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Governor, Niger State Leadership
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Dr. Pat Francis
Founder, Bless Africa

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Greetings,

You are cordially invited to join us at the 2008 Planet Africa Awards, scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. The event will feature distinguished guests, a keynote speaker and fascinating entertainment. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize deserving individuals, organizations, businesses and agencies that make a profound difference in the lives of people of African heritage, wherever they live on the planet. Details are as follows:

Planet Africa Awards

Saturday, October 25th, 2008

International Centre, The Brand New Ballroom!

6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ontario

Doors open at 6 PM; Dinner and Awards at 7 PM

As usual, the event will begin on time!

Tickets are \$100 in advance; \$125 at the door

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Categories include Leadership, Professional Excellence, Science and Technology, Community Development, Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award, Marcus Garvey Memorial Award, African Renaissance, Enterprise, Heritage, Academic Achievement, Sports and Athletics, Media and Entertainment, Rising Star, Volunteer of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

The 2007 event was a sold out affair! Guests, recipients and sponsors came from around the world! Special guests included, the keynote speaker, Honourable Jesca Eriyo, Ugandan Minister and United Nations Rapporteur for the Montreal Protocol on the Environment; Robert Burton, Mayor of Oakville; Margaret Best, Ontario Minister of Health Promotion; John Tory, Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party; Deputy Chief Keith Forde of the Toronto Police; Yasmin Meralli, Vice President, Bank of Montreal; Anne Marie Bonner, Consul General of Jamaica; Jenny Gumbs, Consul General of Grenada; Nogolide Nojozi, Consul General of South Africa, among others.

Planet Africa Television is the only regularly scheduled English language series of its kind on African heritage and current affairs. Hailed as a great television experience, it airs three times a week on OMNI Television and Channel M in Canada, as well as on BEN TV in England and MBI in Africa. Planet Africa Magazine is a glossy, full colour and perfect bound publication that is on newsstands across Canada, including Chapters, Indigo, Walmart and many other locations. Please inform all those you know so they do not miss this great event.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bebia Mawa

Host & Producer, Television

Nelson Mandela
Humanitarian Award



Gervan Fearon
President, Tropicana
Marcus Garvey
Memorial Award



Nola Kianza
Vice President, CCAfrica
Development Award



Devon Sheriff
Owner, NoFrills Franchise
Enterprise Award



Alexander Henry
Taekwondo Champion

Managing Editor, Magazine
Planet Africa Group

Profiles Of The 2008 Recipients

Professional Excellence Award

Daniel Monehin, Vice President, Mastercard

The Professional Excellence Award goes to Daniel Monehin, Vice President of Finance at Mastercard. He conducts analysis, taxation, strategic management and other functions. His experience spans hi-tech, distribution, manufacturing, and finance; including HP's Technology Solutions Group. He holds an MBA from Queen's University, is a Certified Public Accountant, and a Chartered Accountant. He holds a B.Sc. in Accounting from the University of Lagos, and has implemented John Maxwell's Maximum Impact, the world's largest leadership event.

Planet Africa Rising Star Award

Kwame Jackson, Star On "The Apprentice" TV Show

The Rising Star Award goes to Kwame Jackson, a star on Donald Trump's "The Apprentice" TV show. An African American, he is proud of his Nigerian stepfather. He holds an MBA from Harvard University, has worked for Procter & Gamble, and Goldman Sachs. He co-founded Legacy Holdings, an investment firm. Kwame is a motivational speaker and advisor for Fortune 500 firms, universities, community, and civic leaders. He has given over 250 lectures. His Krimson label is a line of neck wear, now in stores like Macy's. His ties are Oprah Winfrey's "Father's Day Favourite Gifts".

Planet Africa Leadership Award

Dr. Muazu B. Aliyu, Executive Governor, Niger State, Nigeria

The Planet Africa Leadership Award goes to Dr. Muazu B. Aliyu, Chief Servant and Executive Governor of Niger State. His transparent and prudent leadership style has made the governor's office more accountable. He is the Chairman of the Forum of Northern Nigerian Governors. He has signed a contract to build a modern city in Niger State. Known as Garam Model City, it will be a suburb of Abuja. This is by GMC Limited, a consortium of Canada's Planning Alliance, Zavic Ventures, and a 50% stake held by the state government. Forest Hill Real Estate (Nigeria) Limited will undertake property sales.

Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award

Dr. Pat Francis, Founder, Compassion For The Nations, and the Bless Africa initiative

The Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award goes to Dr. Pat Francis, Founder of Compassion For The Nations, and Bless Africa. She is the Senior Pastor of Kingdom Covenant Center, a church with a weekly attendance of over 3,000. She hosts the "Good News With Pat Francis" TV show. She has launched real estate and communications companies, an academy, a collegiate, and others. Dr. Francis has worked in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. She is building a Covenant Gardens Orphanage to empower people affected by poverty and HIV / AIDS in South Africa.

Sports & Athletics



Dr. Henry Ukpeh
Author & Paediatrician
Science & Technology



Mary Anne Chambers
Former Minister, Banker
Lifetime Achievement



Music Africa
Michael Stohr, President
(Organizers of Afrofest)



Ned Blair
Community Organiser Volunteer
Of The Year

Marcus Garvey Memorial Award

Dr. Gervan Fearon, President, Tropicana Community Services, and Associate Dean, Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, YorkUniversity

The Marcus Garvey Memorial Award is going to Dr. Gervan Fearon, President, Tropicana Community Services, and an Associate Dean, YorkUniversity. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics; M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics. In 2005, he went to support the Archbishop of Kaduna, Nigeria. He organized interfaith activities; business, career and retirement seminars. He helped the National Open University of Nigeria with strategic planning. He says education and attitude to work determine income and promotion; while savings and investment culture determine prosperity.

Planet Africa Sports and Athletics Award

Alexander Henry, Taekwondo Champion

The Sports and Athletics Award goes to Alexander Henry. The taekwondo champion earned his first Black Belt at 10. He has competed in provincial and national tournaments, winning five 1st place titles. In 2006, he competed at the Chicago Open, ranking in the top ten. In 2007, he was a Wushu/TKD Champion. He is a 1st place Grand Championship Belt winner. He credits Master Young Su Chung for his success. He has been a Paper Carrier for 'The Economist', and has been accepted to BillCrothersHigh School, where athletics and academics are to be a hallmark.

Science and Technology Award

Dr. Henry Ukpeh, Pediatrician, Lecturer, Author and Motivational Speaker

The Science and Technology Award goes to Dr. Henry Ukpeh, a Pediatrician at Kootny Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail, BC. He is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia, the spokesperson for the Canadian Pediatric Society, and a highly sought after motivational speaker. Dr. Ukpeh was inspired to write his first book after addressing employees of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. Titled "Only Be Afraid Of Being Still," the book offers practical lessons from the lives of Children.

Planet Africa Lifetime Achievement Award

Mary Anne Chambers, Former Minister and Senior Vice President, Scotiabank

The Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Mary Anne Chambers. Ms. Chambers was elected Provincial Member of Parliament for Scarborough East and appointed to the Executive Council of the Government of Ontario in 2003. She became Minister of Children and Youth Services in 2005. She has served as Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; Senior Vice President of Scotiabank; Vice Chair of the board of the Rouge Valley Health System; Chair of United Way of Canada; and Governor of University of Toronto.

Planet Africa Enterprise Award

Devon Sheriff, No Frills Franchise Owner

The Planet Africa Enterprise Award is going to Devon Sheriff, owner of a No Frills superstore in Toronto. The Albion Mall store includes groceries, a pharmacy and other products. Raised by a single mother



Lorraine Klaasen
Singer and Dancer,
Media and Entertainment Award



Agostinho Neto
Determined Achiever
Academic Award



Munyonzwe Hamalengwa
African Renaissance
Award

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in the Jane and Finch area, he arose from being a cleaner to owning the franchise! He started at a FoodCity store, while attending WestviewHigh School, and went on to college. Sheriff has also owned a Fortinos Franchise. He is active in building relationships and liaising for charities. His life is an inspiring African Canadian success story.

