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## Dear Secretary-General António Guterres,

The year 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. Emphasis was on the building of 'trust and global cooperation in building the future we want'.

With the UN General Assembly adopting the Declaration on the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, the UN report was regarded a steppingstone towards a multilateralism system that better addresses current and future challenges.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of substantial success of the 2030 sustainable development goals, the year 2021 to 2022 were considered the appropriate moments for change and the delivery of promises to future generations - to secure a world where everyone can thrive in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.

However, its crystal clear that without the establishment of enabling environment and existence of sustainable structures and institutions to espouse a more purposeful and all-encompassing and all-inclusive mind-set, the thoughts or clamour for securing a world where 'everyone can thrive in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet', will from past and current practices and as a figment of imagination, continue to evade present and future generations.

The Board of Trustees, Directors and Management of the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON), as signatory to the Global Compact universal principles on human and labour rights, respect for the environment and anti-corruption, acknowledge the high aspiration of the UN and apart from the dreadful demise of hundreds of thousands across the world in the hands of the pandemic upheaval, emphasises the palpable fact, that the COVID -19 was indeed a time for reflection and self-examination of our failures and inaction for the laying of the enabling foundation for change towards a better world.

Have we found the answer to our problems, of course AASGON has, and shared its three-point solution with the UN, but conversely and contrariwise, the UN's readiness and willingness to collectively rebuild the bricks of our fractured world remains on the back burner or misunderstood.

Before the advent of COVID – 19 in late 2019, it had been evidently pronounced by the World Economic Forum (WEF) at its conference in 2018, in Davos Switzerland that 'The 'World is Fractured'

The evidence of this fact was obviously shown in the way in which the epidemic was dealt with by governments particularly in the West.

Rather than the world's best scientists and medical team converging and collectively mobilized under the WHO to find solution to the cure of the pandemic, it was a case of developed countries

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competing amongst themselves in the production of Vaccine which later turned to be commercially traded in the market.

Your declaration of war on the deadly virus, and assurance that 'Together we will all get through these worrying times', held no waters as the rich and advanced countries were more concerned with their skins than that of others, which questions the true existence of globalisation. There were reports of even obsolete Vaccines and about to expired drugs being shipped to some developing countries.

The Insubstantiality of inclusive globalisation was clearly in display by the governments of advanced nations.

We hereby seize this medium to remind Mr. Secretary-General of our proposal to your high office, which is still pending for your consideration.

In anticipation of your inspiring response, to our crusade and proposal, Mr Secretary-General kindly accept the assurances of our highest regards and consideration.

Fruitfully

Abdul 'Dewale Mohammed  
Founder and Group Executive President

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## **Fractured World - Call on the UN Secretary-General.**

Scholars Global Network (AASGON), and our sister organisation the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) recently forwarded a proposal to the Secretary-General for the hosting of the 1st World Summit of Heads of State for Peace and Sustainable Development (WSHS-4PSD).

The ideals of the United Nations – peace, justice, equality and dignity, are beacons to a better world, however with growing and persistent inequality, poverty and inequity in access to social services, infrastructure and economic opportunities, pervading today's World, thus creating deficits in human capital development, and slowing progress towards achieving decisive and corresponding growth, and democratic ideals, it became imminent for us to respond swiftly to H.E. Volkan Bozkir, the 75th President of the UN General Assembly's clarion call 'that it's now time to mobilize resources, strengthen efforts and show unprecedented political will and leadership, to ensure the future we want, and the United Nations we need'.

Since the World Economic Forum (WEF) bold assertion in Davos, Switzerland in January 2018 that the 'World is Fractured', AASGON has made it mandatory to proffer practical and effective solutions at addressing the world's dilemma, particularly much as it relates to developing countries of the Global South – the most affected.

On the premises that the 48th WEF summit was co-chaired by women, AASGON on the 19th of July 2018, met with the Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of the UN Women and her team, at the UN in New York, and tabled our fact-finding solution for the 'rebuilding of the cracked walls in our endemic fractured world'. Consequently, with praises, the UN Women agreed with our constructive and reflective concept, which later led to the establishment of the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF).

Challenges compounded with the world writhing with extreme devastating consequences from the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt compelled in the spirit of Public Private Partnership to appeal to the emotive powers of the Secretary-General, to consider our proposition as Key Partner, in the conduct of the 1st World Summit of Heads of State for Peace and Sustainable Development (WSHS-4PSD), and again, in line with H.E. Bozkir counsel, enable us "support the UN to evolve into a more agile, effective and accountable organization, fit for purpose and realistically, able to deliver the future we All want".

