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MS HALIMATOU DIALLO DEFENDING GUINEAN WOMEN 'S RIGHTS



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EDITORIAL



Most African people doing business, selling or buying products, loan money to relatives, parents, friends and are doing so without an accurate base of contract. They always trust their good relationship the same way we used to do in Africa. In Africa, you could loan or borrow millions of dollars without papers and, if necessary, sue the person you deal with if something goes wrong. He would deny in front of the judge that he received money because there would be no paper signed serving as proof. In the US, you can't sue someone on the base of verbal contract and win the case unless you have sufficient proof. The jury has to follow the laws; everything has to be proved. Many African people and business people who know the rules take advantage of ignorant people, because they know the game, they are smart, and they know the law better than the average person. A lot of African businesses are closed because this is how many businesses are working in our community, lending and borrowing on the base of relationships without signing papers. For example, an African woman gave ten thousand dollars to a sales person to buy some goods. She left the store without a receipt and the next day she came to get her merchandise and could not find the person she gave the money to. The manager and police offi

Karim Tosh Diabate cer asked her for proof, and her only response was that she had known the woman for more than ten years. Another common case in he African community is undocumented people, because of their immigration status, saving their money in a friend's bank account for years without signing the proper documentation. It is insane and unwise. This could end with a big loss; you can never convince the pank that they have your money there. Ignoring the fact that banks today offer opportunities to undocumented people to open an account regardless their immigration records, is unacceptable. We have thousand of cases like this happening in the African community. ike tontine, where a group of people, more often women, put their money together every month and give it to one person to hold on to. My advice for them is to always sign a piece of paper, even if you're doing business with your own brother. You do not want to become a victim of these kinds of mishaps, because we often say that your best friend could also be your enemy.

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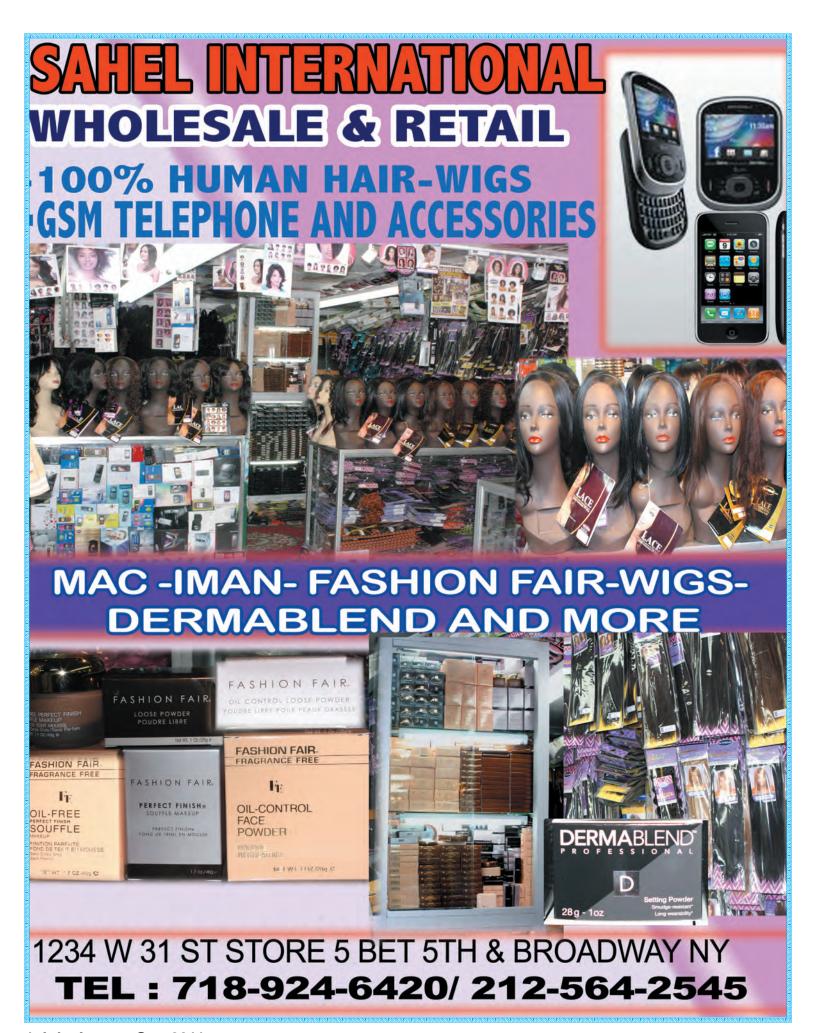
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MS HALIMATOU DIALLO