Planet Africa Development Award

Nola Kianza, Vice President, Canadian Council on Africa

The Planet Africa Development Award goes to Nola Kianza, Vice President, Canadian Council on Africa or CCAfrica, which is dedicated to promoting trade and investment between Canada and Africa. He is also a community and international development consultant. Nola has worked for Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), and for Canadian Alliance for Business in South Africa. He has worked with the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Chamber of Commerce of South Africa.

African Renaissance Award

Munyonzwe Hamalengwa, Lawyer, Writer and Lecturer

The African Renaissance Award goes to Munyonzwe Hamalengwa, who hails from Zambia. He helped to establish York Student Movement Against Apartheid; Forum for African Students in Toronto; Canadian Association of Black Students; Human Rights Research Association; and the Black Student Law Association. Hamalengwa has taught at CarletonUniversity, SenecaCollege, Nelson Mandela Academy of Applied Legal Studies, and YorkUniversity, where he was the coordinator of the African Studies Program. He was a trustee for the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario (LLBO); and the Board of Inquiry under the Human Rights Code.

Volunteer Of The Year Award

Ned Blair, Community Organizer

The Volunteer Of The Year Award will be presented to Ned Blair, a Community Organizer. Since migrating to Canada from Guyana in 1972, he has continued in the spirit of community service. He has a sincere interest in people's welfare, helping to make them more effective in their work, social lives, and culture. Blair has the ability to identify opportunities, initiate ideas and implement change. He has led the Organization of Black Tradesmen and Tradeswomen; The Alliance of Guyanese Canadian Organizations; and The African Caribbean Cancer Forum, among others.

Media and Entertainment Award

Lorraine Klaasen, Singer and Entertainer

The Media and Entertainment Award goes to Lorraine Klaasen, daughter of legendary South African Jazz singer Tandie Klaasen. Born and raised in Soweto, she electrifies audiences with her dynamic music and stage presence. She was influenced by South Africa's musical giants of the 1950's and 1960's, such as Miriam Makeba, Dolly Rathebe and Dorothy Masuka. She ventured into musical theater, which brought her to Montreal. A singer, songwriter, dancer and choreographer, Klaasen's new, highly charged "Africa Calling" album takes her creativity to a new level.



Keynote Speaker
Mark Beckles
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Academic Achievement Award

Agostinho F. Neto, Medical Student; President, Angolan Youth Association

The Academic Achievement Award is going to Agostinho Neto, President of the Angolan Youth Association. He holds a nursing degree from Ryerson University, and is studying Medicine at the University of Toronto. He has taught at Collège Boréal, and coordinated nursing students in GTA hospitals. He speaks Portuguese, French, Spanish and is learning Mandarin. He has done work for AIDS Walk for Life; Africa Day; XVI International AIDS Conference; Canadian Blood Services, and others. He co-founded the BAOBAB Entertainment, which addresses social and other issues.

Planet Africa Heritage Award

Music Africa Incorporated and the Afrofest annual music and heritage event

The Planet Africa Heritage Award goes to Music Africa and the Afrofest annual event. Music Africa was formed by Thaddy Ulzen and Sam Mensah in 1989 to promote African Music and culture in Toronto. Its AfroFest event has become the largest African festival in all of North America, with up 20,000 people! It has hosted Hugh Masekela, Koffi Olomide, King Sunny Ade and others. The festival has an African Marketplace, and is broadcast live on CIUT-FM. In 2000, Music Africa launched "AfroFest in the Schools", contributing further to Canada's cultural mosaic.

Scheduled for Saturday, October 25th!

The International Centre's brand new Orion Ballroom

The Planet Africa Awards gala will be a grand celebration. Guests are expected from various parts of the world. The 2008 program is very special because it marks the 5th anniversary of the awards program. A presentation on a book that profiles recipients over the last 5 years, to be released in 2009 will be made. The event will start with cocktails at 6.00 PM; followed by dinner, a keynote speech and the awards ceremony at 7.00 PM. The 2007 gala was completely sold out, so buying tickets in advance or going early is important.

Saturday, October 25th, 2008.

Cocktails, 6.00 PM; Dinner at 7.00

International Centre

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