



Global Diaspora Development Foundation One Voice Consortium

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OVC 2022 Planning Meeting minutes

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Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM EST by Dr. Peter Ndiang'ui Recording started 2.12 PM EST

Attendees

Dr. Robert Chiuri, Dr. Peter Ndiang'ui, Dr. Joseph Okello, David Mutua, Daniel, Kevin Machine, Jacob Ongaki, Mirriam Omala Gauvin, Dr. Jeremiah Okari, Isaiah Oino, Jamal Titus, Maryanne Goetz, Mirriam Omala Gauvin, Charles Kimeria, Nyambura Ruhiu-Mboggo, Stephen Ngugi, Ralph Kilundu, and Isiah Onio

Guest Present-Kevin Machine (Chairman Swahili international)

Apologies noted; Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe, Eunice Menja, Rose Oginga, Grace Muchiru, Lucy McKenzie, Dr. Maina Mutonya, Dr. Muteti, Patrick Nganga, Kevin Machine, Dr. Ben Koissaba; Kevin, Antony Kamnao; Bob Mwiti; Sam Wairegi; Ephraim Gitonga, Angela Mate, Ben Kibwato, Serah Munyiri, Rev Prof. Lucas Njenga, Fiona Njororai, Sylvester Makobi, Lily Richards, Karen Muigai, Fiona Njororai, Rose, Lawrence Muraya and others.



Scribe and Rapporteur

Agenda:

- Opening Prayer or Exhortation (2 minutes).
 - Welcome and Introductions by Prof Ndiang'ui (5 minutes)
 - Introduction of Global Organizing Secretary (2 minutes)
 - OVC President brief remarks and highlights (10 minutes)
 - Sectoral Plans for 2022 (Ongoing and Planned) 3 minutes each sector
 - Education & Research
 - Socio-Economic Empowerment
 - Health & Social Welfare
 - Technology & Communication
 - Youth & Charitable
 - Gender Affairs and Outreach
 - International & Culture
 - Governance Sector
 - KDRTV and Focus (10 minutes)
 - Open Forum & QA (15 minutes)
 - Meeting Resolutions (15 minutes)
 - AOB
 - Vote of Thanks
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- Acknowledgement & Approval of Q1-2022 accomplishments by Prof Ndiang'ui

New Business

- Introductions
- Chairman updates
- Sector Updates
- Open floor discussion (Diaspora Voting)
- Closing Remarks

- Dr. Chiuri
 1. Introductions
 - a. Introduction of new members to the new of OVC.
 - b. Prosper Africa and how OVC will work with USAID.
 - c. Follow-up with IEBC
 - d. KDRTV



- **Dr Chiuri: OVC President**

1. Acknowledgement of OVC progress and growth. Welcoming new Members.
2. Recognition of everyone and the achievements in different sectors (Education, Health, Technology, Socio-Economic, Gender, Youth, Culture and Governance).
3. Recognition of OVC as an umbrella org working closely with IEBC for diaspora voting.
4. Diaspora Expo to be held week of April 29-30th virtual expo held Jambo List and main keynote speaker the Ambassador of Kenya Lazarus Amayo.
5. New Partnerships: FOCUS

Sector updates

1. (Dr. Peter Ndiang'ui) Education/Empowerment Sector:

- a) Students coming to Florida Gulf Coast University through OVC Teachers airlift program. *Students will have the ability to work while they study. Subjects covered: Science, English and Mathematics.*
- b) Trying to identify universities that allow for favorable in-state fees.
- c) Meeting Dr Otieno- for the partnership of coordination of the wildlife clubs of Kenya with different university
- d) Will work with FOCUS on this program.
- e) Provided Events on KDRTV
 - 1) **March 27th, 2022**- Dr. Chiuri, Dr. Ongaki, Dr. Okari, Mary Kangethe, Ms. Munyiri
 - 2) **April 03rd, 2022**-Dr. Ndiang'ui, Dr. Okari, Attorney Opande, Ms Njorograi
 - 3) **April 10th, 2022**-Dr Miguna Miguna, Dr. Okari, Mr. John Maina, Prof. Nasongo
 - 4) **April 24th, 2022-TBD**
 - i. Reached out to Nyambura Ruhu-Mboggo for participation
- f) Encouragement of OVC goals and main mission to speak together.