Many guinean politicals parties on the behalf of Alliance Cellou Diallo the president of UFDG have met the communities on march 2011 during a conference to explain their program of societies and talk about what is going on in Guinea now and the last recent years on economy and social in terms of human right, the past election in guinea, the respect of the institution and the next legislative elections.

Cellou Dalein Diallo did not attend but was represented by his wife Halimatou and many influent personalities like Abbe Sylla. After the welcome speech, the wife Cellou Dalein diallo has addressed to the audience. Placing the meeting under the sign of unity, peace and prosperity, she thanked on the behalf of her husband the officials guess and the militants for their sincere gratitude and their endorsement to Cellou dalein diallo in the last presidential election in Guinea in 2010.

She has reminded the celebration of women day march 8, 2011 in Guinea placed on the behalf of women over the world and she has also emphasized her total gratitude to women in the world, she has talked about women rights in Guinea that she is fighting for. Which is the figth of her husband Cellou Diallo. At the end she paid homage to leaders abbe Sylla and Bah diallo for their commitment and their action. Abbe Sylla has talked about the election in Guinea and his contact with his long time friend Alpha Conde (actual Guinea President), he also talked about the justice, the security and the sustainable development in Guinea, he has blamed the government for taking hostage the power in Guinea, Abbe has wished that Guinea should respect his institutions because no government in the world could develop if the rules of laws are not respected. He pledged to put in place the national assembly so that security could be back.

At the end his intervention ,he has accused Alpha Conde on his policy for canceling the contracts in Guinea instead of renegociate them.

SHE HAS REMINDED THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN DAY MARCH 8, 2011 IN GUINEA PLACED ON THE BEHALF OF WOMEN OVER THE WORLD















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"I'M IN THE FASHION WORLD WITH MY UP AND COMING LABEL, GLO-BISINETTES"



Name:Mohamed Fofanah
Occupation:Music
Promotor
Country:Guinee
Mohamed Fofanah, better

known as Globisine, is an event promoter from Guinea with more than fifteen years experience in promoting artists around the world. Globisine lives in San Francisco, California and often comes to New York to meet artists and plan events. Outside of the music, Mohamed is launching his label, Globisine, in the world of fashion. We had the opportunity to meet with him.

-Globisine, could you tell us about your recent activities?

-I went to Guinea to see my parents and I just came back. Now I'm in New York after being invited to Fode Baro's (Guinean artist living in Paris) concert. I'm going back to Guinea where I have some concerts with Le Groupe Extra Musica (a musical band from Congo). At the same time I'm preparing for my Master's in Business Communication, in California.

-During your trip with your parents, did you take advantage of creating some business opportunities?

-Yes. First I celebrated my birthday with a party, where more than one thousand people all dressed in white attended. I also met some business people and discussed with them how we could set up events in the future. But I would like to keep them secret for now because they are projects in the works.

-We know about your experience with promoting artists. Do you experience the same atmosphere in the US with Glo Glo, as I like to call you, as when you go back home?

-No. This Globisine, is at another level with a new wave and a new style and was more welcomed in Guinea. With my new vision of promoting artists, like bringing some Americans artists to Guinea, is much appreciated by people. I have been interviewed in private radio stations like Sabari FM, Espace FM and I've also met with my fan club, The Globisinettes, in charge of organizing my events.

