



UBIUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION USA, INC. (UDA)

UDA 2014 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 11-13, 2014

GALA & FUNDRAISING DINNER RECEPTION

Saturday, July 12, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Theme: "Working Together to Make a Difference for All."

Benefiting

UDA's on-going Program for Children and Women, Water Supply/Sanitation for Reduction of Water Borne Diseases, Public Education Program on HIV/AIDs Awareness and Prevention, As Well as the Poverty Alleviation Initiative, Ubium Micro-Finance Project, UMFP.

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Social Investment in Akwa Ibom State

UNIVERSITY OF UYO PROJECT



The Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Department lost accreditation and could no longer admit new students. Afren invested \$1million to equip their labs and train their technicians. The department is now fully re-accredited by COREN and NUC and has one of the leading African SPE student chapters.

TEACHERS' QUARTERS

Due to the isolation and inadequate roads, teachers within the Effiat community stopped traveling to the schools to teach. We built accommodations for the teachers so they can stay in the community during the week and ensure the classrooms are staffed.

HEALTH CENTRE

Constructing and equipping a health center with doctor's quarters in the Effiat community. Upon completion, we will lobby the Government to assign doctors and nurses to staff the clinic.

SCIENCE LABS

Constructed and equipped blocks of chemistry, physics and biology science labs at 3 schools in Eastern Obolo. As a result, the government has assigned 9 science teachers to these schools.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Afren awards scholarships to secondary, tertiary and post-graduate students to assist them with the cost of school fees and supplies. To date, we have supported 442 local students.

MBO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

Constructed, furnished and equipped a Youth Empowerment Center in Mbo LGA. The center contains a printing and photography studio, computer labs, training rooms and a social event hall.

JETTIES



Afren constructed 3 jetties in Eastern Obolo, one of which is the longest jetty in Sub-Saharan Africa, to open up isolated communities and allow them to expand their fishing businesses.

EJIKE FOUNDATION CAMPS

Afren sponsors 2 basketball camps held in Uyo each summer to teach basketball and American football skills to the local youth. These camps provide recruitment opportunities and to date 40+ participants from our camps have received scholarships to private high schools and universities in the U.S.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Training led by world-renowned Dr. Myles Munroe for the community leaders and key stakeholders on the topics of Sustainable Leadership, Empowerment and Conflict Resolution.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

3-day training for 50 women from our communities in modern business start-up and management strategies. The women were then given grants to invest in their businesses.

HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

Afren organizes 2-day clinics at existing facilities in Uyo, Ewang, Ebughu and Okoro-ette. Over 400 patients at each event were seen by doctors and nurses. The program provided free drugs, health counseling and corrective lenses.

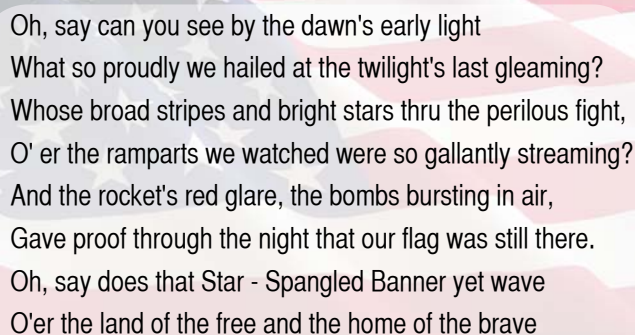
TECHNICAL SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAM




Each year, we enroll approximately 120 youths from our communities in vocational programs at technical training centers. Upon graduation they complete a 1-month intensive business training course at the University of Uyo before receiving starter packs and grants to kick off their own businesses.

Theme: Working Together To Make A Difference For All

Reception.....	Social Hour/Reception and Networking.....6:00 -7:00 pm
Seating	Introduction of MC(s) Entry & seating of guests
Grand Entrance Song/Dance.....	Members, Ubium Community USA
Opening Statement & Introduction of NPRO	Patrick Nta, President, Host Chapter
Introduction of MC(s).....	Prince Akparawa Ibok Esema, NPRO
National Anthems.....	DJ “Dr., J”
Invocation/Grace preceded by Hymn: “To God Be the Glory”.....	Dr. Samuel Esema, National Legal Adviser
Dinner.....	Soloist, Edrena Polk
Ubium, Anyi – A Poetic Rendition.....	Ubium Women USA
Greetings.....	National President, UDA, Invites Chairman, Board of Directors, UDA, to Greet Convention Dinner Guests
Chairman, Board of Directors, UDA, introduces Convention Dinner Chairman, of Prof. Ekwere J. Peters, Sr. Consultant, Afren Resources USA, Inc., and retired Frank W. Jessen Professor of Petroleum Engineering, University of Texas at Austin	
Dinner Chairman’s Remarks and Presentation.....	Prof. E J. Peters, Convention Dinner Chair
Dinner.....	MUSIC
The forgotten Ones: Echoes and Images.....	Favor Udoyen
Brief Remarks and Donations.....	Dinner Chair, Special Guests, & Others
Recognition of Honorees & Awards Presentation.....	Dr. Enamidem Ibok, Chairman UDA BOD
Special Auction	
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Dance</i>
Vote of Thanks.....	E. Samuel Essien, National President
<i>Music</i>	<i>Dance</i>
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Dance</i>
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Music</i>



Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
 O' er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 Oh, say does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave



Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey
 To serve our fatherland
 With love and strength and faith
 The labor of our heroes past
 Shall never be in vain
 To serve with heart and might
 One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

Greetings From **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**



Dr. Enamidem Ibok
Chairman Board of Directors –Ubium
Development Association (UDA) in USA.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome all of you to our 2014 Annual National Convention. We appreciate you taking time from your busy schedules to be present in our Convention. It is a testimony of your support for the programs we have set up for Ubium Community in Nigeria. In the past years UDA has made tremendous efforts in providing Health Services and Clean Portable Water to Ubium Community. It was your financial support that made these efforts to be successful. This year 2014 we shall continue to provide Basic Health Services, Portable Water; and also establish Micro Credit for local Entrepreneurs, Education & Youth Development, Skills Acquisition, Library Service and Food Production Programs. Our goal is to improve the conditions of the underprivileged people in Ubium community. Your financial assistance for this noble cause is highly appreciated.

May God Bless you all and return you safely to your homes.

Welcome

We welcome our distinguished guests to the Gala and Fundraising Dinner Reception of the 2014 National Convention of Ubium Development Association, USA, Inc. (UDA) taking place in the banquet hall of the Clarion Hotel, College Park, Maryland, USA.

We are thankful to the Almighty God for journey's mercies and for granting everyone a safe passage.

It is an honor to have in our midst our friends, brothers, and sisters, especially senior government and public officials, as well as industry leaders and members of the diplomatic corps, who have travelled long distances to show their solidarity with us. Thank you for honoring our invitation and for adding grandeur to this August event. Rest assured that we have also made adequate arrangement to make your visit worthwhile.

Since the formation of our association in the 1980s, we have taken a lead role in mobilizing resources not only to provide service to but also to help our communities in need. Some of the highlights of our community development initiatives include provision of opportunities to children in elementary schools and funds for improvement and repair of rural health clinics.

Last year, we installed boreholes with overhead tanks, stands, and distribution points for potable water in 15 of 20 designated villages in Ubium.

Your presence here tonight underscores the theme of this year's National Convention, "Working together to make a Difference for all." It also reminds us of our common identity and interest, shared values, and our collective desire to meet our responsibility to needy communities.

Our challenge this year is to form partnerships with public and private institutions that will provide those in our target communities with the opportunities to better themselves. Prof. Ekwere J. Peters, Sr. Consultant, Afren Resources USA, Inc., and retired Frank W. Jessen, Professor of Petroleum Engineering, University of

E. Samuel Essien

National President, UDA
New York, NY



Texas, Austin, is the Chair of tonight's Annual Gala/Dinner Reception. He is joined by several other illustrious and accomplished speakers and panelists sharing their views and insight during the convention, and supporting our fundraising efforts.

Tonight's event was preceded by theme-related panel discussions on a broad range of issues. The Convention reviewed the progress we have made thus far and made recommendations intended to give our elites and members of the Diaspora an opportunity to serve their people. The recommendations highlight ways we can make a difference through the application of our problem solving skills and talents.

This year's convention and dinner reception is unique for a number of reasons, notably the expanded role of youth. We witnessed the active participation of young people in our panel discussion. An Annual National Essay Competition, instituted effective this year, offers them a platform for expressing their views about culture and community service. Specific arrangements were also made to enhance young people's involvement in various levels of decision making, thereby providing motivation for engagement. Two papers on Ubium in the Convention Program Booklet, each by an expert with different views on events preceding the written history of Ubium, will give our young people additional insight into their cultural heritage.

