Blue Print for ACC'S leverage in Solving Problems in Africa

African Chamber of Commerce (ACC) has identified the following areas where its well trained members in various disciplines could offer expertise and consultancy to alleviate and solve some African issues in order to foster faster and effective development.

Promotion of Health Initiatives

Africa's development is hindered by a milliard of chronic and infectious diseases that limit the potential of its human resource. The main disease that significantly limit the capacity of the human capital in Africa are HIV/AIDS and Malaria. Africa is estimated to have more than 60% of the AIDS-infected population. For the 11countries in Africa with prevalence rates above 13%, life expectancy is 47.7 years—11.0 years less than would be expected without HIV/AIDS. Africa accounts for 95% of the 13 million orphans worldwide. More than 95% of all new infections in children 15 years or below occur in Africa. Also, Africa contributes about 90% of the deaths due to malaria in the world. It has been estimated that economic growth per year of countries with intensive malaria is 1.3% lower than that of countries without malaria.

ACC proposes to offer leverage in:

- Offering consultancy in the control of HIV/AIDS and Malaria
- Offering consultancy in health delivery systems
- Promote clinical research and health economics initiatives in Africa.
- Offer initiatives to initiate community health insurance schemes

Promotion of Good Governance and Policy Advocacy

Democratic governance and respect for human rights are the foundations for political and social stability and economic progress. They are also intrinsic to the goal of human development. Today, the struggle of Africa's people for democracy and human rights continues. As in the past, international support can play an important role. While democratic advances have been made across the continent, serious challenges still remain. Constitutional reforms to advance the democratic process are still needed in many African countries. This should focus on promoting the full spectrum of human rights and encouraging mechanisms to ensure government accountability.

ACC proposes to offer leverage in:

- Strengthening development cooperation and partnerships among African governments, civil society organizations and Africa's development partners for improved governance
- Increase awareness and facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and best practices among African governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, development partners and other stakeholders on good governance
- Encourage the development of concrete programs of action to promote good governance related issues and facilitate processes for conflict resolution.

Promotion of Trade

African countries are highly dependent on the European Union (EU), which is presently the destination for more than half of all African exports (52%). For the African market, intraregional integration must be enacted to provide a minimum market size to capture economies of scale.

African exports depend heavily on primary commodities. Manufacturing exports have not yet contributed significantly to Africa's overall export value. The scope of value-added processing in Africa is still limited. Many African countries are desperate for economic growth and an opportunity to reduce their poverty level.

ACC proposes to offer leverage in:

- Offer consultancy in market diversification and broaden trade relations.
- Offer consultancy in the improvement of effective infrastructure in order to help reduce transaction costs.
- Help strengthen processing capacity of African commodities.
- Help to set up fair trade structures in African that reduce middle-men to promote fair trickle -down effect to the producers.

Education and Technology transfer

In Africa, 30% of school-aged children, mostly girls, do not attend primary school and 46 million African children have never stepped foot in a classroom. USAID's efforts support the international community's goal of Education For All (EFA), that every child has access to a quality basic education by 2015. USAID supports education programs in 18 African countries. Since many African countries will be unable to reach EFA targets without substantial financial inputs, other strategies are needed to augment the USAID initiatives.

ACC proposes to offer leverage in:

- Lender expertise in Curriculum development and improvement projects so that demand-driven curriculums are offered
- Integrate into the USAID initiatives to offer culturally effective solutions to African education.
- Promote multi-sectoral approaches to educational initiatives.

Promotion of Agriculture

The level, appropriate choice and subsequent proper use of mechanized inputs into agriculture has a direct and significant effect on achievable levels of agricultural production, the profitability of farming and the environment. African agriculture is less modernized and more small-scale than in other regions. Up to 90 % of African farmers are engaged in smallholder diversified farming systems. In general, agricultural production in Africa is only a third of the global estimates per acreage due to lack of application of advanced tools and machines. The full benefit achieved through the use of many advanced crop husbandry inputs such as improved seed, fertilizer, and pesticides, cannot be realized without the use of improved tools. Africa needs a strategy on agricultural mechanization.

