

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PROF PLO LUMUMBA, US TOUR, 2021**

#### **AFRICA & HER DIASPORA: “*Harnessing Hope Beyond Limitations*”**

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Prof. PLO Lumumba is set to make a one month tour to the United States and the Pacific Islands, during which he will meet the Kenyan Diaspora and give lectures and talks on how the Diaspora and the Motherland could tap from each other. Under the theme of *Harnessing Hope Beyond Limitations*, the tour is planned to coincide with the American summer and will begin on the 8th to 26th July 2021. The trip has been organized by the **One Voice Consortium (GDDF)** in partnership with the **African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI)** and the **PLO Foundation (PLO-F)**.

The lectures and talks will focus on three broad themes of **socio-economic, cultural and political regeneration** of Africa. Five States that will be covered during the tour are Washington DC, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio and New York.

During this tour, Prof. Lumumba will foreground global issues that affect the Diaspora, including:

- 1. Governance and Social Justice**
- 2. Diversity & Inclusion**
- 3. Economic Leverages**
- 4. Youth Empowerment**
- 5. Women In Leadership**

The events will be hybrid to enable participants to attend the sessions across the five (5) States and globally. The main objective of The Tour is to appraise progress made challenges encountered by Africans in the Diaspora.

Prof. Lumumba purposes are to contribute to strengthening collaboration between the Kenyan Diaspora and Africa as the Motherland at large, by generating consciousness on implementation mechanisms through enhanced action by stakeholders for the betterment of the African Continent and the Diaspora. There is also the agenda of uniting African individuals and groups in the Diaspora by setting up a platform for future global dialogue and cooperation and strengthening social and economic linkages, while also expanding opportunities for youth development and enterprises, humanitarian issues, social justice, women in leadership and matters arising around diversity and inclusion.

***“If Africa is to realise her potential for the benefit of her sons and daughters, she must arise and be active in all sectors in the global arena”~Prof. PLO Lumumba***

## **About the Partner Organisations:**

### **Prof. PLO Lumumba**

Prof PLO Lumumba is the Founder and Chairman of the PLO Lumumba Foundation and a Founding Partner at Lumumba and Lumumba Advocates. He is a former Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya School of Law and former Secretary of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission. Prof. Lumumba is also a former Director of the defunct Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission, (KACC). He is an associate Professor of Public Law and Founding Dean, Kabarak University School of Law. He has taught law at the University of Nairobi, the United States International University (Africa), Widener University USA (Nairobi Summer School) and is an advocate of the High Courts of Kenya and Tanzania.

### **The PLO Lumumba Foundation (PLO-F)**

PLO-F is a charitable organisation established in 1990 with the objective of **nurturing transformational leadership** across the African Continent through mentorship programs. The **PLO-F mentorship programs are geared towards uplifting the underprivileged in African communities** while promoting the pride of African Culture, Identity and Diversity through our collective activities. The PLO Lumumba Foundation has representation in **Thirty-Eight (38) African Countries** and Ten (10) Diaspora Countries. <https://plofoundation.org/>.

The Business Advisory Division (BAS) housed within Lumumba & Lumumba Advocates, is a key pillar that **connects investors and partners** looking into opportunities to implement projects across the African Continent. These include **investments into public and private sector, linkages with key stakeholders across the continent** and consultancy services on various African driven initiatives. The division plays a key role in representing foreign companies that need representation in Africa for business related ventures.

### **GDDF One Voice Consortium**

Global Diaspora Development Foundation (GDDF) One Voice Consortium, is an umbrella organization that brings together over 60 organizations of the immigrant community from Africa living in the diaspora. It is a global organization whose membership is growing strong. GDDF One Voice Consortium is formed with the aim of bringing together Diaspora individuals and their member organizations in an effort to leverage interactions with governments and international agencies. The vision of GDDF One Voice Consortium is to enhance the lifestyle and livelihoods of the African diaspora community and back in the continent.

GDDF One Voice Consortium is established as a broader umbrella coalition of organizations, councils and similar entities which bear the qualities and share the objectives and values of the African Diaspora community at large and members of other ethnic communities around the world. It represents member organizations from all the continents worldwide. GDDF is a registered non profit foundation and its fiscal agent is PENDO Global an IRS 501 c (3) tax exempt charitable organization based in Columbus Ohio, USA.

GDDF One Voice Consortium has an executive leadership, advisory board and focused-sectors led by convenors including youth empowerment, education, socio-economic (trade, investment, banking, agriculture), technology, gender affairs, and international affairs. Through our collaboration with ADDI we are in the process of establishing Wakanda 2 City of Return near Malindi Kenya. The full details will be soon in our various communication channels including <[www.globalddfoundation.com](http://www.globalddfoundation.com)>

### **African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI)**

The African Diaspora Development Institute was born out of the desire to **bring Africa to the World and the World to Africa**. ADDI aims to be the resource to easily access information about Africa.

The African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI)'s mandate is to mobilize African Diaspora around the world to participate in the development of Africa. This is achieved by **creating a conducive environment** for the African Diaspora and friends of Africa to participate in the development of Africa. ADDI will identify potential projects and avail this information to the African Diaspora who otherwise would not have any means of accessing such information. Emphasis will be placed on projects that support the African Union Agenda 2063 and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation.

**Reconnecting all people of African Descent with** their roots in Africa, the Motherland. Through their extensive database is also a major objective of ADDI. <https://ouraddi.org/>