As members of the Ubium Diaspora, we are concerned about the appearance and quality of life in our villages back home. We, therefore, often wonder how best we can lend our talents and skills to replicate at home what we enjoy and often take for granted in our host country. Tonight, three experts and outstanding professionals, who deserve recognition for their

accomplishments, will share their personal thoughts, experiences and valuable information on the way forward.

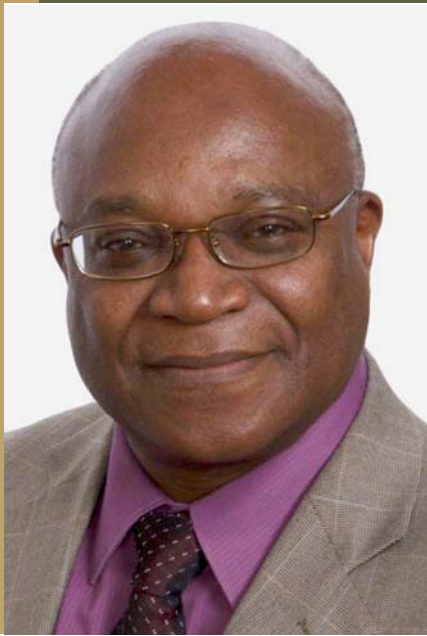
Part of the mission of UDA over the years is to contribute to the alleviation of poverty by meeting the needs of low income children, youth, women, and families in underserved rural communities. Through the major initiatives of UDA- on-going and proposed projects- we have addressed water borne diseases and illiteracy. Encouraged by our collective success, we aim to open up new vistas to contribute to poverty alleviation, capacity building, while addressing social concerns that stifle the standard of basic services in our target communities.

A lot has been accomplished and UDA has come a long way in caring for the less fortunate, needy children, and indigent families. But we have not done this on our own. We could not have done it without the support and financial assistance of donors like you.

This year, plans are on stream to touch the lives of thousands more through the launching of poverty alleviation programs- specifically UDA Micro-Finance Project, rural water and sanitation program that will be documented and expanded to cover every village in Ubium. We can do it with your commitment to the less fortunate.

We are pleased to count on your financial support, recognizing the difference we can make in working together. We urge you to reach out and make new acquaintances. It is going to be a wonderful and memorable evening, so sit back and enjoy it.

Welcome to College Park, Maryland and Ubium USA 2014 National Convention Gala/Fundraising Dinner Reception.



Prof. Ekwere Peters

2014 National Convention Chairman

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Dr. Ekwere J. Peters has over 35 years of petroleum engineering experience in field operations, petrophysics, higher education and research. He was the holder of the Frank W. Jessen Endowed Professorship and the George H. Fancher, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Petroleum Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, where he was a faculty member for over 31 years. From 1997-2001, he was the Chairman of the Department of Petroleum & Geosystems Engineering where he provided administrative and academic leadership to the highly ranked department.

At the University of Texas, he taught courses in introduction to the petroleum industry, drilling and well completions, production technology and design, advanced pressure transient analysis, petroleum fluid properties and advanced petrophysics. He has conducted over 40 short courses for the petroleum industry in the USA, Canada, Nigeria, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Japan, Indonesia, Ecuador and Trinidad & Tobago. He has taught in-house courses for Mobil Producing Nigeria (2000), Shell Petroleum Development Company (1999, 2002), Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (1985) and Petrobras (2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012), among others. A recognized expert in flow through porous media and petrophysics, he has published over 70 papers and reports on various aspects of petroleum engineering based on the results of original research. He is the author of a 3-volume series: Advanced Petrophysics - Volumes 1, 2 and 3, published by Greenleaf Book Group

in 2012 and sold world-wide through Amazon.com.

Dr. Peters established a reputation as an excellent teacher early in his academic career and consistently received very high ratings for teaching effectiveness at the University of Texas and at industry short courses. He has won numerous awards for teaching and professional excellence including the prestigious Texas Excellence Teaching Award, the Petroleum Engineering Teaching Excellence Award in the Cockrell School of Engineering, the Society of Petroleum Engineers International Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty and the Society of Petroleum Engineers Distinguished Member Award.

His previous petroleum industry affiliations were with Shell-BP Petroleum Development Company (Nigeria) Ltd in drilling and well completions, United Petro Laboratories, Calgary as the manager of a PVT and Core Analysis Laboratory and Amoco Production Company, Houston in pressure transient analysis in tight gas sands. Currently, he is a senior consultant at Afren Resources USA, Inc., The Woodlands, Texas, where he oversees the company's educational initiatives in the USA, Iraq and Nigeria.

He holds a BSc, 1st class honors, degree in Engineering from the University of Leicester, an MS and a PhD in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Alberta and is a registered professional engineer in Texas.



WELCOME TO UBIUM REPUBLIC IN NSIT UBIUM (LGA) AKWA IBOM STATE OF NIGERIA

By Samuel Esema, J.D., Ph.D.

CULTURAL HISTORY: Records and oral evidence point to the fact that Ubium people came to being as a result of migration. A river known as Ekaidim (Ubium Creek) divides Ubium into two parts called Ubium North and Ubium South. Ubium has three clans, namely ISE, UKAT AND AFAHA. The three clans belong to the Ibibio ethnic group and like others speak an intelligible language belonging to the Benue-Congo sub family. Ubium people moved to the area now known as OBIO UBIUM carrying with them their 'STONE GOD,' and built shrines for the god-popularly called, ITIAT UBIUM. Afaha shrine is known as ADUANG AFAHA, Ukata shrine is known as AQUA UKAT, and Ise shrine is known as MBAT AKAN.

GEOGRAPHY: UBIUM is geographically in Nsit Ubium Local Government Area (LGA) of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria. Nsit Ubium LGA was carved out of the then Etinan Local Government on May 3rd, 1989, and has its headquarters at Ikot Edibon. Ubium is bounded by Oron, Eket, Nsit Attai Local Government Areas, as well as IKot Edibon on the east, west, north, and south respectively.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH COLONIAL MASTERS IN UBIUM: UBIUM came under the British protectorate in 1903 after the UBIUM WAR. The Union Jack was hoisted at Ikot Ubo and troops were stationed there to pacify the whole area. The British then appointed some leading traditional rulers as warrant chiefs. In 1928, the Native Authority (NA) was set up in Ubium as a separate unit from Eket and the Ubium N.A. Council was constituted. A native court was also established. Until 1971 when Ubium was merged with Etinan, Ubium had always enjoyed its own autonomous local government council.

RELIGION: The concept of deities for the people of Ubium is pre-defined by their ancestors whose worldview was embedded with an enduring recognition of an existence of a Supreme Being. Hence the lives of thousands of Ubium people have been greatly affected and patterned by the deities. For some, deities are not only an object of worship but also the absolute for promoting social integration, in-

teraction, group solidarity, cultural rejuvenation and tourism. The "STONE GOD - ITIAT UBIUM" is highly exalted as the custodian and benefactor of the people.

Despite strong adherence to these deities, a greater percentage of Ubium people have embraced Christianity with its attendant Western civilization. This is evident in the presence of Orthodox Churches, notably Qua Iboe Church, Salvation Army Church, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, and African. There are also a number of Pentecostal and Spiritual Missions.

TOURIST POTENTIAL: Ubium abounds with a broad variety of tourist attractions, what with the scenic beauty of the hinterland, springs, and expansive forest and woods. A drive through Ubium in the evening reveals inspiring scene and captivating vast plains of green foliage.

The Ekpo festival of Ikot Akpan Abia and Ikot Eyo, as well as the "Ibom" masquerade and "Ukwa", performed mainly by the men, provide spectacular display for visitors. Women in most villages perform the traditional "Ebre" dance, and male youths spend most moonlight nights in traditional wrestling popularly called

ECONOMICAL ACTIVITIES: The people of Ubium are very enterprising. While identifying themselves with many aspect of economic endeavor, they are predominantly farmers, artisans, and traders. Some also engage in fishing and craft making. Small weekly markets exist; however, most villages have very big markets, a major source of goods and wares for the mini markets. Major markets in the 'nation' include the Urua Ntakrok at Ikot Ubo, Urua Obo at Akai Ubium, Urua Obio Ubium market, Urua Ndueso at Ikot Eyo, and Urua Ata at Ndukpoise.

FOREST RESERVE: The forest reserve policy in tree felling has affected many areas in Ubium. This is evident in the large forest reserve in the area. Trees such as Bush mango, 'Udara', 'Eben', (pear), 'Ekom', 'Ekporo', 'Ukana', timber, Iroko, Ebony, and Gmelina abound in the area.