ACC proposes to offer leverage in:

- Offer consultancy in agricultural mechanization initiatives including training.
- Promote sub-processing initiatives that can help to add value to primary products.
- Offer consultancy in the area of agricultural engineering and technology.

Alternative energy (Kivuti)

- Bio-fuels solar energy

USAACC AND Renewable Energy Project

Energy drives the economy. Most people in rural Africa do not currently have access to reliable energy resources. Their main source of energy for cooking is firewood. For lighting purposes, people use kerosene lambs. Harvesting of firewood has led to relentless cutting down of trees and this in itself contributes to a milliard of problems ranging from crop failure as a result of lack of rainfall, soil erosion when it rains and ultimate desertification of sub-Sahara Africa. Kerosene is a petroleum derived product and burns with emission of particulate matter in the form of soot. Kerosene is a non-renewable energy resource, and is dirty as a fuel resource.

The State of North Carolina has been in the forefront in the push for renewable energy resources. These resources helps create jobs, leading to economic growth and provides cleaner alternatives to petroleum and coal based energy resources. Through technology transfer, the State of North Carolina is in a position to lead the rest of the world in terms of global production, processing and implementation of renewable energy technologies. North Carolina companies would benefit from the global demand of their renewable energy technological knowhow, products and services.

Key areas that can be explored include, (i) Production of Biofuels and (ii) Solar Energy Harvesting. Through North Carolina Renewable Energy Incentives, a lot has been undertaking in the development of renewable energy related technologies. Africa is blessed with abundant sunlight and as such a move towards widespread solar energy use can meet most of Africa's energy needs. On the transportation side, most African countries do not have their own petroleum resources and as such a large chunk of their GDP goes towards the transportation sector.

We propose to introduce a large scale project in two main areas. First, solar energy as a clean, renewable source of energy can be used to meet the needs of majority of African citizens. The solar energy can be used to run hospitals and clinics, purification of water, for lighting and cooking etc. Second, agricultural production of biofuel crops such as canola and other suitable oil producing crops. The plant derived oil can be used in the production of biodiesel that would ease the demand of petroleum based fuels in the transportation sector. In addition, when rural farmers participate in the production of oil crops, this will help stimulate the rural economies, making rural farmers a part of their countries energy solution as well as bringing in the much needed cash to their households.

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&
INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES

The Institute offers a wide range of programs to serve the needs of specific clients. The seminars presented by the Institute focus on current practices, policies, tools and techniques. Developed to meet your needs, these seminars are rigorously reviewed and updated by subject matter experts and experienced curriculum designers. Our program managers monitor emerging issues and changes in regulations and review evaluations from both our participants and facilitators.

Since the Institute is global in nature it provides professional development and training services relevant to international audiences. With a multilingual staff and experts drawn from academia, international organizations, government and the private sector, we partner to design programs that meet the unique needs and objectives of each of our clients.

The Institute specialized in organizing customized and off the shelf training delivered in the U.S. or abroad; professional and academic placements; visitor exchange and observational study programs; and other programs that address issues facing the international community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Institute mission is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and learning through International cooperation.

VISION STATEMENT

The Institute vision is to serve as facilitators in assisting its clients to apply the knowledge learned in order to develop international commerce and to assist in nation building affords,

CURRICULUM AREAS

The Institute can offer seminars in a host country or corporation or we can offer the latest in distance learning technology, including Web-and CD-ROM – based instructions; our training programs meet our audiences. Just some of the selected seminar programs the Institute offers includes but not limited to: Project Management and Analysis, Leadership

and Management, Human Resources Administration, Business Administration and Marketing, Export Development, Environmental Management, International Finance, Financial Management, Accounting and Auditing, Information Technology, Foreign Languages, including Business English, and English as a Second Language.

RESOURCES

The Institute draws upon the expertise of its professional facilitators, who have advanced degrees in their specific areas that are required by our clients. In addition, the Institute has longstanding partnerships with international organizations, government agencies and degree-granting institutions such as New York University, Capella University, Strayer University, Florida Institute of Technology, Thomas Edison State University and the United States Department of Agriculture Graduate School,

LOCATIONS

Many of our programs are offered at our North Carolina headquarters and training center or at our Orlando Conference Center.

