



AKWA IBOM STATE ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA, USA INC.  
NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
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President

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Members, Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria, (USA) Inc.

All Akwaibomites in the Diaspora

All Akwa Ibom citizens in Akwa Ibom State (the Land of Promise)

Friends and Associates of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Godwin  
Ekpene, Rph  
National Vice  
President

### Special Invitation:

On behalf of the National President, the National Council, and the Board of Trustees of Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria, USA Inc, you are cordially invited to attend our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention taking place in Detroit, August 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Dearborn, 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, USA. Tel. 313-982-6790.

Isong  
Ekpenyong  
National  
Secretary

In a return performance and in attendance at the National Convention will be His Excellency, Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Obong (Barr.) Godswill Obot Akpabio, along with legislators and dignitaries from Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria and the State of Michigan.

This year's Convention will feature a Governor's Ball (meet and greet His Excellency up close and one-on-one) on Thursday 8/13/09; singles Mix and Mingle sponsored by the Michigan chapter on Thursday 8/13/09; Business Expo and Cultural Night complete with a "Taste of Africa" on Friday 8/14/09; AKISAN Business meeting on Friday 8/14/09; a Town Hall Conference & Governor's Forum on Saturday 8/15/09 afternoon; Sports and automotive industry historical sites visits, and Fundraising Gala (to fund and enable continuing Scholarships award project, as well as the Akwa Ibom Cultural Center (building) in the USA) on Saturday 8/15/09.

Unyime  
Ekpenyong  
National  
Treasurer

The Nigerian Consulate is scheduled to be present Thursday 8/13/09 through noon Saturday 8/15/09 to enable Nigerian Passports renewal and issue. Come early to avoid the crowd as this opportunity is open to all Nigerians in Michigan and neighboring States.

Eti E. Umana  
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The 2009 National Convention features a strong opportunity to develop business relationship between the United States and Akwa Ibom State through the business expo and enabling business seminars.

Also new at the convention is the cultural dance competition, along with an enhanced beauty contest to crown the next Miss Akwa Ibom USA (and current Miss Akwa Ibom State from Nigeria is scheduled to be in attendance to do us the crowning honor).

Additional feature includes male and female fashion (style) show (if you think Victoria Secret style show is hot, wait till you see what the New York chapter's Madame President Obot Okoko has lined up for you).

...and live music from the likes of Sir Wilker and others await you at the 2009 National Convention.

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For the party animals, young and old, single or ....., it is every evening of fabulous fun; starting with the singles mix and mingle affair at the St. Regis (a new social networking feature), through the Youth Party, culminating in the post fundraising gala Motown theme party.

Your presence and participation will be much appreciated.

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Volunteer to serve in various available capacity by contacting the 2009 National Convention Coordinator (see contact information below or visit [www.akisan.org](http://www.akisan.org)).

The Akwa Ibom National Convention with an average annual attendance of 5,000 (five thousand) guests is one of the largest and well attended of any Nigerian States' socio-cultural association in the United States of America (USA), and offers companies, organizations and their members a variety of opportunities to market their products and services to Nigerians in the Diaspora.

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The Theme of the 2009 National Convention (**Building a Bridge to Unlimited Socio-Economic Potentials for business Partnership in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria for members of the DIASPORA**) illustrates the need to develop global business relationships and opportunities between the United States, Nigeria, and Akwa Ibom State in particular. The 2009 National Convention will provide the forum for intellectual discussions, workshops, networking, exposition, and cultural interaction/exchange.

Eti E. Umana  
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In keeping with our customs and the courtesy we usually extend to convention attendees, we the undersigned and members of the Association will provide support for and make the 2009 National Convention experience, a pleasant one to remember.

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Please be on the look out for weekly feature news bulletins, informational, and all manner of data to enable your 2009 National Convention trip planning.

Book your air travel and hotel accommodation now.

Register now on line to avoid long lines at the convention.

Obtain your visa where required.

Come to Detroit and enjoy some good old Midwestern hospitality, wrapped in Akwa Ibom culture.

Come talk to your State Governor His Excellency Obong Godswill Akpabio at the 2009 National Convention and gain **reassurance** that **Akwa Ibom Ado Okay**.

Please visit [www.akisan.org](http://www.akisan.org) for the complete fees and expense schedule and projections for your budget purposes....and all about AKISAN and the 2009 National Convention.

Sincerely,

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