-Is your fan club also preparing your next show with the Guinean artist Kundoun Waka in the US?

-Oh yeah! We are preparing Kundoun Waka's next show in the US. He is a great artist; the last time he came to the US, people couldn't stop asking about him. He is a great singer and creative dancer.

-Could you name some Guinean artists you've brought to the US over the past few years?

Yeah! There are plenty of them: Ibro Diabate, Sekouba Bambini, Mbalou Kante, Missia Saran Diabate. I've also brought some artists from Trinidad, and Iva, an American singer that I produced in Paris. Also, I'm in the fashion world with my up and coming label, Globisinettes, which is being promoted by Boss Player

-You were acquainted with Guinean authorities ten to fifteen

years ago and they used your services to organize events Now Guinea has a new government with new people. Was it easy for you to get acquainted with these new government authorities?

-First, Globisine is not political; I care more about the youth. But we need politicians because they have the key to the country and they also need us too.

-A lot of African artists perform in African communities when they come to the US. Did you try to bring your artists to another level outside of African communities?

-When I bring my artists, they perform in our communities obviously because this is where they are known and they belong. Then I try to bring them to nightclubs where American people have the opportunity to discover them.

Do you love your job?

-Definitely. I have been doing music promotion now for 15 years. Obviously I have to love my job. But you have to know what promoting artists is about; one day you win, the next day you lose, so it's dangerous to only focus on it. For that I always have something to do besides music promotion.

Thank you for your time.



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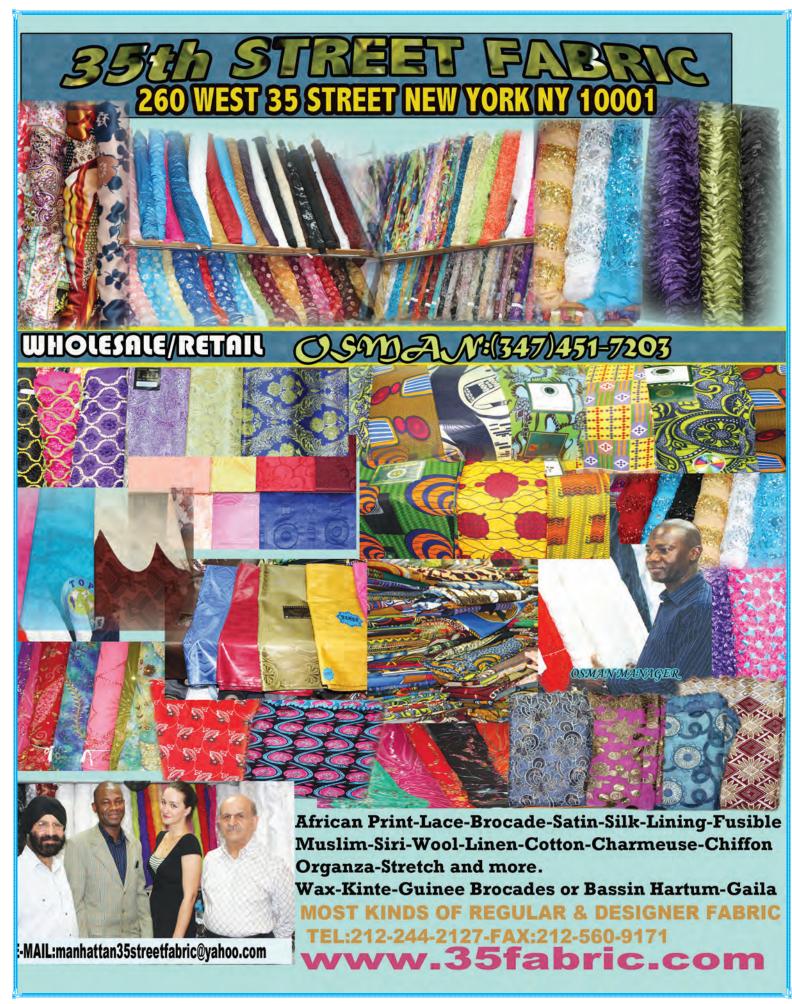
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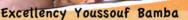
PRESIDENT OF COTE D'IVOIREIRE