Management Team:

1- Frank DeCaro, PhD Management and Leadership
2- John Kitoko , PhD   Organization and Management (bilingual)
3- Helen Oliver , PhD   Education Leadership
4- Tracy Webb , MBA - Human Resource Management
5- George Polo , JD   Business Law (bilingual)
6- Romain Konde , MA - Conflict Resolutions and Management (bilingual)
7- Patrice Nibasamba , MBA – Finance & Marketing (bilingual)
8- Christopher N'jue , Ph D—Chemistry
9- Daniel Mwaliki, PhD , Eeconomics

USAACC & Success Dynamics Community Development Corporation

Mission Statement

To advance communities through collaborative partnership initiatives.

Organizational Background

Success Dynamics Community Development Corporation (SDCDC) affects positive changes in the community at the grassroots level that raise social and economic standards of the disadvantaged. SDCDC has successfully impacted the community by making health and wellness, community and social development comprehensive by partnering with community residents, the private sector and all levels of government. It was established to address the issues that plague the underprivileged and underserved populations in Pitt and surrounding counties in eastern North Carolina. Incorporating the principles of restorative justice, with a special emphasis placed on fatherhood training for criminal and non-criminal individuals, juvenile justice, teen pregnancy and high school drop-out prevention, HIV/AIDS education, diabetes and cancer awareness and education, health and wellness education through seminars in several counties across North Carolina.

Curriculum Programs

Success Dynamics Community Development Corporation has had several successes with its programs which includes the East Coast Restorative Academy (training men to be responsible, productive and law-abiding citizens), Women's Empowerment Network (empowering the whole woman to succeed), Community Empowerment Network (a multi-county, pastoral collaboration focused on eliminating health disparities), Mentors in Action (mentoring in-school suspension youths and teens in the public school system), and Community Health Ambassadors (22 hour course partnering with a community college in a given area that trains people in the community, presently, on diabetes prevention and education). CHA is a nationally recognized program that been acknowledged and publicized by the National Public Health Association (2008).

Resources

Our collaborations involve the following partnerships, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities – technical support agency, North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, North Carolina A&T State University, East Carolina University, Pitt County Department of Social Services, Pitt Community College, Pitt County AIDS Service Organization, Pitt County Court System, Pitt County Job link and School systems. More specifically to our capabilities of establishing trainings and educational opportunities through The Capacity Building Project, we have established a partnership with the African Chamber of Commerce to provide global support and leadership in implementing the Transform, Reform and Empower Program.

Transform, Reform, and Empower (T.R.E.)

Success Dynamics Community Development Corporation is well equipped to assist Intra Health International with its Capacity Building Project through the Cross-Cutting Initiatives by implementing the T.R.E. Program. T.R.E. is a three component capacity building program designed to integrate faith-based and nongovernmental organizations to provide support systems, lifesaving education, and resource development trainings for HIV/AIDS patients and their families, communities, and faith-based leaders. T.R.E. Continuum of Care Model strives to provide a range of care, support, and resources that will:

1. Transform (or change) the system of care through community capacity building trainings to faith-based organizations for improved collaborations and partnerships of faith-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders.
2. Reform (or develop) an approach for care that will provide lifesaving educational tools, nutritional resources, and care giving trainings that will
3. Empower the client and the community towards a change in the health of the community and the elimination of health disparities.

Location

The primary office for Success Dynamics CDC is located in Pitt County, NC, however the flexibility of the program initiatives allow the staff to conduct trainings and consultations through our partnerships' offices.

Qualified T.R.E. Team

The qualified staff of Success Dynamics CDC brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in their respective fields.

1. Dr. Calvin Ellison, PHD, ND Executive Director and Nutritionist
2. Lisa Hodges, MHA Public Health Project Consultant
3. Shanae Godley, B.S. Community Health Education and Promotion
4. George Hill, M.Ed. Project Development and Planning Consultant
5. Julius Quintin Mallette, M.D. Obstetrician, Researcher and Educator

Working Together, Encouraging One Another

To gain a voice at all grass root levels of the government (federal, state, and local) and to speak to elected and appointed government officials on behalf of African living in the State of North Carolina.

