



2010 23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION PROCLAMATION

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Detroit, Mich. (08.08.10) Whereas, Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc. held and concluded its much anticipated 23rd Annual National Convention on **Thursday, August 5 thru Sunday, August 8, 2010 at the RADISSON PLAZA LORD BALTIMORE, right in the heart of the great city of Baltimore, Maryland, USA.**

Whereas, the theme of the 2010 23rd Annual National Convention was (“Securing A Legacy for Akwa Ibom Culture in America”), a statement of affirmation and a rallying cry to every Akwa Ibom indigene and well wishers to join hands, make necessary sacrifice, and build a brick and mortar home for the preservation of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria culture in the United States of America.

Whereas, the goal of social networking was met through power banquets, mix and mingle events, various reunions, and power networking meetings.

Whereas, the goal of business networking was met through a business forum anchored by eminent Akwa Ibom and USA business leaders, representatives from ExxonMobil Nigeria, US Import and Export (EXIM) Bank, and the Akwa Ibom State government.

Whereas, the goal of promoting Akwa Ibom culture was met through a sumptuous “Taste of Akwa Ibom State”, cultural dance competition won by L.A. City Chapter, and the “coming out” of Ekpe masquerade.

Whereas, the goal of raising funds to enable charity works and funds toward constructing a physical building, an “Akwa Ibom Cultural and Convention Center” was begun through generous donations by patrons, members, friends, and associates of Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.

.....and Whereas, an issue of community, state and/or national nature and importance, public safety in Akwa Ibom State, was received and discussed through the first of its kind “Akwa Ibom Roundtable on Public Safety and its impact on Good Governance and Economic Development (jobs creation and economic empowerment for Akwa Ibom Citizens”.

The 23rd Annual National Convention proclaims as follows:

1. That public safety remains the number one issue of concern to AKISAN members, Akwa Ibom Diaspora, and Akwa Ibom citizens at home.
2. That whereas law enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government of Nigeria (through the Nigerian Police Force), the Governor of Akwa Ibom State (His Excellency Obong Godswill Akpabio), as the chief security officer of Akwa Ibom State, is obligated, as a matter of number one priority, to enable public safety and the welfare of Akwa Ibom citizens, by any means necessary.
3. That AKISAN condemns political assassinations and kidnappings; encourages polity with civility; and stands for a democracy that elects

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Akwa Ibom leaders through plural primary process, with party flag bearers selected by the electorate, without fear or intimidation.

4. That as an enabler for the reduction of the crime of kidnapping, the government of Akwa Ibom State, increase her energy and focus on her efforts toward economic development and jobs creation. The business of growing Akwa Ibom middle class must be prioritized to precede those investments that are sustained over the long term with disposable incomes.
5. That the government of Akwa Ibom State, through its investment promotion agency, take affirmative action to enable the launch of investments (such as Amakpe refinery), even as it encourages new investments by the private sector.
6. That the government of Akwa Ibom State adopt a strategic initiative targeted at developing indigenous capacities in design, engineering, machine tool manufacturing, fabrication & erecting, large capital constructions, and business management (as a foundation initiative for the coming Akwa Ibom industrial revolution).
7.and that to demonstrate transparency and accountability in Akwa Ibom governance, a general accounting office (or its equivalent) be established to monitor and audit all expenses (for propriety) on large scale projects in the execution phase in Akwa Ibom State.

Let us therefore rededicate ourselves to the ideals of love for one another, that bond of perfection.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of nation building through our individual and communal commitment to Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Let us build AKS idea by idea, through collaborations, without emotion or commotion.

Let us be impeccable in all that we say and all that we do, even as we agonize over the most difficult issues of our time.

Let us continue in relentlessly **Giving, Advocating, and Volunteering.**

One Akwa Ibom....One People....One Destiny

God bless Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.
God bless Akwa Ibom State
God bless you, one and all
God grant wisdom to our leaders.

Akwa Ibom Isongo ooo.

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