellor of the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB).

We take into cognizance of the resolution proclaiming 20 March the International Day of Happiness. The resolution recognizes the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and the well-being of all peoples.

The proposed International Happiness Summit Awards and Expo, and the foundation of the Gross National Happiness Centre for Peace & Sustainable Development (GNHC-4PSD) as proposed by AASGON are specifically aimed towards the attainment of the four pillars of the GNH and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

HAPPYCON The Founder of AASGON was a key note speaker at the HappyCon 2019 International Conference with the theme 'Happiness in higher education for excellence and holistic development' held on the 21st of November 2019 at Jain (Deemed –to-be University) in Bangalore, India.

Human Rights

- FSSLMPA

To stem injustice and promote International Human Rights and protect the human rights of persons, the Forum of South–South Law Ministers, Practitioners and Scholars Awards” (FSSLMSP) was initiated.

With heads of government from developing countries with their Ministers of Justice, Heads of Judiciary, United Nations representatives, Legal luminaries and Heads of Law institutions in attendance, highlight of the proposed event is the decision to establish the South-South Centre for Human Rights and Justice (SSCHRJ).

With the Vice President of South Sudan as Special Guest of Honour, AASGON in partnership with the Asia Africa Development Council (ADCO), on the 12th of June 2020 organised an International Law Scholars and Advisors Summit and Awards, in Lucknow, India.

Towards effecting this initiative, partnership has been concluded with a number of public and private organizations such as Sarosh Zaiwalla and Co Solicitors, the first Indian law firm in the City of London.

- *Homelessness*

To promote positive relationships, transform lives and revitalise neighbourhoods, as Member of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD), AASGON has initiated partnership with UK's largest independent social landlord and one of the most vibrant charitable housing association in Europe.

The organisation has developed meaningful and self-financing projects ‘Community Skills Enterprise on 'Basic Tradespersons Certified Courses and Apprenticeship Scheme, and Community Housing Repairs and Services.

The scheme aims at 'Ending homelessness and not just managing it'. Similar exemplary practices in social housing is expected to be carried out in developing countries currently receiving support from the Department for International Development, a United Kingdom government department responsible for administering overseas aid, with the goal of promoting sustainable development and the elimination of world poverty.

In celebration of this year’s Human Rights Day, AASGON is planning to organize its first ‘Future of Kent Care Homes’ (FUKCH) Summit Awards & Expo

Vulnerable older people in England are at risk of being denied their human rights because of failures in the way the government allocates care resources since budget cuts. Human Rights Watch after a 13-month inquiry, concluded that people are facing physical, financial and psychological hardship and are at risk of being denied adequate help to live independent and dignified lives.

The global campaign group accused the government of lack of oversight of a system which is largely devolved to town halls, and voices concern about a 140% increase in adult social care complaints since 2010 following a cut of almost 50% in central government funding for councils.

Adult social care services on brink of collapse as Social care needs for over-85s predicted to double in next 20 years.

According to the United Nations in its investigation into extreme poverty in the UK, the government was inflicting “great misery” on its people with “punitive, mean-spirited and often callous” austerity policies. Bethany Brown, co-author of the UN report said: “Many older people desperately need these services and have no alternatives, so serious cuts to social services funding and improper assessment can cause tangible risks to their health and wellbeing.

In the decade to 2017 the population aged over 85 grew three times faster than the adult population as a whole and the number of older people needing publicly funded social care is forecast to increase by nearly 70% by 2035.

An ageing population, rising care costs and government cuts mean adult social care services face a £1.5bn funding gap by 2019-20, rising to £3.5bn by 2024-25, the Local Government Association affirmed.

Today Kent County and Medway like other local authorities are facing difficult challenges under the gruesome central government’s continued deficit reduction plan and recent £12 billion annual cut from welfare benefits in which in 2016, led tens of thousands to rally across UK in the first anti-austerity protests in the country. Currently private care home operators are feeling the financial strain of cuts and some quitting the business of care.

To avert shortage of places in privately-run care homes for young people, older and disabled people, it thus become more imperative to create a platform for intense discussion on appropriate and cost effective strategic health and financial management that reassures sustainability and proficiency of Care homes.

It is a general believe that these times of hardship within the current economic disorder, and the ever increasing pressure on service operators to ensure compliance with current Health and Safety Standards, are times for innovativeness. There is the popular proposition that by redesigning services and effectively applying the 'Reablement' model and investing heavily in Telecare and Telehealth for providers to achieve best value, will minimize the impact on service users and the quality of care services in the country.

To address the huge sustainability concerns in the social housing and care sector, we have made presentation to collaborate with a renowned social housing organization on the conduct of the first ever "Future of UK Care Homes (FUKCH) Conference, Expo and Special Awards.