Jean Pierre Kabinda
PhD in Biblical Studies

Dr. Kabinda holds a PhD in biblical studies and a Master's degree in Political Science. He is a member of the board of directors and Senior Vice President of the executive committee .

Board Of Directors

Chairman of the board of directors and CEO - Dr. John Kitoko

Dr. Kitoko holds a PhD in business management and is currently serving as Campus Dean at Strayer University . He has been teaching business courses at several area colleges and universities for the past 10 years . He is the President of BKP consulting services and an independent consultant with ADE- Aide a la Decision Economique (Consulting and Advisory Services)**www.ade.be.** Dr. Kitoko seats on the Board of Trustees of the Star Center Foundation as well.**www.starcenterforautism.com**

Mr. Polo is a member of the board of directors and President of the executive committee

Mr. Polo is an Attorney by training . He earned his law degree from the University of Kinshasa and has been practicing law for the past 15 years. Attorney Polo's major clients include the following timber companies: Agrifor (Congo) and Dara Forest (Thailand). In the Congo, the timber production covers approximately 11.8 million hectares of which 8.2 million hectares are active. Attorney Polo is the Vice President of BKP consulting services.

Romain Konde
Member of the board of directors and Vice President of the executive committee
Vice President & Office Manager

Mr. Konde holds a BS degree in Social Studies and a Master's Degree in Conflict Management and Resolutions from the University Greensboro. Mr. Konde is curently serving at the Carter Center in Atlanta where he works in the Human Rights Program to support the Center's efforts and strategies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo regarding reforms of justice and review of mining contracts associated with institutions-building capacities. He translates documents and reports (French/English) from the government/ NGO's; analyzes major political developments and violations in justice as well as human rights statistics from surveys on projects and programs for future recommendations and changes in interventions; elaborates models of report's submission to UN for the government and NGO's; compares and analyzes reports submitted to UN by the government and NGO's; and drafts memos of intervention for President Jimmy Carter to Heads of states.

Board Of Advisors

Chairman - Dr. Frank DeCaro

Dr. Frank DeCaro is the President and CEO of the Star Center Foundation and School for Autistic Children in Melbourne, FL.www.starcenterforautism.com. He is also the CEO of International Consulting Business Corporation- ICBC which provides construction management, business development, education and transportation consulting on the ground to countries on the African continent.

First Vice Chair - Mary Starkey

Ms. Starkey is a Former Deputy Commissioner and Program Coordinator for the city of Wilmington, Delaware. Her professional affiliations and membership include: Democratic Women of Wake County, NC 2nd Vice President; National Association of University Women, Raleigh, NC; National Political Congress of Black Women, Washington, NC; State Democratic Party of Delaware. She also served on the following campaigns: U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden; Governor Ruth Ann Miner, first woman elected Governor of Delaware; and Mayor James H. Sills, Jr. City of Wilmington, Delaware.

Second Vice Chair - Dr. Calvin Ellison

Dr. Calvin Ellison holds a PhD in nutrition. He is the President and CEO of Success Dynamics Community Development – a non profit organization that addresses the Issues that plague the underprivileged and underserved populations in Pitt and
surrounding counties in eastern North Carolina.

Third Vice Chair - Thomas Lucas

Bishop Thomas Lucas is the pastor of White Oak Pentecostal Holiness Church located in Wilson, North Carolina. He also serves as the 1st Vice President of Greater Grace Ministries, Inc., a non-profit organization teaching and training church leaders in eastern North Carolina and East Africa; and a member of the steering committee for the Community Empowerment Network (CEN). Bishop Lucas has been owner and operator of Lucas Plumbing Company in the City of Wilson since 1984 and has over twenty-four years of service as a fire fighter in the Wilson County area. He is also an executive director of 5Linx Enterprises of Rochester, NY.

Member - Sergeant Major Harold Johnson

Sergeant Major Harold Johnson is a former USA Marine Corps. He is a recipient of several medals and decorations such as the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars; Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, in addition to numerous campaign and unit wards.He served as Intelligence Chief with Force Logistics Command at Marine Barracks in London , England , Red Beach in Danang, South Vietnam , on the Island of Okinawa, Japan , San Juan, Puerto Rico , and in Rota, Spain .Since retirement, Sergeant Major Johnson has graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Leadership from Mountain State University. And has been entrepreneur starting two successful companies. He also serves as a security consultant to various multinational corporations.