For the UN to begin to lay the enabling 'Foundation for Sustainable Structures and Positive Change', we sought the official endorsement of the diligent and amiable Secretary-General to, in commemoration of the 2023 UN International Day of Peace, in New York, host all Heads of Government, Corporate and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) expected at the proposed Global Summit (WSHS-4PSD) and the laying of the foundation of Kofi Annan Resource Centre for Peace and Sustainable Development (KARC-4PSD)

The proposed scheme is designed to be a sustainable global model, structured in line with the UN High Level Panel declaration in Bali, Indonesia, in 2013, on the call for 'renewed public private partnership and far-reaching people centred policies.

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The WSHS-4PSD, to be organized along with Special Awards and International Exhibition, will reinvigorate multilateralism, propel intensive alleviation of extreme mass poverty, promote human rights and strengthen inclusive, purposeful and transparent governance.

For us to provide our strategic plan for a highly successful World Summit, Awards and Expo, and true to the UN Secretary-General's most recent call for a 'more effective multilateralism, with vision, ambition and impact, enhanced international cooperation based on common values and shared responsibilities in pursuit of progress for all and in working together to improve world governance', we urge, that Mr. António Guterres, kindly endorse this historic course of action and grant our passionate request to pay his exalted office, a courtesy visit at his earliest convenience. We hope through this report we shall not only receive an acknowledgement but invitation to officially meet with the Secretary-General to discuss not only details on the logistics for implementing our proposal but the realisation of its impact on the global society

We are confident that with the UN invaluable support of our Three-point solution, we would be in a better position to lay the enabling and decisive foundation for the rebuilding of our fragmented education and fractured world, as well as address the recent pronouncement of the UN Secretary General that the world is "moving in the wrong direction and that there exist, a moral indictment of the state of our world and that 'We passed the science test, but we are getting an F in Ethics'".

In our journey and process of bequeathing a legacy to present and future generations, as signatory to the UN Global Compact, our mission and main objective is to collaborate with relevant UN agencies, civil society organizations and the organized private sector in adding the much desired value to humanities and the environment.

Through partnerships and proactive alliances and the pooling of our comparative advantages and contacts, together, we are bound to protect the unwritten contract between society and higher education institutions and further increase our chances of evolving far reaching educational and economic reforms that will through the proposed WSHS-4PSD, facilitate and ensure a significant contribution to the success of the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## **AASGON set to launch GSUA and G-SCRIPTS-D**

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With the background of the 1955 Asia Africa Conference, AASGON was established to create enabling structures, innovative, strategic and proactive partnerships, support and promote the attainment of equity, peace, prosperity and sustainable development through reorientation, human capacity development, people centered policies, exemplary and inclusive governance.

'Renowned as the world's foremost multilateral civil society organization (CSO) focused on addressing developmental challenges for people in the Global South and in the Diaspora, AASGON, is privileged to be a Signatory to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and Member of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD) and among others, founder of the 'Global South Consultative Forum (GSCF), the Sino Africa Diaspora Forum and Awards (SADFA) and the World Film Music Arts Awards Festival (FIMAIFEST), among other human capital and sustainable growth initiatives.

In facing the challenges of the 21st century, and recognising the absence of a functional collaborative platform for universities and colleges in developing countries, to partner, proactively engage and promote far reaching innovative and virtuous educational policies, purposeful and worthy practices in the delivery of education appropriate for the

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sustainable growth of in particular, the developing countries of the Global South, the Africa Asia Scholars Global network (AASGON) and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) in line with the UN 2030 Agenda for a new and inclusive global partnership, are set to officially launch the Global South Universities Association (GSUA) and the Global South Centre for Research Innovation, Peace and Technology for Sustainable Development (G-SCRIPTS-D) in New Delhi on occasion of the UN Day for South – South Cooperation in September 2022. Eight Sub – Centres will later be created in selected regions of the world on or before 2025.

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In our dogged efforts at ‘unlocking the wealth of universities through the enhancement of human capacity and the enrichment of the standard and quality of education, through the foundation GSUA and the G-SCRIPTS-D, significant social structures for stimulating innovation, ethical academic entrepreneurship and qualitative research, the AASGON and GSEF global initiatives are widely acknowledged and endorsed with full ratification by the Association of African Universities (AAU), the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP).

Commending the Founder and Group Executive President of AASGON and GSEF, Abdul ‘Dewale Mohammed, the Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and former Egypt Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, expressed his confidence in the multilateral organisation’s ability to address the 21st Century Challenges and succeed admirably.