In subsequent years, this laudable event would be expanded to cover the whole country. Commemorating the UN Human Rights Day, the FKMCH Conference proposed for December 10th - 12th 2020, at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Medway, Kent, will among other salient issues, address evidence based methodology on financial prudence and social care reablement that will further help maximise independence and proficiency. Kindly refer to attached synopsis and outline of the conference agenda.

It is our believe that with the cooperation of a prominent organisation such as NHS England, the National Health Service publicly funded healthcare system in England, and one of the four National Health Service systems in the United Kingdom, as partners, the proposed event will be a great success.

Partnership with IOD Summit on CSR and Business Development.

- Corporate Social Responsibility.

Today, CSR is no longer a fringe activity, but has moved into the mainstream of corporate consciousness, derived from the 'UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) - 2030, 'Triple and Bottom Line' approach, and being practised by organisations world over.

In line with AASGON's strong commitment towards CSR initiatives, we partnered with the Institute Of Directors (IOD), India on the conduct of its annual '14th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility', which took place on the 4th and 5th of March, 2020 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Bandra (West), Mumbai, in association with "Republic TV".

The theme of the conference '*Embedding CSR Mandate into Corporate Business Strategy*'. The famed Golden Peacock Awards for 'CSR' (National & Global), and 'HR Excellence' was conferred on a number of selected dignitaries.

Key Notes and Panel Discussions on latest national and international trends on CSR, the two days of technical sessions and poster sessions on cutting edge issues related to the corporate world, was packed full of thought provoking narratives and presentations on Award Winning CSR Programs.

With active participation of over 150 organisations and more than 500 business leaders, industrialists, policy makers, parliamentarians, governance, HR & CSR professionals, the occasion advanced apposite corporate model for CSR and Sustainability.

In my presentation as one of the key speakers I urged all corporate firms to constantly share experiences and work in partnership in order to reach the larger members of the deprived communities.

- Business Excellence

AASGON partnered with the Institute Of Directors (IOD), India on its annual Dubai Global Convention which took place from the 5th – 7th of March 2019 at Hotel Habtoor Palace, Al Habtoor City, Dubai (UAE). An auspicious event for business leaders, opinion formers and policy makers concerning Governance, Business Excellence and Innovation, the two-day event created the platform for business discuss and debates, the current challenges before the Industry.

The year's theme which focussed on "Reshaping Board's Strategy for Business Excellence through Creativity & Innovation', had both the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Industry, Govt. of UAE & Consulate General of India to Dubai as official partners for the Convention.

The Convention was inaugurated by H.H. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Cabinet Member and Hon'ble Minister of Tolerance, Govt. of UAE.

Facilitating the exchange of innovative ideas and exploring possible joint business collaborations, AASGON's contribution to the IOD flagship event which was attended by over 400 business leaders, policy makers, governance & management professionals etc. from across the globe, was widely acknowledged.

SADFA

The Sino Africa Diaspora Forum (SADFA) a sister organisation of AASGON established in 2016, is along with a number of agencies planning on coordinating an International

conference of Chinese and Africans in Diaspora in 2021. London has been chosen as the host city for the proposed event.

on the holding of the 33rd African Union (AU) summit in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

In his congratulatory message to the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the Africa Union (AU), the Chinese President Xi Jinping warmly congratulated all African countries and their people. He pointed out that since last year, under the guidance of the AU, African countries have actively explored development paths suited to their own conditions and adhered to dealing with African affairs in African ways.

With reference to enhancing the principles of the Global Compact and the UN SDGs, SADFA aims to fortify relations between China and Africa.

FIMAAFEST

In championing of creative partnerships efforts are being made to ensure that the World Film Music Arts Awards Festival (FIMAAFEST) is held in 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiIYNXJoJX8>

For the first time in world history, leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, professionals and scholars in the field of Film, Music and Arts including Architecture, Archaeology and Sports, mainly from the Global South will in unison converge.

Amongst others, FIMAAFEST is designed to showcase to the world the enormous potentials and creativity of the peoples of Africa Arab and the Asia-Pacific. FIMAAFEST will inevitably evolve a variety of business development and wealth creation, enhance investment and innovation, and further strengthen socio-cultural and transcultural relations among peoples of the developing countries of the world.

Croydon Carnival of Cultures

The Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) is collaborating with the London Road Business Association (LRBA) and the Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA) in the conduct of the 10th anniversary of the colourful and vibrant Croydon Carnival of Cultures on Sunday the 26th July 2020.

As an active Member of the U.K. Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD), and initiator of the 1st World Film Music Arts Awards Festival (FIMAAFEST)

Focused on promoting London's unique diversity of food, religion, music, dance, arts and culture, the Croydon Carnival, with the theme "In Diversity we create a better world" will be dedicated to the Heroes of COVID-19.

With the UK Prime Minister, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Heads of Diplomatic Missions are expected as Guests/Speaker, the diverse communities across the country, are to be effectively mobilise to participate at the forthcoming Carnival which overall aims is to promote integration, peace and prosperity.