The major cash crop is oil palm. Though the people engage mostly in subsistence agriculture, there exist in various villages, several acres of cassava plantations cultivated by individuals and co-operative societies, e.g. Ikot Eyo Integrated Farmers. Raffia palm trees, which abounds mostly in marshy areas support fruit cultivation, traditional brewing, and production of raffia based goods and wares.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY: Livestock, ranging from cattle (West African dwarf specie), goats, and sheep, are kept in every household in the area. Large-scale husbandry of poultry (both local and reared), piggery and snail rearing are undertaken by private entrepreneurs to boost livestock production.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Ubium is endowed with enormous rich mineral and natural resources. The large expanse landmass in the area is rich in humus, which is needed for large-scale agricultural projects. At Nung Obong, the abandoned World Bank Assisted Swamp Rice Cultivation Project is still begging for investors.

MINERAL RESOURCES: Gravel for building and sand for glass industry are found in Ikot Okwot, Odoro Atasung, and Nung Obong. There are indications of availability of rich nickel deposits in some parts of the 'nation'. Ubium is still waiting for investors to tap these potentials, which have laid waste for many decades.

HEALTH INSTITUTIONS: There are several health institutions in Ubium, these are: One Leprosy Clinic at Ikot Ubo and nine Health Centers, spread all over the 'nation', Nung Obong, and two Cottage Hospitals at Akai.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND IMPACTS: With the location of Ubium very close to the operational base of mineral oil exploration and gas flaring at Ibeno, the roofs of many public and private buildings have been seriously corroded, leading to leakages in the roofs of these buildings soon after their completion. Fumes released from the flaring operation affect crops, leading to low agricultural yield.

CONCLUSION: The people of Ubium are known to be great believers in SELP HELP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. In 1947 under the leadership of Mr. Simon Tom Akpan (later HRH EDIDIEM S. T. APKPAN-NSUBONG), Chief[s] Evans Udong, Etim Okoko, Joseph Esema, John Eno and others, UBIUM UNION was formed mainly for development purposes. It also acted as an advisory group to the Traditional Rulers. The first project was to improve human resources. Three sons of Ubium (names withheld) were given the opportunity to study in Universities abroad.

THIS IS UBIUM 'THE REPUBLIC'

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LIST OF VILLAGES AND VILLAGE HEADS IN UBIUM VILLAGE LEADERSHIP IN UBIUM SHARE THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS UBIUM VILLAGES ARE GOVERNED BY CHIEFS

1. HIS HIGHNESS ETEBOM OKON UDO AKPAN; IKOT EYO/CLAN HEAD
2. OBONG DR. N. D. AKPANOWO; AKAI/ CHAIRMAN
3. AKPANEM NYONG ESSIEN; IKOT AKPAN ABIA/ VICE CHAIRMAN
4. PETER MICHAEL; IKOT UBO/ SEC. GENERAL
5. GABRIEL OKON INOH; OBIO/ TREASURER
6. FRANCIS BENJAMIN UDOHNSH; IKOT OKPOUDO/PRO
7. NATHAN WILLIE AKPAN; IKOT OKWOT
8. A. NKONONG; IKOT AKPAENO
9. UDOH SOLOMON INYANG; ATIAMPKAT
10. SAMUEL JIMMY IDIONG; N/A
11. EKPONOIMO J. UDOM; IKOT NTUNG
12. O. J. ISOH; IKOT UDO ITON
13. FRIDAY BASSEY ETUK; NDUKPOISE
14. EMMANUEL JONNY UDOETUK; UKAT
15. ETIM EDET OBOT; IKOT USO
16. SOLOMON; IKOT UDO IDE
17. U.N. UDOEWA; IBIOMIN
18. UDONSE; IKOT OKPOUYOT
19. NTEKIM EFE EKPO; IKOT NKEBEK
20. AKPAN IME AKPAIDIP; IKOT NKO
21. EDUOK HENRY ENO; ODORO ATASUNG
22. I. T. UDO; NNUNG OBONG
23. AKPAN JOSHUA; IKOT EDOK
24. ASUQUO UMOH; IKOT ODUOTANG
25. EDET NELSON EKPETOK; IKOT ESEN
26. BASSEY EDOHO UKWA; MBACK UNO
27. OKON JAMES EYEM; IKOT OSOM
28. AKPAN JEREMIAH EKANEM; IKOT OKORO
29. UMOH JOHN UMOH; IKOT EKWERE
30. ANTHONY SUNDAY; N/A
31. UDO S. IDEM; N/A
32. ENOIDEM ENOIDEM; EKPENE UKIM



A SHORT HISTORY OF UBIUM AND HER PEOPLE

By Obong Essien Esema

The story of the origin of Ubiom came to us through oral tradition, handed down from generation to generation. We know how adulterated or altered the medium may be but we have to depend on it, as there are only a few known other sources and artifacts on Ubiom.

The oral traditions tell us that Ubiom was a person who had many children among whom were Afaha, Ise, and Ukat. The tradition reports that Ubiom, like other Ibibio founding fathers, broke away from Ibom in Cross River Basin near Arochuku. With his children, Ubiom moved to a place in the present Ikono LGA and later, he migrated to another area in Uruan LGA (close to the present day Mbiaya Uruan). Later, he moved to Ndikpo in present day Asutan Ekpe area where Ndon Ubiom can be found till today.

Oral tradition still maintains that from Ndikpo, Ubiom people moved to Ikot Akpan Abia / Ndukpoise where some settled, while others pushed ahead to Obio Ubiom where they deposited their gods and built shrines. Till today, one can find the shrines of Aduang Afaha in Obio Ubiom, Mbat Akan in Ikot Akan and Aqua Ukat in Obio Ubiom. These shrines are not beyond one kilometer apart. From Obio Ubiom / Ikot Akan, the migration continued eastwards and led to the founding of most of the villages in Ubiom South.

However, there are persons who do not give much credence to the oral tradition that Ubiom was a physical human being but hold the view that people of common heritage migrated in waves to occupy the area now known as Ubiom. These waves of migration must have taken place a long time ago.

In more contemporary times, Ubiom is made up of three Clans : Afaha, Ise and Ukat, broken down into the following thirty four (34) villages: Akai, Atiamkpat, Edem Idim Okpot, Ekpene Ukim, Ikot Akpa Eno, Ikot Akpan Abia, Ikot Akpamba, Ibiomin, Ikot Edok, Ikot Ekwere, Ikot Enwana, Ikot Esen, Ikot Eyo, Ikot Nko, Ikot Ntung, Ikot Odu Atang, Ikot Okoro,

Ikot Okpoudo, Ikot Okpuyot, Ikot Okwot, Ikot Osom, Ikot Ubo, Ikot Udo Ide, Ikot Udo Iton, Ikot Umo, Ikot Uso, Mbakuno, Mbiekene, Ndukpoise, Nnung Obong, Obio Ekit, Obio – Ubiom, Odoro Atasung, Ukat.

From a locational perspective, Ubiom is bounded in the North by Nsit Ibom Local Government Area, in the South by Uquo Ibene / Okobo Local Government Area, in the East by Ekpe Atai Local Government Area and in the West by Eket. Presently, Ubiom is an unusually very large part of the Nsit Ubiom Local Government, South South of Nigeria, as it curiously and unjustly remains the only one of its historical authentic Ibibio peers that is yet to be a separate local government, when indeed others, including many non - Ibibio groups have been split into either two or more Local Government Administrative units in the new Nigerian order.

Ubiom is Ibibio speaking, with farming and trading as main occupations. It is blessed with abundant human and natural resources. Recently, oil was discovered in Ikot Okpoudo, one of the early time Ubiom villages. Ubiom has an estimated population of 300,000 people, a formidable number of highly educated individuals in numerous academic and professional fields, over 22 primary schools, 10 secondary schools, a police station and some police posts, a full fledged pre 70's post office, two postal agencies, 5 big daily markets and 20 other weekly markets. There are also medical center at Akai, Nnung Obong, Ikot Ubo, Ndukpoise and Ikot Okpoudo to mention just a few.

About the Author: Barr. Esema resigned from public service in 2011 to resume his Private Legal Consultancy Services. Until his recent appointment as Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to Akwa Ibom state Government on Petroleum matters by Akwa Ibom State Governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, he was the Principal Partner and Head of Chambers in the Law Firm of Essien Esema and Associates with offices at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State and Abuja, Nigeria.

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UBIUM DEVELOPMENT

"Each of us owes our existence to thousands of generations of successful ancestors. As their descendants, we have inherited the passions that led to their success — passions that drive us, often blindly, through a lifelong journey in the struggle for survival, the pursuit of position, and the search for relationships." DAVID M. BUSS

Introduction

Ubiem Development Association (UDA), USA, Inc., a 501 (C) 3 non-profit charitable organization, fosters support for programs and services to promote community development, enhance optimal development, and facilitate access to basic services in underserved rural communities in Nigeria's Niger Delta Region.