Aside from rebuilding the bricks of our ‘Fractured World’ (WEF 2018 theme) and address Climate Change, the G-SCRIPTS-D will intensely support and fortify the work of the G77 at the UN, UNOSSC, the South Centre and other relevant institutions forging positive changes across the world. The centre will build trust, foster unity, collaboration to unleash innovation and develop human capital as well as drive economic and societal innovation and transform societies through sustainable impact.

The highlight of the Global South Universities Association (GSUA) Summit, Awards and Expo 2022, comprising of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU), the Association of African Universities (AAU), the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), and the Association of the Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean (UDUAL) is the official inauguration of the Global South Leadership Awards (GSLA) Awards.

Over the last seven years, we have intensely researched on the appropriate ingenuities, structures, and processes, that will enable GSUA truly emerge as a growing force for promoting the exploration of archetypal academic entrepreneurship, ethical and qualitative education and research.

According to Dr. Sandeep Marwah, the President, Centre for Education Growth and Research (CEGR) of India, Chancellor of AAFT University, ICMEI President and a Trustee of AASGON, with Heads of Government, Diplomatic Missions, UN agencies, Intergovernmental organizations, the academia, chieftains of Industries, investors and civil society organizations present, the GSUA and G-SCRIPTS-D, which are in the heart of our commitment to establish shared structured and proactive platforms for ardent University leaders and College Principals, across developing countries of the Global South will be set to address the world’s fragmented education and fractured world.

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## Our Concerns -The Rule of Law

The United Nations (UN) is an international organisation that brings states together to solve global challenges. Founded in the aftermath of the Second World War, it was set up to help stabilise international relations and establish peace. At present, the UN has 193 member states, with South Sudan being the most recent state to join in 2011.

Today, the UN's main objectives are: preventing and resolving conflict, protecting human rights, and supporting action to tackle climate change. Over the years, the UN's agenda has expanded to include almost every aspect of human endeavour and planetary resource. In addition, it supports member states in areas such as policy development, research, and training.

The UN can counsel, boost, persuade and censure, but it has few enforcement powers, which makes the human rights and the international rule of law inimical to millions of people particularly youths. A strong example can be sighted from the employment law.

Even binding Security Council resolutions rest on the willingness of states to act. Many UN successes are the result of states coming together for the common good, resulting in huge transformations, however it is imperative that to successfully 'build the future we All want' a world fit for purpose, the supremacy of the UN, which seems increasingly challenged and incapable of enforcing the rules it lays down to the international community, must be concretely addressed.

In our three-point solution for the rebuild of our fractured world, we seek for 'a complete review of international rule of law, starting with the Employment Law.

For instance, a situation where by students' high level debts are curtailed and granted secured employment must be put in place and legally backed up.

The Board of Trustees, Directors and Management of the Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON), continues to be fascinated with the universal principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) on human and labour rights, respect for the environment and anti-corruption, but call to question its overall concrete achievement and bearing on the populace since its launch almost 25years ago in Davos by Dr. Kofi Annan, the erstwhile UN Secretary-General.

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

But not so it seems, as globalisation, fairness and equity comes to question. The World Health Organization repeatedly condemned rich countries for buying up the global supply of COVID-19 vaccines and only leaving doses that are set to expire for poorer countries. A clear case of inequity, exploitation, discrimination, and deprivation at its height.

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In October and November 15 million doses donated by the European Union were refused by poor countries, 75% of which were AstraZeneca vaccines whose shelf life once the vaccines reached their destination was less than ten weeks.

With about 9.5 to 10 billion doses of vaccines administered worldwide, about 90 countries are said to have not reached the 40% vaccine target that had been set for the end of 2021, with more than 85% of Africa's population, or about one billion people, not yet received a single dose of vaccine.

We wish to maintain that 'COVID-19 is a decisive call for change on our perception of life, the way we live and how our societies are governed. The building of mutual trust, clarity, rational, healthy and proactive public private partnership is in dire need to protect planet earth and create a better and more sustainable world for present and future generations.

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## Partnership - the panacea for SDGs 2030 attainment

We wish to reiterate that 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 centred 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, the COVID pandemic has slowed down planned activities, however we have taken the disrupted period to review and reflect on anticipated outcomes and impact of our plans as listed in the submission of our COE 2020-2022 report.

Establishment of the Global South Universities Association (GSUA) and the Global South Centre Research Innovation and technology Centre for Peace and Sustainable Development (G-SCRIPTS-D) are palpable examples of viable structures we are creating to considerably overhaul the context of education and reinvigorate existing social structures.

This is evidence of our commitment to the business of creating the enabling re-orientation and innovatory structures, through the incorporation of effective proactive public-private partnerships (PPPs), the most operative and viable strategy and process that will efficaciously address people centred policies and practices.