fter the investiture of Alassane Dramane Ouattara the president of Ivory Coast, on May 28, 2011, thousands of Ivorians and other Africans met th next day in Morningside Park in Harlem NY, to clebrate the victory of their leader. They gathered in the name of peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness after a five-month fight over the confiscation of power by Gbagbo Laurent who refused to step down from power after losing the second round of the election in Ivory Coast. During the fight, millions of people fled the country and more

than three thousand lost their lives. The celebration in the Park was a moment to remember this tragedy to pay resoect to the departed and talk about reconciliation and forgiveness. Artists, religious persons, political parties, senators, huma right activists, women and children and those who lost their relatives all came to share this great moment to talk about peace, love, and forgiveness. Their one wish was that this would never happen again. It was about a five-hour concert full of music, food, and most of all joy.

His Excellency Youssouf Bamba Ambassador of Ivory Coast in The US, has met with the community April ;;;;2011 in New York



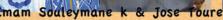














The audience and Cady Wasa(middle)



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FIRST LADY, Dr Mrs Naadu Mills awarded with a doctorate degree

Goodwin College, East Hartford, in Connecticut, USA, has awarded Dr Mrs Naadu Mills, First Lady of Ghana, with a doctorate degree for devoting her life to enhancing girl-child education in Ghana.

She was also celebrated for initiating 'Foundation for Child Education, Ghana,' a project aimed at influencing policy makers to ensure that every child in Ghana was educated..

A press release, issued by the Office of the President on Sunday and copied to the Ghana News Agency, said Dr Mrs Naadu Mills was given the recognition at the College's colourful and well attended graduation ceremony for 2011.

In a response, Dr Mrs Naadu Mills lauded the Goodwin College for the honour done her, adding that, the reward would serve as a morale booster to accelerate her commitment to influence policy makers to support girls' and children's education.

It said she was also grateful to President Evans Atta Mills for remaining a motivating pillar behind her success and was happy that, the President was poised to improve infrastructure at the lower levels of education.

Dr Mrs Mills said the Government was gradually getting rid of cultural impediments that stagnated girl-child education in Ghana, adding that, the education of women had the potential of having positive exponential effects on the economy.

The President of Goodwin College, Mr Mark Sceinberg lauded the First Lady for joining other noble women in Ghana to champion the rights of females, a move he was convinced could address underdevelopment.

Mr Sceinberg said he was happy Ghana was in the process of deepening its democratic experiments and urged other African countries to embrace democracy and protect human rights.

The statement said in 2009, Dr Mrs Naadu Mills launched the

"The reward would serve as a morale booster to accelerate her commitment to influence policy makers to support girls' and children's education."

Governments Free School Uniform Programme to provide over 1.6 million uniforms to pupils in more than 77 deprived communities across the country and that strengthened her commitment to influence policies on education to benefit the poor.

It said the First Lady, later on, fraternized with the Ghanaian community in Connecticut and encouraged them to live above reproach and be exemplary in all their endeavours.

She said Ghana-United States relations dated back to many years and cautioned the residents against acts that could undermine the ties.

The statement said the Ghanaian residents in Connecticut turned out in their numbers to witness the historic ceremony. It said the residents could not hide their joy about the enhanced

image of Ghana in Hartford with the award.

Dr Mrs Naadu Mills pursued a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Psychology at the University of Ghana, Legon, and later earned a Masters of Philosophy in Sociology in Deviant Behaviour and Control.

She is also a trained teacher and a nutritionist and had imparted knowledge throughout her adult life.