History

UDA was founded in the 1990s and reorganized in 2007 to promote meaningful contribution to community development.

Mission

The mission of UDA is to improve the quality of life in underserved communities through valuable development strategies and collaboration with governments, philanthropic organizations, corporate entities, and private donations.

Vision

The vision of UDA is to become the pre-eminent organization that gives youth, our people, and future generations the opportunity to achieve their aspirations through: a) active participation in activities that will make meaningful contribution to the development of underserved communities, and b) the application of analytic and problem solving skills in community development

Organization and Service Population

Under its current organizational structure, UDA is headed by a National President, who, assisted by a national executive committee of 9 officers, reports to a Board of Directors.

Headquartered in New York, NY, UDA works with its local chapters to facilitate the mobilization of resources for the provision of essential services to its target population.

Beneficiaries

Ubiem is a group of 34 villages that are part of Nsit-Ubiem Local Government jurisdictional area or county in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Ubiem (population approx. 350,116), occupies the eastern flank of the Nsit-Ubiem Local Government Area, and covers

an area of approximately 121.471 sq. km.

The percentage of the population living below poverty level is below the national average. While social infrastructure is limited, the majority of the population, faced with the problem of environmental degradation, have limited or no access to basic services and clean source of drinking water.

Goals and Objectives of UDA

- To make the community viable by improving conditions of the underprivileged, including children in target villages through the provision of basic services.
 - To expand economic opportunities and empower marginalized families with financial resources and facilitate the provision of safe water and sanitation in order to reduce the spread of water borne diseases.
- Objectives
- Provide funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of existing health centers in order to address the issue of access to services and enhance patient safety.
 - Provide funding for basic education of children at the primary school level to give them a well- rounded foundation to pursue the vocation of their choice.
 - Facilitate access to micro-finance and entrepreneurship training to expand investment and business opportunities and standard of living for low income individuals and families.
 - Promote individual and community participation in the development of rural communities by identifying and meeting felt community needs through Diaspora, corporate, and government partnerships.

To achieve the foregoing goal through relationship and collaboration with individuals and corporate bodies that can provide financial and technical support for UDA's development programs.

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Mechanisms for Achieving UDA's Goals and Objectives:

Activities, programs, and mechanisms established by UDA to achieve and support its goals and objectives include:

- Implementation of village development projects such as school and health center renovation and rehabilitation. The project entailed award of contract at the cost of \$20,000.00 for renovation of the dilapidated and damaged roof of Ndukpo-Ise Community Health Center Ambulatory Care Building and related repairs of walls and the interior.

- Technical and financial assistance for safe drinking water and sanitation. In implementing this project, UDA provided funding to an indigenous contractor to provide boreholes and overhead tanks in 15 of 20 designated primary schools in different villages in Ubium. UDA also worked closely with the administration of the primary schools where the projects are located to raise awareness of the importance of safe drinking water and sanitation.

Public enlightenment and awareness promotion projects aimed at encouraging healthy living and life style will be executed in partnership with the health centers at Ndukpo-Ise and Akai Ubium.

The annual national convention of UDA constitutes a vital element in the Association's effort to mobilize people and resources for community development projects. UDA responds to inquiries from individuals, private and public organizations, building relationship and facilitating consultation and coordination among Ubium people in the Diaspora.

UDA Micro Credit Program (UMCP):

In addition to the Clean, Safe Drinking Water and four other projects, the Micro-Credit Program is a key element of UDA's economic empowerment program for impoverished communities in Ubium.

The aim, consistent with the economic mission of UDA, is to provide capacity building/skills training to meet the basic needs of rural communities in Ubium and to extend a revolving loan to people who wish start or finance small scale enterprise and take active steps to improve their lives.

Starting in five wards, 100 youth and families will be trained and given access to micro-finance to start their own business and enhance their income and living standard.

Project Data

Duration: The Micro-Finance Scheme – 1 year (Pilot Phase), 5 years expansion to cover all villages in Ubium.

Project Cost: \$50,000.00 USD required in the first year to cover administrative and training cost, as well as revolving loan.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

To ensure the success of the pilot program, a monitoring and evaluation plan is critical. A monitoring and evaluation plan will provide monthly and quarterly updates to the UDA Board of Directors through the National President and the National Executive Committee.

The project consultant will monitor and evaluate this project using an eight (8) element standard Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) process.

The process entails selection of impact indicators, research design, data collection and survey execution, data compilation, as well as data processing and analysis.

The outcome of this process will enable the Board of Directors to understand the impact of the project, and where changes, if any, are warranted.

The consultant will also document and present a report at the end of each project year.

Conclusions

UDA sincerely appreciate the financial support of our donors, but cannot successfully execute all her present projects without continued financial and technical assistance from our supporters, corporate bodies, Federal, State, and local governments.

Thousands of children, women, and youths in our target communities are underserved, resulting from severe decline in or absence of basic services.

Our overall goal is to improve the basic condition of the marginalized, which provides the impetus for concerted action and prompt and effective intervention.

UDA

Accomplishments



Year(s)	Project(s)	Project Goal	Amount	Outcome Indicator
2001-2004	Primary Education Grant for Children of School Age (Pre-care -12)	Consistent with millennium development goal, to enhance primary school enrollment among children of low income families	\$10,000.00	Net primary enrollment in beneficiary communities in Ubium rose by 10%
2004-2006	Rural Health Clinic Rehabilitation and Roof Renovation Grant	Assist in the survival and rehabilitation of dilapidated facilities in Community Health Clinics	\$20,000.00	Funding enabled Ndukpo-Ise Community Health Center to implement overdue replacement of leaking roof and maintain its capacity to meet the health care and safety needs of its patients.
2006-2010	Healthy Food Fair/ and Nutrition Awareness Promotion Campaign	Improve nutrition awareness and standards among at risk population in Dallas inner city by teaching them how to eat healthier food	\$1000.00	About 150 people who signed up and attended the Fair in Dallas, TX were able to answer questions about how to identify, prepare, and eat food with higher nutritional content
	Safe Water Supply and Sanitation	Construct protected wells and boreholes, as well as overhead tanks to ensure adequate supply of safe drinking water in primary schools	\$26,768.00	Boreholes and overhead tanks were constructed in 7 primary schools, increasing access to safe drinking water to 75% in 2010
2010-2013/14	Safe Water Supply and Sanitation	Construct protected wells and boreholes, as well as overhead tanks to ensure adequate supply of safe drinking water in primary schools.	\$30,592.00	Boreholes and overhead tanks were constructed in 15 of 20 designated primary schools, increasing access to safe drinking water to 85% in 2013
2014-2016	Micro-Financing to improve the living standards of low in-come youth and women through entrepreneurs, educational, and skills training and support	As a pilot, train 100 youths on entrepreneurial skills to enable them contribute to the development of their community Provide revolving fund for youth trainees to undertake income generating activities through Micro-Financing	\$50,000.00 Required to implement this project	Pending



Congratulations

The Family of Ms. Gloria Ekong

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On the occasion of their 2014 Annual National Convention

Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Ubium Development Association's National Convention.

The theme of this year's convention, "Working Together to Make a Difference for All," speaks to our growing interconnectedness across the globe and how vital the development of our communities is to our future.

Our greatest strength as a State lies with organizations like yours, who act each day in the belief that every person can make a difference and that all of us have an obligation to try. Thank you for your continued efforts to create a better world for all.

Frederick Douglass once wrote, "We are one, our cause is one, and we must help each other if we are to succeed." In this great State, we believe in service, the dignity of every individual, and our responsibility to advance the common good. When we join behind causes greater than ourselves, we can overcome insurmountable odds and grow as a global community.

On behalf of all Marylanders, best wishes for a memorable convention.

Sincerely,

Governor



Maj Gen HB Momoh (Rtd) mni

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My dear Essien,

When you invited me to attend this year's Annual National Convention of Ubium Development Association USA, Inc. in College Park, MD, as special guest, I had no doubt that it would be a memorable event, what with the splendid arrangements you and your capable team have made for its success.

Your theme, "Working Together to Make a Difference for All", reassures me that your deliberations at this year's convention will identify partnership opportunities for potential contribution of the Diaspora to the development of their homeland.

Although I cannot attend the event in person, I am delighted to let you know that my family and I applaud what you and your association are doing for your people. I will make my modest contribution to your fundraising efforts in support of the impoverished families and children your organization seeks to empower through your community based poverty alleviation projects.