We shall continue to uphold, promote, and intensify efforts aimed at the realization of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) and substantial 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, we at AASGON and GSEF are indeed ready to collaborate with any willing progressive and proactive government, UN agencies, corporate and civil society organisations.

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## 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 centre 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, cited the world's growing inequalities and the explosion of youth unemployment.

He 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'. 2016 to date, glaringly the world, particularly the developing countries of Global South, notably nations of the continent of Africa, are worse off and the 'Global North - South Divide' on the high increase, not only because of the COVID pandemic but the advent of Industrial revolution and artificial intelligence.

Innocently the Secretary-General, who should be admired for his transparency and honesty had reiterated, that the populace has lost confidence not only in their governments, but in global institutions — including the United Nations.

High profile personalities such as the Indian Prime Minister have called for the United Nations to be strengthened and reformed 'because its current structure does not reflect the state of play in global politics'.

Similarly, we at AASGON have been vocal as to the need for a reformed and proactive United Nations, if we are to create a better and more progressive and equitable world for All.

It's time for relevant public and private sectors 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.

Literally 77 years on, with the outcome of the of the deadly and disruptive COVID-19, and the current superfluous conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the UN seems immobilized to prevent global or regional crises and shortcomings, and thus create a just and egalitarian society for All. In the words of Pope Francis "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".

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Of great concern, according to Antonio Guterres, the challenges facing the UN as the cornerstone of multilateralism, are now surpassing the organizations' ability to respond favourably

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On the path for change and in his ambition to reform the way the UN operates, we are doubtful and not fully persuaded, as to what practical modifications or positive changes the Secretary-General's set of proposals in 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, have so far achieved. Even lately the Secretary-General confirmed 'Racism within the organ of the UN'.

This clearly explains that the problem is that of the lack of reformed ethics and the need for positive and progressive human behavioural and attitudinal changes, which has negative influence on the success of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Craving for the UN and its agencies such as the UNOSSC to succeed and bequeath an indelible legacy to present-day generations, AASGON and GSEF, in response to the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2018 declaration, continue to strengthen the conviction that its 'Three-point solution' on rebuilding the bricks of our fractured world should be embarked upon at the earliest possible.

#### The 3 Point Solution

- Review of the International Rule of Law.
- Prioritising Teaching and Parenting; and the
- Adoption of the African adage "It takes a Village to Raise a Child and not a Family"

Putting the trio into perspective, cognisance and practice, shall we begin to lay the foundation for change.

A global agenda that has shared responsibilities for all, corresponding with our last two COE reports, we wish to reiterate 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, the civil society organisations, and other relevant stakeholders.

Let the truth be told, despite democratic norms for years before the initiation of the UN in 1945 and to date, there is growing lack of trust, integration and inclusiveness, as we seem to live in two separate worlds – That for the Government and the Governed (the voiceless civil society).

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-centred policies, and be more proactive in their structural reforms.

To attain the 2030 target for universal sustainable development, the requisite energy, skills, and resources to bring them to a momentous fruition is in great demand.

We live in an interdependent world where we are faced with challenges from climate change

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to terrorism, to diseases where no one country, however powerful can handle alone.

Late Dr. Kofi Annan warned world leaders at Davos that unrestricted and unregulated globalization could lead to an unmitigated disaster worldwide. “If we cannot make globalization work for all, then it will work for none,” he asserted.

Our mission is to conclusively address human rights violation, fundamental freedom, social security, and equitable justice particularly in developing countries of the South. Failure to give globalisation a human face and share its immense benefits fairly, continues to haunt and disrupt the fabric of our endemic society’s socio-economic development.

In rebuilding the bricks of our fractured world, the Global South Centre for Research, Innovation, Peace and Sustainable Development (G-SCRIPTS-D) will be launched in September 2022 in New Delhi. With the Europe Sub-Centre of G-SCRIPTS-D to be launched at the London South Bank University (LSBU) on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, there will be 8 sub-centres to be created in other designated regions of the globe on or before 2025.

A prolific ‘Think Tank’ structural platform, instigating reforms and logistics for the Global South Universities Association (GSUA), the Centre’s prime objective is to proffer practical and realisable solutions to curb and combat the growing global insecurity, the North-South divide and incessant inactions of leaders to counter the dawn of the 4th Industrial revolution and Artificial Intelligence.

With devastating bearing on the political, environmental and social landscape of both advanced and less developed nations, the uncertainties in the handling of COVID 19 have exposed the systemic imperfection of the existing structures and models of government.

Promoting good governance and inclusive policies as well as human capital while unlocking the wealth of universities, the centre will conclusively address human rights violation, fundamental freedom, social security and equitable justice particularly in developing countries of the South-South.