Board Of Advisors

Member - Latisha Richardson

Latisha Richardson is an Attorney at Law and a University Professor. She served as Assistant General Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore, MD and also as a Litigation Attorney for the Indiana State Department of Health. Attorney Richardson is the principal and owner of Richardson Law firm. She practices business law, non profit law, labor and employment law, and real estate.

Member - Tracy Webb

Tracy Webb is a Human Resource Manager and a University Professor. She holds a MBA degree with a concentration in human resource management .She specializes in employee recruitment, training and retention; benefits management and strategic human resource management. She is also a certified notary public.

Member - Dr. Helen Oliver

PhD Education Leadership , Campus Dean – Strayer University
Dr. Oliver has several publications in education leadership , and management of not- for- profit organizations.

Member - Stella J. Adams

Ms. Adams is the President of the Fair Housing / Civil Rights/ Housing Policy , a consulting service based in Durham, North Carolina . She also serves as the Second Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party in Durham , NC.

Executive Committee

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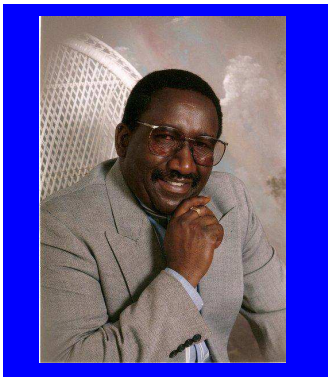
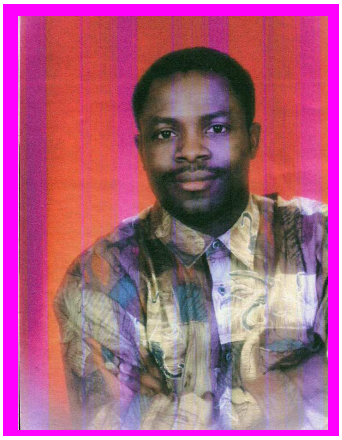
Chairman of Board & CEO of the USAACC

George Polo
President of the executive committee



Daniel - Executive Committee Member

Daniel has a PhD in Economic Education



Albert Destin L.C. Puati - Executive Committee Member
Mr. Puati holds a Bachelor Degree in Political Science from North Carolina Wesleyan College and a Law Degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School

He currently serves as Executive Vice President in Charge of Legal Affairs and Business Development at Grynberg Petroleum Company in Denver, Colorado
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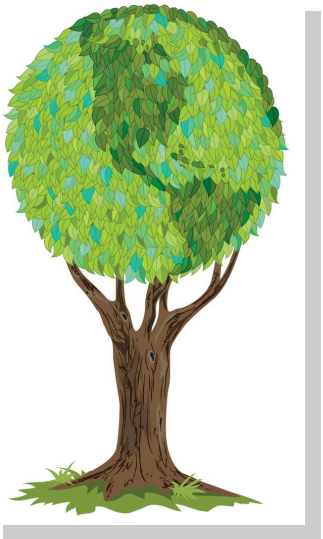
Economic Objectives

Promote North Carolina's investment and business opportunities in sub – Saharan Africa in the following areas: Housing and Community Development; Banking and Mining; Finance, Investment, and information services, including health, manufacturing, education and research.

Provide information sessions and business seminars for organizations wanting to purse business opportunities in Africa, and contract opportunities in the federal and state government as well as in the commercial market place.

Buy and sell securities in investment and trading firms. Provide financial services and counseling. May advise securities customers about stocks, bonds, and market conditions.