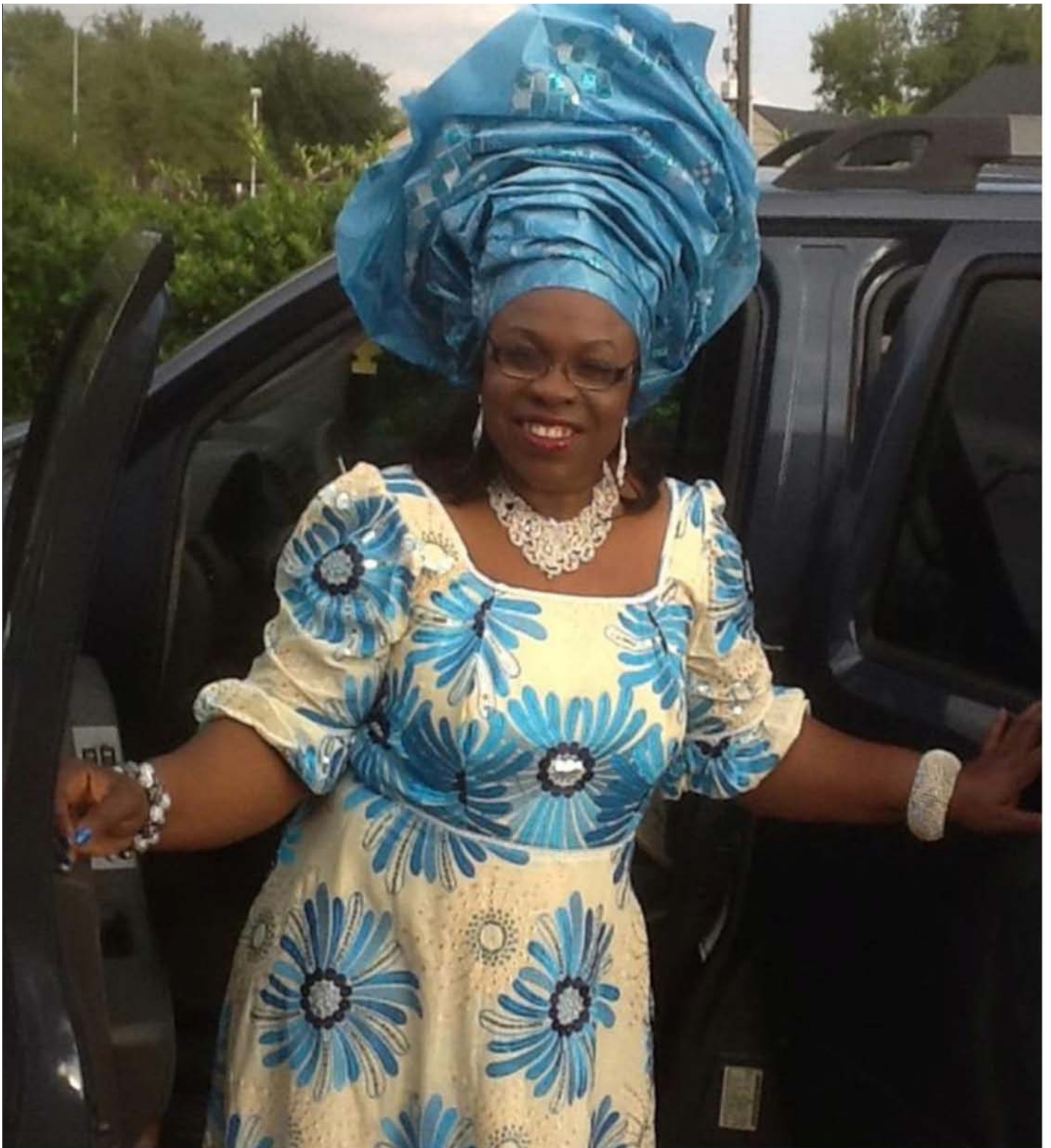
I would like to pay tribute to those you are honouring at this year's convention. The impact they have made and their contribution in their respective communities is laudable. I urge you all to maintain your vibrant role in advocacy and the development of your homeland.

Thank you for inviting me and best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely

Maj Gen HB Momoh (Rtd)

May 3rd 2014



Congratulations to Ubium people who have contributed to the success of this convention. Ubium Anyi!!

Eka Morgan–Dallas, Texas



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to Yours

The staff and the management of Divine Home Care Services, Inc. Heartily congratulates,

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Reflections of a Young Diasporan:

Mistakes Our Generation Must Avoid If We Want to See Change in Nigeria

By Jane Udoewa



Deadly Mistake #1: ASSUMING PATRIOTISM IS GUARANTEED because a person is born in Nigeria, has a green passport, and is addressed as Chukwu, Inyang or Mohammed does not automatically mean he owes his country anything. A country has to earn its citizens respect and patriotism.

A country does not earn its citizens respect, by frustrating them with needless bureaucracy, pilfering tax payers' money, setting up road blocks upon road blocks for them. No! It earns its citizen's respect by doing the reverse, showing its citizens it cares for them about their image and about their well-being; fighting for them when they are persecuted in other countries, but most importantly, when they are persecuted in their own country!

Do not make this deadly mistake to assume patriotism should be given simply because one was born in a certain country. People are not patriotic to America simply because they were born in America, but rather because of what America has done for them.

Take a look at our NYSC program! We have a national service program being mandated by a government that is not in the position to mandate it. When you provide mandatory free health care for your citizens, free Education for your citizens, scholarships and interest free loans for your citizens, then you can mandate their service. But we don't do any of the above and worst still we mandate their service rather arrogantly.

Students who offer to serve their nation should be treated with respect. One way to guarantee this is through good customer service. But NYSC does the reverse. Corps members are treated with utmost disrespect, as if government was doing them a favor.

Our generation has to change this to earn the patriotism and respect of our citizens. Countless numbers of our citizens are migrating out of Nigeria. in large. Not because they don't love their country, but, rather because they don't feel the country is looking out for them.

Deadly Mistake #2: MISCONSTRUING PAPER INTELLIGENCE FOR PRACTICAL INTELLIGENCE. How many degrees we have, the number of distinctions we got in school or how young we were when we graduated is absolutely meaningless in the grand scheme of things. What matters instead is how we are able to transform our intelligence and our degrees into practical solutions for our nation.

I think it is because we are focused on the wrong premise, the paper intelligence. What we need is to get off our addiction to paper intelligence and instead focus on real tangible intelligence. When William Kamkwamba designed a wind mill in his village in Malawi he did it without a high-school diploma, but made a greater impact than thousands with PhD's.

We all know that mobile devices are the future. More people are using mobile devices now than any time in the world. You would think that our universities would have made mobile app programming a core part of our national curriculum, but they haven't and some Universities for example Covenant University even take it a step further and ban mobile devices on campus! So at the end of the day, we have a first class upper computer engineer, with all the honors in the world draped around his poor neck, yet he is not able to design a simple mobile app, that a 13 year old, high-school kid in Ukraine has designed!

Deadly Mistake #3: FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL WEALTH Banana Island and Parkview estate are one of the richest pieces of real estate in West Africa. But yet when it rains... both Banana Island and Parkview estate turn into rivers! These estates with their collection of multi-millionaires (in dollars not naira) living in the fanciest houses have not been able to bring their individual wealth together to address their estates flooding problem. This is the irony of Nigeria! And it stems from the misunderstanding that individual wealth in the midst of communal poverty is somehow still wealth. Sadly it is not...it is poverty.

About the Author: Jane Udoewa

Jane is currently working as a Principle Application Support Analyst at Deltek. Jane graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Computer Science and began working with Deltek in 2004. During her time there she decided to continue her education at the University of Houston with a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems.

Caveat: Views expressed herein are those of the author.



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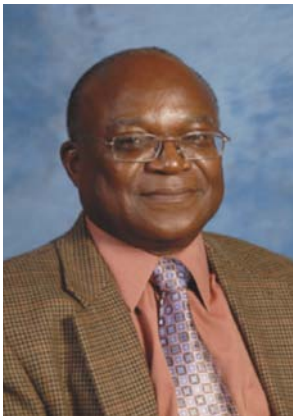
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2014 UBIUM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION USA, INC.

National Convention Honorees

A CORPORATE SPONSOR AND FIVE OTHERS HONORED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



Dr. Ekwere Peters

Distinguished Professor of
Petroleum Engineering (Retired)
University of Texas, Austin, TX
Senior Consultant Afren PLC

Dr. Ekwere J. Peters has over 35 years of petroleum engineering experience in field operations, petrophysics, higher education and research. He was the holder of the Frank W. Jessen Endowed Professorship and the George H. Fancher, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Petroleum Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, where he was a faculty member for over 31 years. From 1997-2001, he was the Chairman of the Department of Petroleum & Geosystems Engineering where he provided administrative and academic leadership to the highly ranked department. Prof. Peters, who currently works as a senior consultant at Afren PLC, is being honored for his gesture of spontaneous assistance and commitment to the success of the 2014 National Convention through the Afren-UDA USA, Inc. partnership.