The statement said she was joined by Ghana's Ambassador to the United Nations, H.E. Ken Kanda; Chief Executive of The Accra Metropolitan Assembly, Dr Alfred Oko Vanderpuye; President of the Ghana Telecom University, Dr Osei Darkwa and Ghana's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Ohene Agyekum. Source GNA





ENTREPRENEURSHIP



"THERE IS AN INADE **QUATE DISTRIBUTION** OF DVDs IN THE US"



Name : Moussa Kassoumou

Occupation: Retailer Country :Niger

Moussa Kassoumou, like many African immigrant retailers, has been selling DVDs and CDs for more than six years. His store, La Mama, located on 116th Street between 7th and 8th Avenue is one of the most popular and beautiful stores in Harlem. Every day people gather in his place; some are buying music while others pass through to get a free Touba, a flavored coffee from Senegal. This business has allowed him to pay for his schooling, bills, and other expenses. Afro Market has met him at his store.

-Why did you choose this retailing job and how long have you been doing it?

-I have been in this business for six years because it's been very lucrative for me. I've made connections with people and artists from all over the world. I sell CDs DVDs, bags, cell phones, accessories and more. Since I came to the US, this is the job that I started doing first, and now after doing it for so long, I feel more independent.

-Could you tell me about some connections you've made and who your clients are?

-My clients are African and American people who love African music. American people are buying a lot of Nigerian movies. These films are full of drama, mystery, actions and stories.

-What are your future expectations for your job?

its from this job. I don't know what the future will be after school. -Is it easy to go to school and run a business at the same time? What are you studying in school?

I have been studying Business Management since 2006 from different schools. From 2006 to 2007, I attended Arizona State University, from 2007 to 2010 I was at Hostos College (CUNY), and from 2010 to 2011, Baruch College(CUNY). I have one day off during the weeks when I only work 6 days, and I always make sure that I do my homework.

-How many people work for you?

-It is a total of three of us.

-You are selling CDs and DVDs. Who are your providers

My providers are from all over the world, specfically from Africa and Paris. For the Nigerian movies, my supplier is in New York.

There are thousands of African stores selling CDs, how do you hang up the competition?

-It's all based on customer service and the quality of my merchandise. Whenever new African movies come out, I have them the next day, and my customers are aware of that.

-A lot of people are doing informal business, like selling DVDs. What is your advice?

It's always good to have all your papers before opening a business because of the consequences you could face. I have a contract with the producers and managers. The reason why some people pirate DVDs is because there is an inadequate distribution of DVDs in the US when it comes to African movies or music. The music producers are not in contact with retailers. And it's not that easy to be in contact with them. Their supply is not enough, which is why some retailers just make copies when they run out of product. I hope in the future this can be fixed.

-Do you believe there is a reason why people are pirating?

Customers keep on asking for DVDs and CDs and whether retailers have them in stock or not, customers keep coming back to hassle them every day. So they have no choice but to make copies. -So if products are not getting delivered, why not just tell the

customers that they are out of stock?

This is how you see it, but for many retailers, they feel they have to satisfy the customers.

-Do you feel the same way?

No, I have good connections and my providers are always in contact with me.

There are a lot of African celebrities coming here. How do you get all of them around you?

As I told you it's all about connections. I have one of the most -First I'm going to school and paying my school fees with the prof-well known producers coming here named Jose. Customers love his work and follow it. And that's why this store is more popular because customers get all kinds of African music here. That really helps me.

-What is your last message?

I invite the distributors who are mostly in Europe to be more professional in what they are doing, to always be in contact with the retailers, and to make sure that they are always in stock that way the piracy can be better contained.

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El Hadj Sidy Niang is the latest consul of Senegalese in New York, accepting his duties on May 5th, 2011 in New York. The consulate is located at 125th Street on the corner of 5th Avenue in Harlem, Afro Market has met with him. We spoke of several topics, like the implementation of his office in the Senegalese community, the help he will bring to the women's associations, small and medium businesses, the transfer of bodies back home, money transfers in Senegalese, the investment of the Senegalese Diaspora in Senegal, and much more.