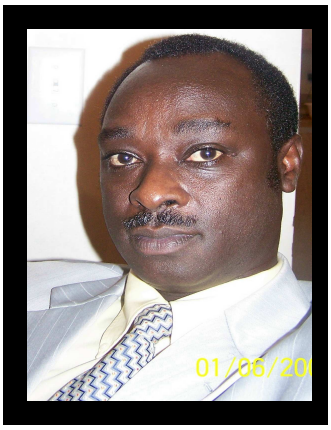


Dr Christopher Njue

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Christopher Njue, PhD in Chemistry and Financial Advisor at World Leadership Group Photo

Dr. Muraguri - Executive Committee Member



Dr. Robert Muraguri came to the US in 2004 and immediately embarked on community activities aimed at helping African communities to fully exploit their skills and full potential in education and empower themselves economically in order to integrate effectively into the American society. Having lived in Britain and visited numerous other European and African Countries, Dr. Muraguri has a wealth of experience in community welfares and educational programs. Currently, Dr. Muraguri volunteers in Southern Sudan Fellowship Inc. whose mission is to build schools and promote education in the war-ravished region of Southern Sudan where he helps to set administrative and financial management structures and grant applications. He is also the current Secretary of the North Carolina Chapter of the Kenya Christian Fellowship in America (KCFA) and a member of the African Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Muraguri holds a PhD in Epidemiology (UK), a Msc In Public Health and Biostatistics (UK), Msc in Clinical Research (North Carolina) and Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Kenya). He is currently a Clinical Research Scientist (Biostatistics) at Health Decisions Inc. in Durham, NC. Dr. Muraguri has published over twelve scientific papers in various journals in the field of Epidemiology and Health Economics on diverse diseases especially those endemic in Africa. He has also written numerous technical reports following various consultancies on African Health issues.

WHO ARE WE:

We are a Plat form of African professionals living in the Research Triangle Park, RTP and TRIAD Region of North Carolina.
Our membership is made up professionals, educators, physicians, lawyers, business men and women, and students who immigrated from 36 nations of Sub-Saharan Africa - the area of the African continent (42 nations) which lies South of Sahara, and with a population of more than 770 million people.

We are strategically located in the RTP and TRIAD Region in order to provide information and assistance to more than 26,000 Africans living and working in the area.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the USA Africa Chamber of Commerce - USAACC is to be a valuable source of information to African and Carolinian for profit and not - for - profit organizations, and to serve as a catalyst for information for the African community living in the North Carolina and United States; to promote and encourage the development of the African - American business community throughout the State of North Carolina.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

To promote North Carolina's investment and business opportunities in Sub - Saharan Africa in the following areas:

- Housing and Community Development;
- Water Development and agriculture;
- Road and Construction;
- Education and Research;
- Manufacturing and Technologies;
- Banking and Mining;
- Pharmaceuticals and Health;
- Finance, Investment and Information Services.

To carry strong influence on key legislative & regulatory issue affecting the African American owned businesses and their communities.

To serve as advocate of the African business community.
To provide a forum for the African - American and RTP and TRIAD business communities for discussion on issues relevant to both groups.

To promotes cultural awareness to improve business relations by organizing events.

To encourage qualified and professional Africans to serve and participate in volunteer organizations, contribute financial resources to organizations that support and promote African issues and concerns.

To assist African businesses to have access to federal, state and local business contracts.

To gain a voice at all grass root levels of the government (federal, state, and local) and to speak to elected and appointed government officials on behalf of African living in the State of North Carolina.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ENCOMPASS:

Publications and Electronic Resources on "best practices" approach to conducting successful business in Africa.

Business Assistance - ACC will soon sign cooperative agreements with several corporations, governmental agencies and institutions of higher learning of Sub - Saharan Africa in order to promote strategic alliances and joint ventures between these entities and their US counterparts. And to help advice companies to develop mutually beneficial relationships.

Information Sessions: Help African business organizations to successfully pursue contract opportunities in the federal and commercial market place.

Provides mediations and arbitration services to companies that seek to prevent costly litigation over international contract.

Benefits

What's in it for you?

- **Promotional and Marketing Opportunities for your business**
- **Timely and comprehensive solutions to your business challenges**
- **Opportunity to experience outreach trips to Africa**
- **Opportunity to lend huge lucrative business contracts in Sub Saharan Africa**
- **Gain access to excellent networking and promotional service and business opportunities**
- **ACC is a powerful force for business advocacy and an inexpensive and efficient resource for Individual members because of its ability to consolidate resources from several thousand businesses, large and small.**

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