With current models for development, unsustainable, it is no gain saying, that leaders are not doing enough to meet the fundamental challenges to end human (modern) slavery, inequity and extreme poverty.

The structure of Government and its system is being jealously guided by unelected civil servants, who direct the functions of governance serve elected politicians on ad-hoc basis continuously distancing and disconnected from the governed and the world of youths’ strong feeling of repugnance towards politics, thereby leaving billions behind, it’s important for leaders to convincingly address today’s concerns and challenges.

Due to ineffective leadership, we are very much concerned that ‘despite all policies and intervention there is an upsurge in the divide between people and political establishments.

The cost of our failure maintain trust and promote partnership towards creating a better world



for younger generations has become shattering.

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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.

Though the SDGs, can be met within the framework of a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development, if supported by the concrete policies and actions outlined in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, and the Bali Declaration of the Post SDGs UN High Level Panel in 2013, it's a common knowledge, that at the current rate, most SDGs will not be met by 2030.

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 more evidenced base Public Private Partnership and realize its immense value to peace and sustainable development, our distinctive 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.



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## AASGON 2022 – 2025 Activities

### GSUA – Global South Universities Association

The Africa Asia Scholars Global Network (AASGON) and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) in partnership with the Lead India Foundation (USA), Al-Khalifa Business School (AKBS), Gulf Conferences, the Global Knowledge Alliance, (GKA) Australia, the International Society for Data Science and Innovation – Global (ISDSI-G), the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), the International Chamber of Media and Entertainment Industry (ICMEI), Global Opportunities Commercialisation (GOC), the Federation of International Trainers & Speakers, the Global Governance News, Global Education Communication Conclave (GCEC), Teamwork Arts and Pramanit Foundation, as well as the Asian – African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AACCI), the Millennial India International Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (MIICCA), the Indo Global Business Park (IGBP) and the Chamber of International Trade and Industry (CITI), are set to officially inaugurate the Global South Universities Association (GSUA) and the foundation of the Global South Centre for Research, Innovation, Peace and Technology for Sustainable Development (G-SCRIPTS-D) in New Delhi, India, in September in commemoration of the UN Day of South – South Cooperation. .

GSUA is a decisive social structure for stimulating innovation, ethical academic entrepreneurship and qualitative research. It is widely acknowledged and endorsed with full ratification by the Association of African Universities (AAU), the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), thus giving AASGON the mandate to officially inaugurate GSUA, the Global South Leadership Awards (GSLA). as well as establish the India

In facing the challenges of the 21st century, recognising the absence of a functional collaborative board for heads of universities and colleges in developing countries to partner, proactively engage and promote far reaching innovative and virtuous educational policies, and good practices in the delivery of education appropriate for the sustainable growth of the developing countries of the Global South, 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, United Kingdom in May 2015, fully endorsed the formation of the Global South Universities Association (GSUA), the Global South Centre for Research, Innovation, Peace and Technology for Sustainable Development (G-SCRIPTS-D), and the Global South Leadership Awards (GSLA)

Subsequently Prof. Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, as President International Association of Universities (IAU), and the Secretary Generals of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the Association of African 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 China's 1st American Private University, followed by hundreds of heads of universities from Africa, Arab and Asia advanced the need for AASGON to forge ahead with the official launch of these striking empowerment initiatives.

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In the heart of our commitment to establish a shared structured and proactive platform for ardent University leaders and College Principals from developing countries of the Global South, over the last five years, we have intensely researched on the appropriate ingenuities, structures and processes, that will enable the GSUA truly emerge as a growing force for promoting the exploration of archetypal academic entrepreneurship.

With headquarters to be established in New Delhi, India, on occasion of the inaugural ceremony of GSUA and the GSLA on occasion of the UN Day for South - South Cooperation on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and the 30<sup>th</sup> September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022, at the Vigyan Bhavan, and the Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi.

The Sub Centres of the G-SCRIPTS-D are to be established in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, Europe, North America, Oceania and South America, including China and Dubai.

All the Sub-Centres are expected to be fully functioning by 2025

Heads of Government, Diplomatic Missions, UN agencies, Intergovernmental organizations, the academia, chieftains of Industries, investors and civil society organizations are expected to attend the august events.

Aside from rebuilding the bricks of our 'Fractured World' (WEF 2018 theme), the notion to break the vicious cycle of poverty through ethical, quality and purposeful education has stimulated our resolve to bring added value to the developing countries of the Global South.

In the heart of our commitment to overhaul the context of education through an established structured and proactive platform for ardent university leaders, GSAU and the Global South Leadership Awards (GSLA) and International Educational Expo is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, in New Delhi, India.

