



CIVIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (C-CfA)

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Japan
Dear Sir,

Introduction of Civic Commission for Africa (C-CfA)

On behalf of the Steering Committee of C-CfA, I would like to introduce our organisation and its membership to you.

The C-CfA was established on April 1st 2007 and it is made up of 28 leading NGOs supported by at least 10 NGOs from 20 countries in Africa. The Steering Committee was established in Accra, Ghana, on May 25th 2007 and actively participated in the various Civil Society Forums during the 9th Summit African Union. The C-CfA has received active support and assistance in this regard from the TICAD Civil Society Forum, Japan.

a- THE AIMS

The C-CfA aims to promote Advocacy and Development and protect the welfare and general interest of all Africans irrespective of race, creed, religion, create unity and co-operation among all the peoples of and in Africa. Through Country Based Organizations, C-CfA aims to promote Participatory, Monitoring and evaluation of community projects in a transparent and accountable manner to the donors and the community people.

b- OBJECTIVES

The objectives of C-CfA are to:

- Advocate for the repeal and/or amendment to adverse and/or out dated existing legislations and/or regulations.
- Collaborate with the African governments, development organizations, international and bilateral institutions, and other stakeholders towards the overall development of Africa.
- Cater for the general participation of Africans, through their Country Based Organizations in all facets of life especially in collaboration with genuine national and community based civil society associations.
- Create the voices of Africa before the October 2007 meeting in Japan
- Present the rural African voices to the TICAD IV and G8 in 2008 and represent Africa
- Research the true impact of G-8 aid to Africa and its effective utilization
- Negotiate and enter into agreements with other organizations or groups with similar aims and objectives, nationally, regionally and internationally and make representation and serve as contact point for African Civil Society Organizations.

In the light of this positive development, C-CfA is seeking collaboration from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to advance the Voice of African Civil Society before, during and post TICAD IV and G8 Conferences

Furthermore, to promote collaboration and partnership at the country level, C-CfA is seeking the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to pass information on each C-CfA member organization to each and every country that has a Mission of the Japan Government.

Thanking you, in anticipation, we hope this letter would receive your highest considerations.

Yours sincerely,



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