"Other goals are to strengthen aspects of the economy the cultural education of our kids".

-Thank you for accepting this interview, El Hadj Sidy Niang. You came to the US on May 5th 2011. Could you tell our readers how the Senegalese community welcomed you, and what your mission letter entailed?

-Thank you for this opportunity. I would like to greet Afro Market Magazine, which serves as a link for Africans communities. I'm happy to say that I was warmly welcomed by the Senegalese communities and African American people. I've met up with two senators who told me, with happiness, to keep on working with the Senegalese communities. The day I came to the US, I came straight in my office and the next day I went to djouma (Friday prayer) and in the evening I went in another mosque. I met up with the Dahira and Mouride associations and I also met with the Casamance communities in the US with whom I had an important working session. It is important to find solutions, so we discussed several topics like administration problems, death coverage by insurance companies and banks, money transfers and much more. The mission letter emphasized the closeness of the Senegalese association in the US, the coverage and need of documents, like passports. Even if there have been efforts in the past, we are going to do more. Other goals are to strengthen aspects of the economy the cultural education of our kids. We are going to organize some cultural events, as well as a summer camp in Senegal.

"There are a lot of Senegalese women who have small businesses so we will

"IF SENEGALESE PEOPLE COULD CRE-ATE A MONEY TRANS-FER AGENCY, IT WOULD MAKE THINGS **EASIER**"



improve their business"

-We learned that you made a great impression on these communities the first week you came in New York.

-I belong to these communities in terms of religion and family. Islam is part of our culture but we also have some Christians that I have met with. I also met with the Al Poular in Brooklyn and talked with their president. Dahira is a very active association that organizes lots of events. I had instructions to approach them and discuss issues of development, and they responded saying they appreciated the haste of me contacting them.

-You have enumerated some of the services of your consulate. Could you tell us what your priorities are, and what services do you plan to offer to small and medium enterprises?

The services that we offer carries a similar diplomatic mission as the Vienna Convention. We are going to work on speeding up our service and making our team more efficient, which I have the honor to oversee. We are going to help disabled people, and work with Senegalese people in other states with their documents. Our priority is the census of Senegalese people in the US. We will need the service of the immigration service to assure it.

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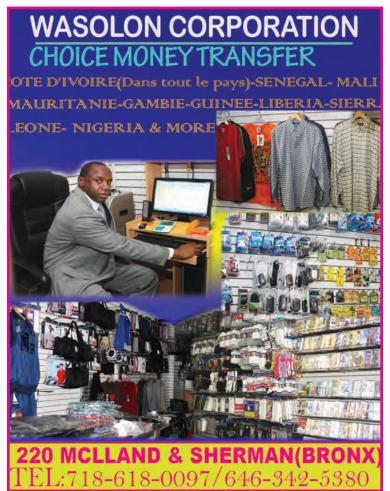
-How could it be possible that we don't know the exact number of Senegalese people in the US?

-There is no country that could tell you the exact number of its immigrants. That's the reality; they all do a simulation. Some Senegalese people don't come in the consulate to register, while others have double nationality, or don't come to the community events. But what we will do is identify the associations, regroup them and possibly work with them easily while getting feedback. We also have to tell them the possibilities of investing in Senegal and what potentialities they should expect from the government as they facilitate themselves to invest in Senegal. The decentralized cooperation will also be our priority in addition to Manhattan and Dakar. Another priority is women; there are a lot of Senegalese women who have small businesses so we will help them to improve their businesses.

A lot of Senegalese don't have access to consular cards. How do you explain that?

It is unacceptable not to have a consular card. If the Senegalese

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DIPLOMACY

don't get their card, it's because they don't know the importance of it. It's imperative that when you leave abroad, you have a consular card.