GSUA was formerly christened the 'Forum of Africa Arab Asia-Pacific University Presidents' (FAAAPUP) while the GSLA was 'Pride of Africa Arab Asia-Pacific University Leadership (PAAAPUL) Global Awards' and the Research centre was named Gandhi Mandela Zayed Zedong Research, Innovation, and Technology for Peace and Sustainable Development.

These changes became necessary for Association of Latin American Universities and the Caribbean Universities to be absorbed as bona fide members of the emerging association from its foundation.

#### Pre-GSUA Consultative Forum

In partnership with the Gulf Conferences the Middle East Education Thought Leadership Forum (MEELTF), under the auspices of Prof. (Dr) Amr Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU), a former Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt,

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along with a Pre-GSUA Consultative Forum was on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May held in London. While the 24<sup>th</sup> May event was held at the London South Bank University (LSBU) and Town Hall of the London Borough of Croydon with the Civic Mayor of Croydon has host, the 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May event MEELTF was held at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel London Kensington.

With significant governmental support from the MENA region, Ministers of Education, alongside education pioneers and practitioners from all over the globe were in attendance both physical and virtual.

The MEELTF served to guide the development of education in institutions and countries throughout the misled east region and provided the perfect environment in which attendees can seek to create successful and long-serving international partnerships.

The forum assisted institutions to innovate, strategize and provide the best and most relevant pedagogy, curricula, facilities, and opportunities for today's students. It explored the changing world of education provision and how institutions and students are adapting to a post-pandemic setting.

The program included dynamic opportunities for networking alongside the main agenda with an exhibition, workshops and a Gala Dinner as well as individual bookable appointments with relevant colleagues.

The forum created an opportunity for engagement between education sector representatives from governments and ministries, corporates, institutions and professional (buyers) and technology providers (sellers). At the forum they came together to exchange and explore leading edge digital technology solutions, products, and services from around the Globe.

### Internationalization of Education

With a means of developing human capital to drive economic and societal innovation, foster unity and transform societies in developing countries through sustainable impact, and strengthen the laudable mission, AASGON engaged with relevant experts who admitted that the current wave of internationalisation of education does not favour the expectant growth of developing countries, as it does not relate to their developmental patterns and needs.

In consideration of the restriction of movement and human physical engagements, the consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic, planned activities were stalled for about two years. This resulted in the organisations of international events, virtually.

AASGON organised a number of educational events online as well as participated as key note speaker in a number of online international workshops and conferences.

With the removal of restrictions in movements we shall intensify on our planned activities, such as Summer Programme, Student Exchange, Faculty Development Programme, and Credit Transfer Programme etc.

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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 initial strive to promote higher education in Kent and the Universities at Medway, the first of its kind in the country, on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### GSUA - ACCSEP Exchange Program

With the inauguration of the Global South Universities Association in September 2022, the ACCSEP - Academic Career Culture Summer Scholarship Employment Exchange Program will engage with the GSUA and 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 the objective of providing quality, unique and affordable foreign exchange study opportunities, ACCSEP was in 2015 created by AASGON.

With options in selections of faculties ACCSEP shall collaborate with vast number of GSUA member institutions and culture-based learning centres and provide assistance to those seeking study abroad scholarships, fund raising and financial aid consultation.

Providing unique experiences in international educational and cultural exchange opportunities, the scheme shall be exceedingly friendly, caring and supportive.

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

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Providing the best experience in exchange programs, AASGON, the founder of GSUA is well acknowledged -a trusted, professional student exchange programs provider.

In our report of 2018-2022 we highlighted a number of initiatives to be embarked upon, but unfortunately could not be realised due to the COVID 19 pandemic. However, we had time to review the projects as to having lasting impact on the larger society:

#### Global South Diaspora Awards and Expo

Extensive South-South co-operation has traditionally been an integral mission of AASGON and GSEF.

Leading advocate of South – South Cooperation, AASGON continues to be in the forefront of efforts to reform the UN Development System’ and champions greater prosperity’ for all through its myriad far reaching projects.

Highly committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), AASGON’s approach to cooperation and its divine logical approach in engagement and transformational sustainable development projects have been widely acknowledged.

From its inception, the idea of South-South co-operation was very much based on a model of solidarity and collective self-reliance through various co-operation agreements to address common development challenges.

Consequently, for the South-South to play its decisive role in the global economy and maintain sustainable evolution, what remains for developing nations, the South Centre, the UN Office of the South-South Cooperation (UNOSCC) and the Group of 77 at the UN, is to cooperatively, factor in the enormous skills and advanced engagement of the Diasporas in the South-South developmental growth and the bridging of the widening Global North-South divide.