Henry Kayode Udoewa

National President
Ubium Development Association USA, Inc.
2001-2006

Henry Udoewa is currently a church pastor and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Unity National Bank. After an eventful tenure as the National President of Ubium Development Association USA, Inc. from 2001-2006, Henry, who has not relented in giving back to the community and the church, devoted his time to serving the Ubium Community in Houston, where he also held office as Chapter President. Henry is being honored for his exemplary and long service to his community, as well as diligence, and a trusted leader-servant of the people



Eka Morgan

National President
Ubium Development Association USA, Inc. (UDA)
2007-2013

Distinguished educationist, known for her “no nonsense” and practical approach to leadership, Eka Morgan, UDA’s first female national president, brought stability and renewed vitality to UDA after assuming office in 2006 during a period of great social uncertainty. It is to her credit that UDA survived well into the future, due primarily to the programmatic and policy thrust of her administration. During her tenure, among other accomplishments, 15 of 20 designated primary schools in different villages were provided with boreholes complete with water pumps and overhead tanks. Eka has always been about helping people, especially those in dire need, to realize their potential. She consistently performs her role in a manner that is consistent with the highest values of her people. She is being honored for her capable leadership, outstanding accomplishments, eventful tenure, and commitment to selfless.



Ed Akpaita

Chairman
Board of Directors
Ubium Development Association USA, Inc. (UDA)
2006-2013

An accomplished industrial chemist and professional, Ed. Akpaita has held top level positions in various leading pharmaceutical companies in the USA and most recently in Switzerland, where he was the lead senior consultant for Maetrics LLC at Mezzovico. Despite his tough, demanding, and grueling schedule as director of operations and quality compliance, Ed served on UDA’s Board of Director as Chairman, providing selfless and capable leadership to a group of directors equipped with the passion and skills to serve their community and homeland. His leadership and guidance were vital to the support the National Executive of UDA enjoyed during Ed’s tenure as Board Chairman. Ed, who resigned his position as chairman during his stint in Europe, has since returned to the US, where he works with a consumer goods industry in Southern California. Ed is being honored for long service, exemplary leadership, and substantial financial contribution to the work of the community.



Obong Harry “DJ Harrasment” Edohouwkwa, Jr.

Youth Leader
Dallas, TX

He is talented and Harry, Jr., who knows this more than anyone else, uses his natural skills and God’s given talent to build an enduring relationship with his peers, community, and homeland. Widely acclaimed as the best disc jockey in the Dallas area, where he provides music and entertainment at social functions, Harry, Jr. AKA “DJ Harassment”, is quick to explain that he does not harass, but his music does. While he continues to entertain at every social function, Harry Jr. combines his work with community service, helping the youth connect with the older generation and bringing a different perspective to the impact of music in community service. Harry Jr. is being honored for his passion for service and selfless community service to the community.

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9th June, 2014

Ubium Development Association (USA)

C/O Mr. Essien Essien

New York City

USA

GOODWILL MESSAGE

On the occasion of Ubium Annual Convention 2014 organized by Ubium Development Association (USA), I wish you well. I am aware that by this convention you will be taking the culture, tradition and mores of the people of Ubium to the international community.

I am also aware that the Association takes into consideration the vision of the founding fathers of Ubium Development Association. This way, you have consistently contributed to the development of Ubiumland. I congratulate you in this regard.

Unity is the bedrock of any solid human organization. It was Henry W. Longfellow who wrote; "All your strength is your union all your danger is in discord". I am sure that it is this unity that has sustained the growth and development of Ubium Development Association (USA). I do hope that you will bring this spirit of unity and love to bear in Ubiumland, encourage our children to go to school as well as to engage in honest living. This way, I believe Ubium will continue to grow from strength to strength.

As you mark this year's Annual Convention, I am strongly behind you and trust that your members will remain good ambassadors of Ubium by exhibiting good character and conduct in all they do at all times. I wish you a worthwhile Ubium Annual Convention **2014**.

CONGRATULATIONS.



Senator Effiong Bob

Pro-Chancellor & Chairman of Council

University of Benin, Benin City

Aus Deutschland mit Liebe

(From Germany With Love)



Die Ubium Gemeinschaft in Deutschland und ich voller Stolz die
Ubium Development Association USA, Inc.
Beste Wünsche für einen erfolgreichen Konvent

The Ubium Community in Germany and I proudly support
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Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

Sandra Müller
Frankfurt
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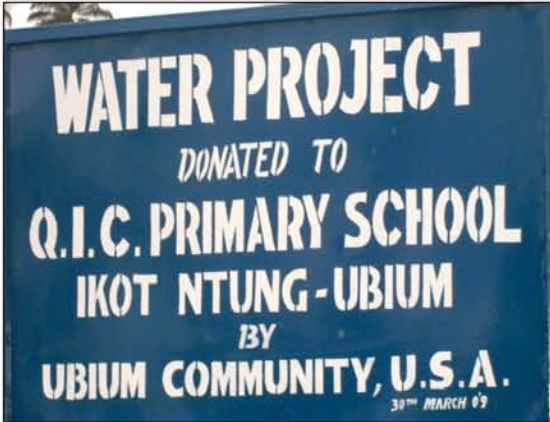
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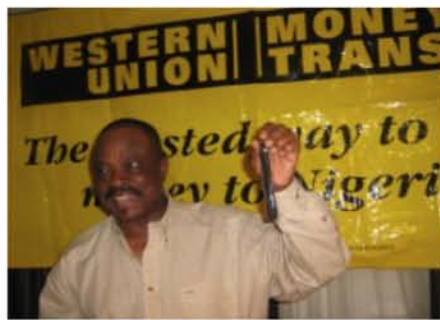
Favor Udoyen
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Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative

15 Installations Completed in Different Villages so far







Healthy Food Fair/ and Nutrition Awareness Promotion Campaign



UBIUM SOCCER DAY

ELDER (JUSTICE) EDEMEKONG 1953-2013



He was a courageous and incorruptible judge of Akwa-Ibom State judiciary from 18th December, 1997 to 3rd February, 2013. Consequent upon his sacrificial service, Rotary Club International gave him the following awards:
Above Self Award Recipient and
a 2-Star Paul Harris Fellow

He meant well, tried much and achieved much but could not do more because of death.

Adieu! Dear One.



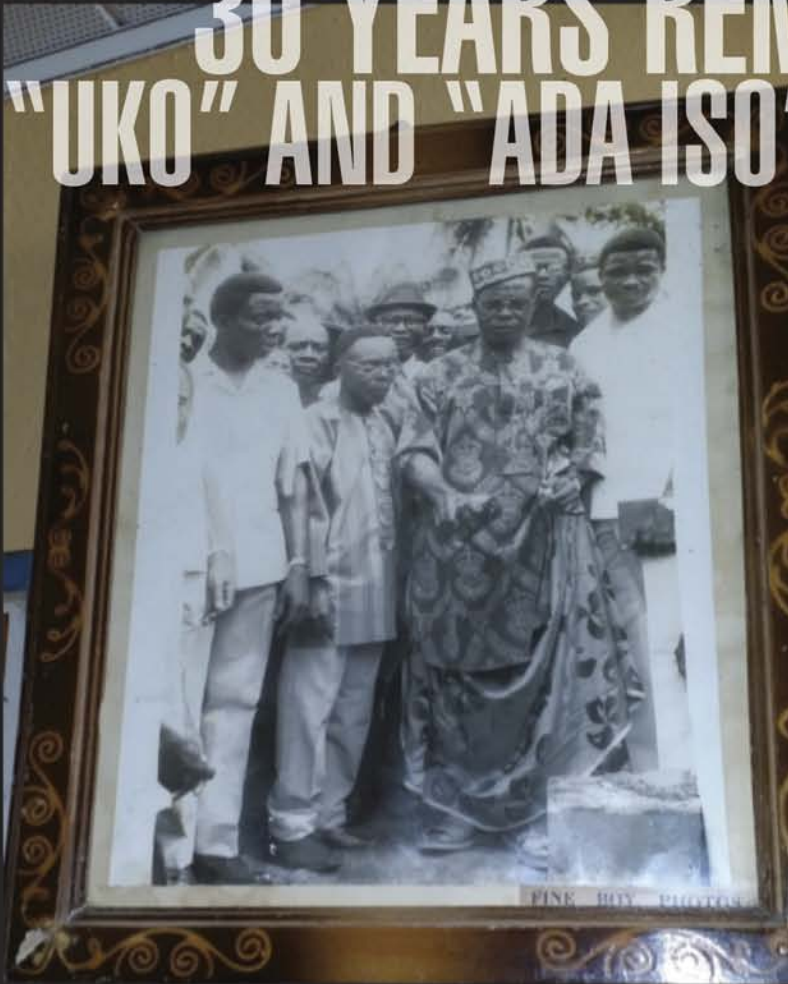
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On behalf of all the Chiefs in UBIUM.