"We are not going to take any risks to deport someone."

-Let's talk about immigration. What position do you take when a Senegalese has to be deported by immigration?

-As a consular mission, we have some rules that we respect. We have to respect the laws in the guest country. This is also important for all immigrants. There are two possibilities that we are faced with that people should know of. The first is that the immigrant has been found with his documents, therefore there is no reason for us to be solicited. The second is if the nationality of the immigrant is not known with certainty, we will be contacted. From there we are not going to take any risks to deport someone who has this status. He or she could be from any country, so we need to verify if this person is indeed from Senegal. If we have any doubt, we have the right to write to the competent ministry in Senegal to ask of the immigrant's nationality, if he is Senegalese we will try to help him with lawyers. Sometimes I believe that it's better to return to Senegal instead of staying here to live in bad conditions.

-It seems that Senegalese communities have a very good idea in wanting to help fundraise money for departing volunteers. Are you joining this action?

It's a good idea to help a person who is sick or in need of help because of a family problem. It's a great thing that is a part of our culture but I believe what should be done is to anticipate this kind of action. If this immigrant was sick, he was sick maybe for long-time this is when we have to help him, he is unemployed status was going down, this is when he needs help. We have to help him at the right time instead of when his days are being

"Senegalese diaspora should also consider investing in the transformation of agriculture....."

-We all know that Senegalese people are some of the most dynamic in terms of investing in Senegal. Can you tell us what they invest in and what do you recommend them as well as Americans to invest in, in Senegal?

-This is a very important topic. We often say that Senegalese immigrants invest in real estate, buying houses and renting them out which is a good and important thing. But they need to consider other investments that are priorities like the aspects of the government, agriculture, and small and medium enterprises. They should also consider investing in the transformation of agriculture products, fruits, and the exportation of fish. Lastly, investing in developing a cooperative, and women's association would be great.

"Agencies could also help with the expatriation of deaths."

-What is your point of view on informal money transfers and how do you secure a Senegalese money transfer?

-If you give twenty thousand dollars to someone, it could be stolen or lost. My point is, if Senegalese people could create a money transfer agency, it would make things easier. One thing I want to emphasize is if we could deal better with the agencies that work with the community whose business depends mostly on us, these agencies make more profit from our communities. We could show them the interest they make from us, the amount of money we send monthly or yearly, and in exchange ask them to finance our cultural activities. They could also help with the expatriation of deaths which would replace going from door to door asking people to help send our deceased loved ones back home insane. With this taking place, we could all profit. When we get to that point, the company could cover all the charges,



including the plane ticket of the person who accompanies the body and also take charge of getting the family of the deceased back home. All of this should be in the package for the company.

"I have made the proposal to some associations."

-Who is the competent authority putting together this project?

-I have made the proposal to some associations. They've promised to contact me so now I wait; hopefully they will get back to me very soon. I think my office will help them with the project and accompany them to discuss a plan with the company.

-What is the estimated amount of money expected to be sent back home by the Senegalese Diaspora yearly?

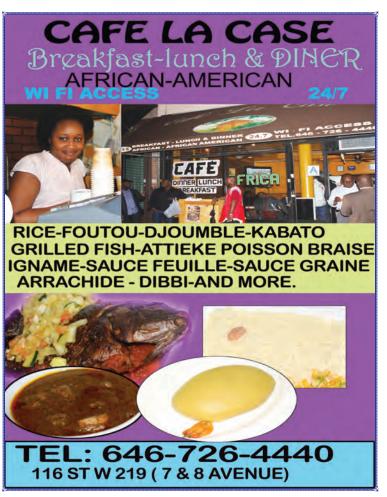
-Millions of dollars was estimated however it is not proven yet.

-When will you have your next meeting with the Senegalese community?