Consequently, for the Peace and Sustainable Development of the South-South, the dynamics for proportionate and actual conscription of the immense human resource, knowledge and experience of people of the South in Diaspora to the very maximum led to the conceptualization of the ‘Global South Diaspora Summit Awards and Expo (GSD-SAE) by AASGON and GSEF in collaboration with leading organizations such as the Lead India Foundation USA, the Diaspora India Media and Communication (DIMC), Global Governance News Group, Asia’s first Bi-lingual News Portal on Governance and Politics, ITV Gold, the first-ever 24x7 cable TV channel in the US for South Asians in Diaspora, New India Times Group, USA, the Indian Observer Post and BEN TV, first Ethnic Satellite Media Channel and Outfit in Europe.

South-South political, economic and cultural cooperation has a long tradition. With goals and codes of conduct clearly identified, GSD-SAE, will through extensive dialogue, debate and exchanges, advance meaningful cultural integration, socio-economic and infrastructural development of the South-South, establish a new framework of international relations, and create the enabling environment for cohabitation, proactive partnerships, and the sharing, consolidation and expansion of far reaching policies, inclusive governance, and the replication and advancement of exemplary practices across the Global South.

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AASGON shall continue to provide manpower and other resources towards shaping a better world, and drive towards ensuring that no one is left behind, marginalized, or disadvantaged.

Hence, to ensure the cultural integration, capacities, and resources of the people of the South in Diaspora are brought to bear, AASGON and GSEF champion this historical novelty, a significant response to its 21<sup>st</sup> century diplomacy, preserving and strengthening cultural ties and bilateral relations with countries across the Global South, GSD-SAE will further enhance and extensively promote the trade and rich cultural heritage of member States.

Towards the building of a new world order through exemplary practices from the South-South, the GSD-SAE, a renewed global public private partnership, will serve as the key component for effective mobilization and integration of peoples of the Diaspora for truly inclusive multiculturalism and sustainable development of countries of the Global South.

Dedicated to the commemoration of the annual UN International Day of Friendship, the debut of GSD-SAE is proposed for take-off in London on July 2023. Mainly enhancing and strengthening Multiculturalism in the Diaspora, AASGON and GSEF shall continue to propose and execute viable initiatives for greater South-South Cooperation. The 'Global South Life Time Leadership Achievement Honours' (LITLAH) Awards will be introduced during the inauguration of GSD-SAE

## ADSAE

With our insightful efforts in lobbying UK politicians and prominent investors, and educating diplomats, the academia, policy analysts and the media as well as the civil society and the Diaspora in the UK, on Africa's, current affairs in particular, AASGON, similar to GSD-SAE came up with the idea of hosting an annual Africa Diaspora Summit Awards and Expo in Europe, America and Asia

A concrete manifestation of the Pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity pursued under the Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance, Agenda 2063 is Africa's blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future. It is the continent's strategic framework that aims to deliver on its goal for inclusive and sustainable development. The African Union defines the African Diaspora as "Consisting of people of African origin living outside the continent, and who are willing to contribute meaningfully to the transformation of Africa and the evolution of the African Union. The AU constitutive act firmly declares, that in the building and transformation of the African Union, it shall invite and encourage the full participation of the African Diaspora, which is widely acknowledged as an integral part of the advancement, the continent exceedingly deserves.

With the rising Global North - South Divide, the impact of the 4th Industrial Revolution and Artificial Intelligence topped by the glaring effects and dreadful impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic on Africa and the world at large, the greater need for the dynamics, proportionate and actual conscription of the immense human resource, knowledge and skills of Africans in Diaspora, led to the conceptualization of the 'Africa Diaspora Europe Summit Awards and Expo (ADE-SAE) by AASGON and GSEF in collaboration with BEN TV, first Africa Ethnic Satellite Media Channel and Outfit in Europe.

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ADE-SAE shall collaborate exclusively with all African Diplomatic Missions and leading progressive Socio-Economic and Cultural African Diaspora Associations in Europe. In conformity with the discerning address by the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, at the 76th session of the United Nations' General Assembly, ADE-SAE in rebuilding and repositioning Africa, aims to 'assemble, stimulate and inspire the African Professionals and Elders in Diaspora, towards making viable and substantial contributions to Africa's lasting 'Unification, Enduring Peace, Prosperity and Sustainable Development'.

AASGON seeks for agencies with ingenuous and robust commitment in building strong ties between African countries towards the development of the great continent of Africa and the strengthening of bilateral relations.

### Decade For Partnership (D4P) Global Campaign

With the believe that 'Partnerships build a better and safer World, we 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-centred, self -sustaining and comprehensive policies.