I Adaha of Ubium clan, Obong Esema Umohanwan, congratulates and supports Ubium Development Association on their 14th Annual Convention here in metro Washington area, July 11-13, 2014

UBIUM Anyi!

30 YEARS REMEMBRANCE OF "UKO" AND "ADA ISO" IKOT EYO UBIUM



Obong SAMUEL "UDOUKPONG ETOK" AKPAN ESSIEN
VILLAGE HEAD, IKOT EYO
(1974 -1983)

Daddy, dear, 30 years after your untimely death, your name still fondly remembered among the old and young in the village.

Though some have since passed on, but a good number of the youths you trained in various trades, the widows you provided for, the orphans you housed and fed, and scores of helpless kids you sponsored in school have not forgotten your kindness.

What is more, they still pay tribute to you for the numerous community projects undertaken during your reign, notably the Agricultural Farm, Secondary School, and Town Hall.

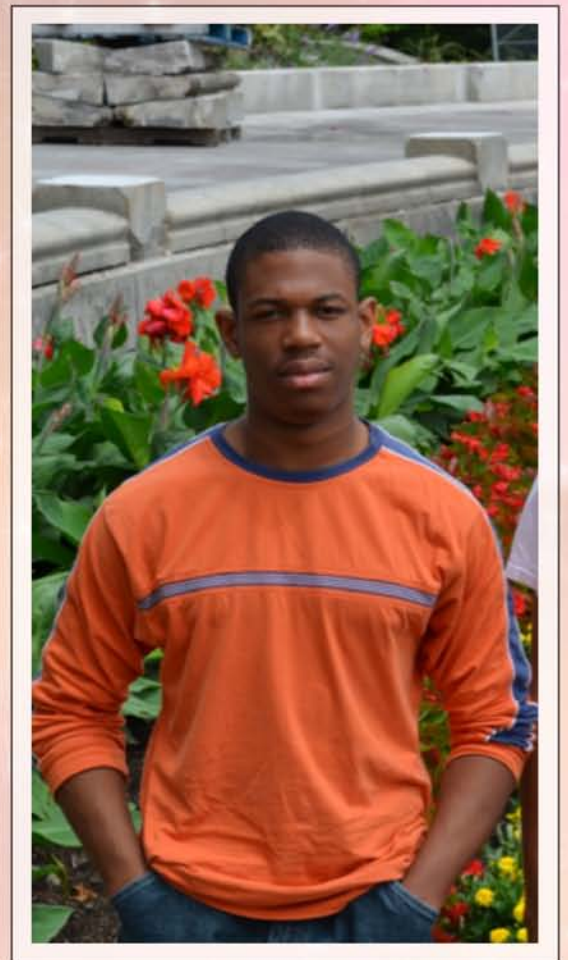
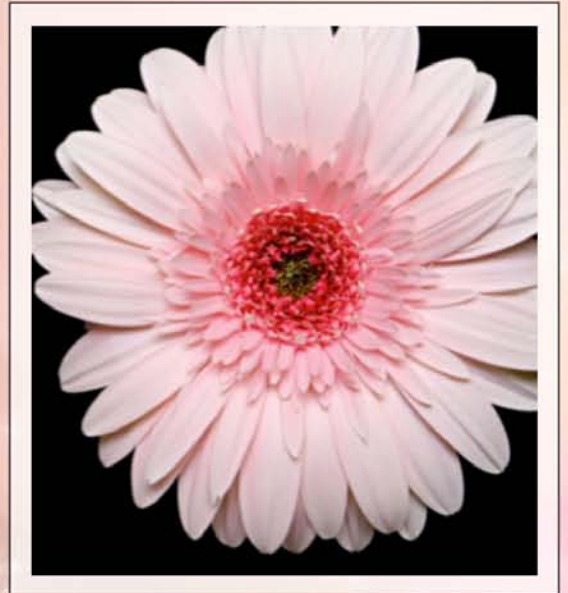
May Your Soul Continue to Find Rest in the Presence of the Almighty God



E. Samuel Essien, New York; Effiong S. Essien, Philadelphia; Ukpon S. Essien, Calabar; Uwem S. Essien, Eket; Eric S. Essien, New York; Akwaowo S. Essien, Eket; Emem/Imaikop Essien, Uyo; Ini S. Essien, Eket
&
Grand Children & Daughters in law



Rosemary Thomas & Eka Morgan congratulate the National President, his cabinet, and all Ubium people in USA



Ms. Margaret Utuk, Ubium Development Association (UDA), USA, INC. National Secretary and Family, Ememobong Mbek and Ukeme-Obong Mbek proudly congratulate the Association on its 2014 National Convention in Maryland. Long Live

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The family of Mr. Harry and Mrs. Patience Edohoukwa Heartily congratulates the National President and his cabinet and welcome the entire people of Ubiom and their well wishers to the Nation's Capital on the occasion of their 14th Annual Convention in College Park Maryland. We wish you all a very successful convention and God's blessing.

UBIUM ANYI! UBIUM ANYI!! UBIUM ANYI!!!
LONG LIVE UBIUM REPUBLIC

Ekaete & Elizabeth Edohoukwa for the family

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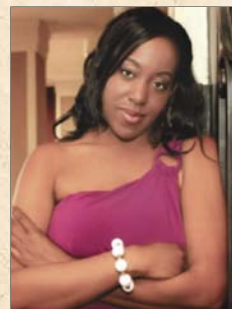
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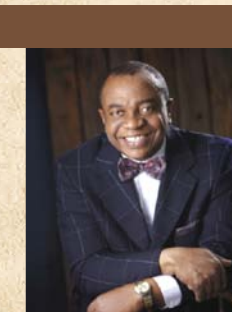
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E. Samuel Essien, National President, is an Associate Director at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, a teaching hospital in the North Brooklyn Health Network of Health and Hospital Corporation of the City of New York (HHC). He holds a master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and is author of a conference paper and several newspaper publications, including those in the Guardian Newspaper, Lagos, Nigeria. A member of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), Essien also holds certificates of professional qualifications from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN; Community Development, Saemaul Undong National Training Institute, Seoul, South Korea; and General Management, Administrative Staff College of Nigeria, Badagry, ASCON, Lagos, Nigeria.

Friday Etokimoh, National Vice President, is a graduate of Luton University, England, and served in the out-going National Executive Committee as Special Adviser to the National President. Etokimoh resides in Philadelphia, PA.

Margaret Etuk, RN, National Secretary holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in nursing and is currently employed in a senior management position in the healthcare industry in the State of Maryland, where she resides.

Patrick Nta, National Financial Secretary, a telecommunication consultant, works in a senior management position in the State of Maryland.

Ike Udoyen, National Treasurer, is the CEO of Amazing Grace, a licensed and Joint Commission certified Home Healthcare in Union, NJ. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, and an MBA from Adelphi University, Long Island.

Prince Akparawa Ibok Esema, National Public Relations Officer, a graduate of the Polytechnic, Calabar, and the University of the District of Columbia, is an information technology analyst with the World Bank.

Ubong Udoka, National Youth Leader, graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Psychology and is currently studying to become a medical doctor. In his third year at the International American University Medical School, Ubong is on clinical rotation.

Jane Udoewa, National Special Adviser on Communication & Youth development, holds bachelor's degree in computer science from Baylor University and a master's degree in computer information systems from the University of Houston. In her role, Jane applies her problem solving skills to plan for and improve basic services for Ubium youth and people both at home and in the Diaspora. She currently works at Deltek, Houston, TX, as a Principal Application Support Analyst.

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Dr. Enamidem Ibok, chairman, succeeded Ed. Akpaita, who resigned recently to devote more time to his official assignment in Europe. An engineer by profession and a member of the Nigeria Society of Engineers, as well as several professional engineering organizations in the USA, Dr. Ibok has served on the board since 2007.