-There are some religious events this weekend (end of May). If I have the opportunity I will develop a topic. On Saturday, women from Zawiya will talk about the life of Sokhna, Mame Fa Wade wele the mother of El Hadj Malick. I will take that opportunity to talk about women's empowerment.

Thank you very much for your time. Interview made by karim Tosh diabate

PS: The interview was given in French, therefore we have been able to accurately translate the content of the speech.













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MARCORY ASSOCIATION'S FUNDRAISER. "WE WILL HELP THE HANDICAPS

Name:Ismael Cisse Occupation:President of Marcory Assoc. Country:CoteD'Ivoire

-Helping a hurt friend from the same suburb from Ivory Coast has lead these very dynamic,

"we have donated to orphanages, hopitals, and and the disabled"

-Afro Market: Mr. Ismael, could you please tell us what your association is?

Ismael Cisse: Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Ismael Cisse, serving the community in several activities. I became the third president of Marcory Association an NGO in 2007, a nongovernmental and non-profit organization created in 2004. We organize fundraising events and donate the money to Ivory Coast. In the past two years we have donated to orphanages, hospitals, and the disabled. Last year in 2010, we sent dental chairs and wheelchairs to Marcory, a suburb of the capital Abidjan, because the clinic had been closed for nine months. We also sent medicine, food, clothing, and we also helped the speech and impaired. This year, we intend to help the disabled of the war in Ivory Coast. So we are having the third dinner-gala fundraiser to send the money to Abidjan.

-What other ways do you make money besides fundraising?

-We also make money from the devoted members monthly fees. We have sixty members who donate twenty-five dollars every

-Do all of your members come from the city of Marcory?

-No. First let me tell you how the association started. We have a friend from Marcory who drives cabs. He was shot in the head, with the bullet getting lodged, and we went to see him in the hospital. After that visit, we decided to create the Marcory Association, and today we are bigger than the city of Marcory. Our members are from all the cities of Ivory Coast; even people from other African countries are welcomed to be apart of the association. In the future, the association may change the name to become a network.

-Is there any organization behind you to help?

-None at all, we don't get money from any institutions.

-Why not?

-We are taking it one step at a time. It was a simple association in 2004, and an NGO in 2007. We are planning more events in the future and then attacking the institution will be another step to follow

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-What is the estimated amount of donations that have been made to Ivory Coast over the past three years?

-The first year after the gala we raised six thousand dollars (\$6000) and in March 2010, I went with the money by myself. We gave two thousand dollars (\$2000) in value to an orphanage named La Poupeniere Mary Therese Houphouet Boigny des 220 logements. We then sent four thousand (\$4000) worth of dental chairs to the Hospital General de Marcory. In December 2010 l'ecole des ivoiriennes pour les sourds de Yopougon (Abidjan) (the School for the Speech and Hearing impaired) received a value of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500). So all together we've donated a little over fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

-What is it that motivates all of the members in your association?

-Just to help. We were given the opportunity to come here to the US, so if we can help our people back home, we will do so. Kids, here in the US, have more than six pairs of shoes while back home kids walk bare feet. When I was kid, I had only one pair of shoes. If I lost that pair I had to wait until the next year. There are many examples that inspire my NGO and me.

-We often say that charity always begins at home. Do you also help members who are in need of help?

-Yes, as I said before we started helping our friend who got shot and from there we decided to expand to make it bigger.

"We had four hundred (400) people from all over the world."

-You've organized a fundraiser for your association. What was special about this event?

-We had four hundred (400) people from all over the world. We had a fashion show, showcasing the beauty of an African designer Bazo from Maryland. And our godfather, Kouame, came specially from Cote d'Ivoire to take part in the event. The decorations were great, as was the food, and music from celebrities who performed, such as Sery Simplice, from Maryland.

-Did people donate, and if so, about how much was donated?

-Yes, we just organized the donations tonight I can't tell you the amount. We will let you know soon.

-Who will be the beneficiaries?

We will help the handicaps of Cote d'Ivoire the same way we did before.

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