AASGON and the Global South Economic Forum (GSEF) along with Rotary and Rotaractand 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 betterworld".

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

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Partnership, AASGON clamours 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 undertaking intensive research and experimented on a number of initiatives with realistic sustainable structures and new models of leadership that will be inclusive, far reaching, purposeful and accountable in its stewardship enable leaders actuate far-reaching changes in governance and be more sensitive and credible in the all-inclusive management of stateaffairs. 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 meetings 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. Most importantly we call for the unity and much better engagement between women leaders on the challenging concerns of our time.

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 annual 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

1<sup>st</sup> Global South Heads of State Summit for Peace and Sustainable Development.

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At the G-20 meeting in Osaka and the 74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly PM Modi explicitly confirmed the importance of strengthening 'Reformed Multilateralism' and conscientiously address the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. However with the advent of the COVID 19 pandemic this could not be possible to hold as predicted.

A tripartite celebration, the GSHSS-4PSD was designed to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace, and the South-South Cooperation Day. To organise the planned Intercontinental Summit Awards and Expo in 2023, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) shall be key collaborators.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century as contained in the UN Secretary-General's remark when taking his Oath of office in 2016

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## 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 the annual celebration of the International Women's Day.

## ACCSEP – Exchange Program

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## 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, 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 the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of the Kingdom of Tonga, CAPSA-4PSD was to challenge conventional wisdom, acknowledge people centred 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 was 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, tentatively scheduled for late September 2020 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Westminster, London, highlights of the Summit, and to include the launch of a Commonwealth Oceania Fund for Climate Change (COFCC) and a friendly Rugby Match at the Wembley Stadium, could not hold due to the COVID – 19 pandemic.

It was expected 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.

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## Modern Science and Technology

### GSSPAINT & the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 nano-science 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.

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## UKAAABTES – Youth Empowerment

In our position as member of the UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD), we have designed several 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 handswith 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 refer 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 of 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.

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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 healthcare. 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 fulfilment of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDGs), AASGON 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

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and people centred 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 met with both the Deputy High Commissioner of Ghana and the Head of Trade and Investment at the High Commission in London. The Ghana Trade Minister is currently studying the proposal.

To effect the intercontinental summit AASGON is working in close partnership with 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. This was also disrupted by the COVID -19 epidemic.

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.

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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. To further its action plan, the AASGON founder and Group Executive President was a guest of the South Sudan Vice President in June 2021.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> UN Africa Industrial Day in November 2020 formulated plans to organise the 1<sup>st</sup> African Continental Free Trade Summit Awards and Expo (ACFTSEA) in Dubai.

The proposed Summit which was designed to boost and fortify the newly established Secretariat of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which commenced operation in 2020 in Accra, Ghana.

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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 ( and now Consul General of Ghana in Lagos – Nigeria) on the logistics for the conduct of ACFTSEA.

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 fulfilment 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'.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Summit, Awards and Expo.

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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 keynote speaker at the HappyCon 2019 International Conference with the theme 'Happiness in higher education for excellence and holistic development' held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2019 at Jain (Deemed –to-be University) in Bangalore, India

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 in partnership with the South East Community Skills Enterprise (SECSE) 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 are 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 South East Care Homes’ (F-SECH) Summit Awards & Expo

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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.

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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.

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 '14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility', which took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Bandra (West), Mumbai, in association with "Republic TV".

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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.

### Innovation and Business

AASGON partnered with the Institute Of Directors (IOD), India on its annual Dubai Global Convention which took place from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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 professionalsetc. 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 several agencies planning on coordinating an International conference of Chinese and Africans in Diaspora. London has been chosen as the host city for the proposed event.

In his congratulatory message to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the Africa Union (AU), the Chinese President Xi Jinping

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warmly congratulated all African countries and their people. He pointed out that since 2019, 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 WorldFilm Music Arts Awards Festival (FIMAAFEST) is held in 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wilYNXJoJX8>

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 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the colourful and vibrant Croydon Carnival of Cultureson.

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 expected as Guests/Speaker, the diverse communities across the country, are to be effectively mobilised to participate at the forthcoming Carnival which overall aim is to promote integration, peace and prosperity.

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Most recent activities;

- 5<sup>TH</sup> March 2022 – inaugurated GSUA 2022 Steering Committee
- Calling on the need to honour the power of women, on occasion of the 2022 International Women’s Day, we issued out a statement that “If only, Women can Unite, No Child will be left behind and the World will be a Better place 4 All”
- AASGON Annual Board Meeting & Advisory Council held on Sunday 12th of Dec. 2021
- 1st Governing Council Meeting in the year, held on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2022
- Pre-GSUA Consultative Forum .24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022