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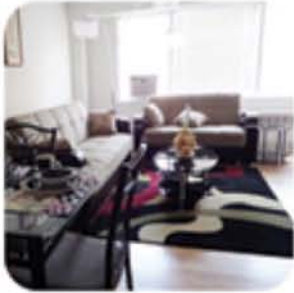
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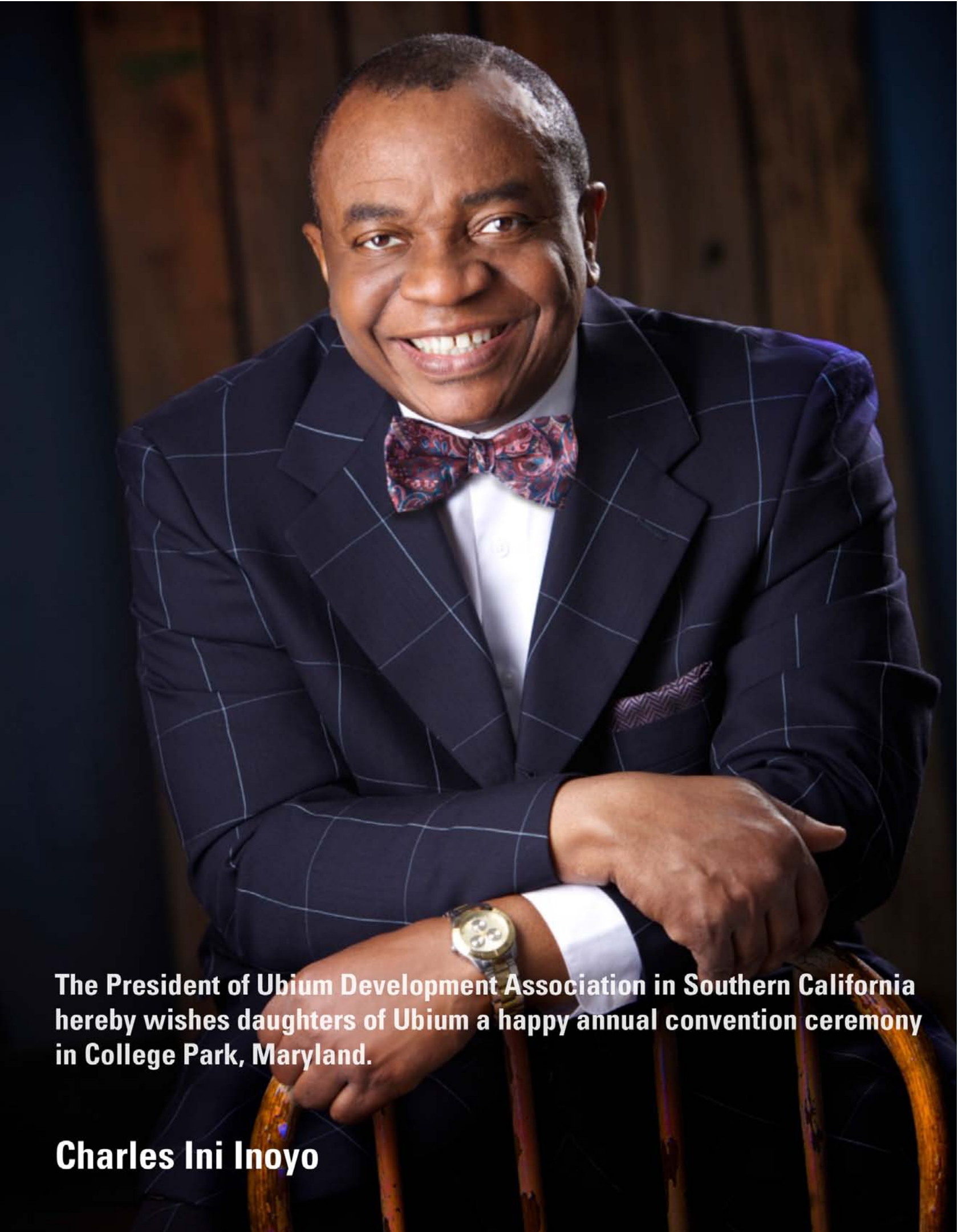
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We wish you a successful convention



The family of Eli Udoka wish to congratulate and support Essien Essien, the National President, and his cabinet, on the occasion of the 14th Annual National Convention of the Association. We are very appreciative of your leadership, care, and generosity. Your focus on empowerment, support of, and addressing the welfare of the less privileged in Ubium is highly commendable. We wish you a very successful convention and God's continued guidance in all your future endeavors.

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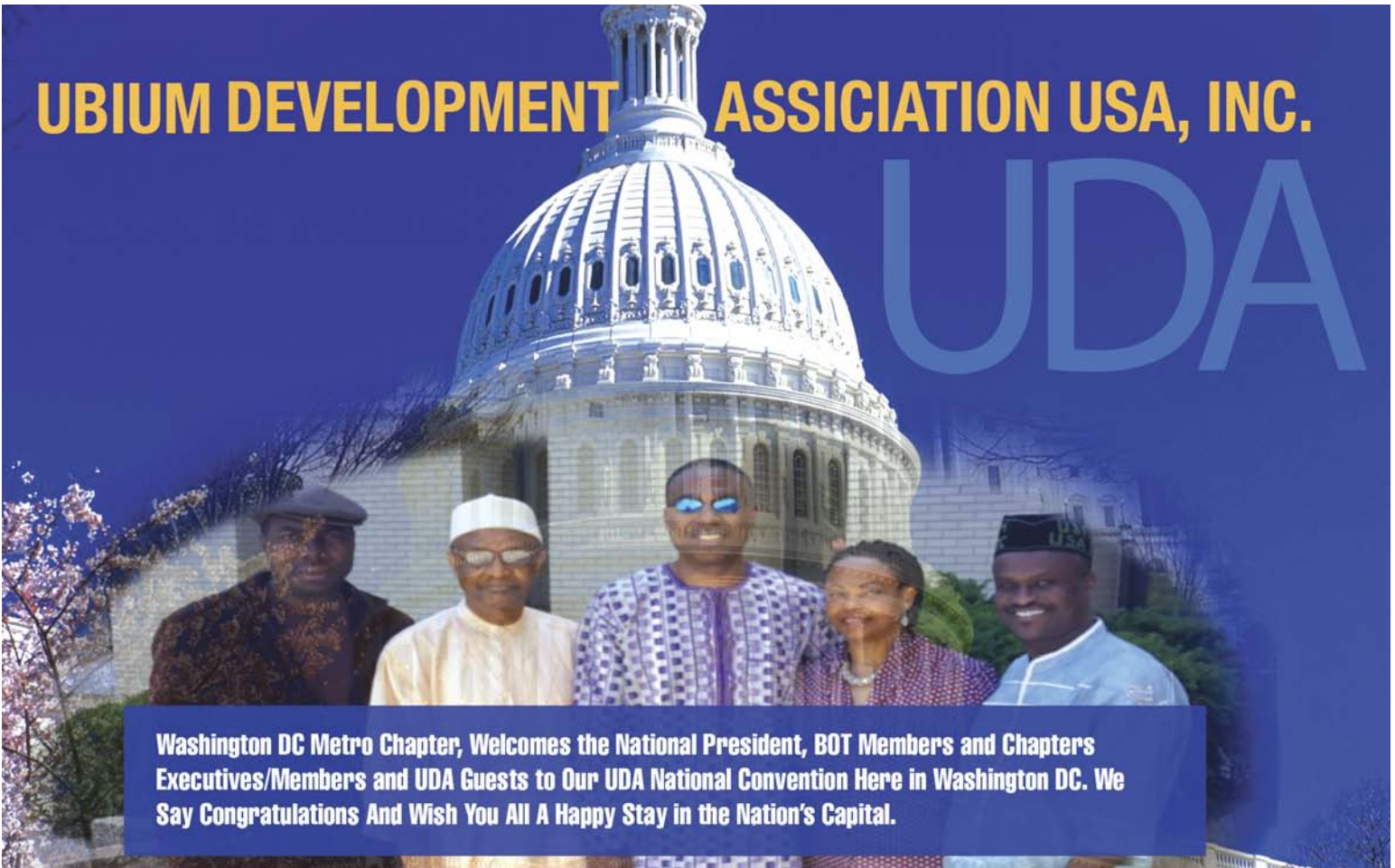
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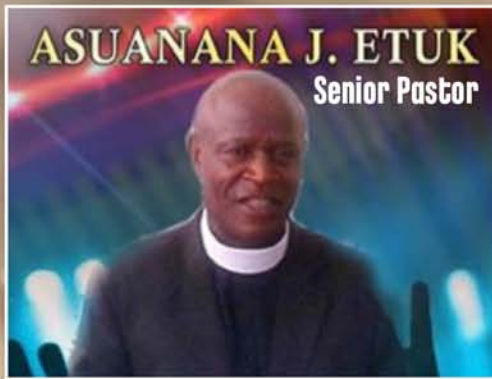
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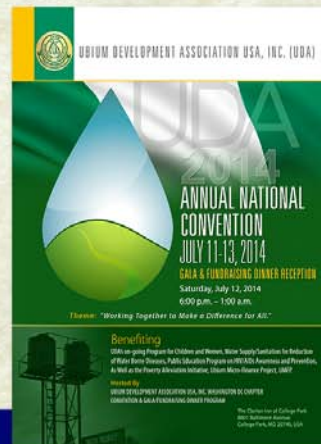
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We can never adequately express our appreciation to everyone, particularly the Chairman of the 2014 National Convention.
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