Quoting Margaret Mead *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that."*

(Jeremiah Okari) Sector:

Provided and overview of: KDRTV

- a) The Stations goal is to advocate for Socio Economic, Business perspective and the importance of viable information for the listeners.
- b) Discussed the importance of ideal candidates as panelist.
- c) Importance of providing researched information and factual details of information provided to the listeners.
- d) The importance of studying the questions provided by moderator.



*Importance of dry run prior to airing for technical and other things.

2. (Stephen Ngugi) Sector:

a) Men fellowship

i) Discussion of issues and revamping for men in Minorities communities in various issues such as:

- 1) Loss of homes as well as eviction
- 2) Incarceration
- 3) Covid19
- 4) Mental health

b) Culture

Understanding of African culture- the need for our youth to gain identity. Putting together events and activities that will allow for this to take place.

3. (Kevin Machine) Swahili Cultural Institute:

a) Swahili Cultural event:

**Swahili Cultural Festival In New York
Event Dates TBD**

4. (Ralph Kilundu) Socio Economic Sector:

- a) Involvement with Kenya USA Diaspora SACCO
- 1) Economic forum
 - 2) Goal on Diaspora banking formation acquisition to be set up in 2 months.
 - 3) Looking for investments within hospitality industries.

5. (Isiah Oino) Socio Economic Sector:

- a) Involvement with Stoke UK Diaspora Sacco
- 1) Economic forum
 - 2) emphasis in SACCO's speaking in one voice



6. (Mayanna Goetz) Socio Economic Sector:

- a) Involvement with SACCO
- b) Proximity Point Wakanda launch contributions www.proximitypoint.city
 - 1. City of return in Mombasa will represent collaborative effort of diaspora remittances
 - 2. Diaspora engagement and investments in Kenya
 - 3. Meeting Dr Otieno- for the partnership of coordination of the wildlife clubs of Kenya with different university in the US.

7. (Charles Kemiria) Sector: Governance

- a) Elections 2022- More information to be provided for better perspective of primary goals and expectations from OVC.

8. (Miriam Omala Gauvin) Sector International culture

- a. Geo-political resolution on Ukraine with NATO support. (Staying neutral)
- b. AU -opportunity for application for OVC with AU
- c. Activity on **wanawake na maji project**
 - i. 5 projects within Kenya
 - ii. Need for further discussions to make decision for OVC to advise on Whether **Yes/NO** hold off on the deployment of the 5 projects until after elections.
- d. PAWISCA- Women in Smart climate agriculture

9. (Simon Kande, Ezekiel and Evans) From **FOCUS**-*FOCUS is an acronym for Fellowship Of Christian Unions registered in Kenya in 1973.*

- a) FOCUS is an interdenominational and non-profit movement comprising of over 151 Christian Unions in Kenya's public and private universities and colleges. OVC is to have a Partnership to get involved in the Observations of Kenya 2022 Elections.
- b) Mr. Kande talked about some areas where OVC would partner with them.
 - i. Mentorship programs
 - ii. Student exchange programs
 - iii. OVC's Teachers airlift program

10. (Dr. Robert Chiuri) Closing Remarks:

- a) Vote of thanks to panelist and the work of KDTVR
- b) Passing a message that we care about our country and civic education is important to ensure that Kenyans elect good leaders.



Closing additional points: Dr. Chiuri: summary of the events and vote of thanks.

Closing Prayer: Ezekiel- Focus-Deputy

Next Meeting

To be announced.

Next Meeting Agenda Items- Sector Meetings will be as per each Committee and circulated to the members at least two weeks in advance.

- OVC Executive Leadership Quarterly Meetings Schedule- Saturday July 2nd 2.00pm; Saturday September 24th 2.00pm and Saturday December 3rd 2.00pm
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Meeting Adjourned at 3:47 PM EST

Reviewed and signed by Dr. Robert W. Chiuri; President Global Diaspora One Voice Consortium

