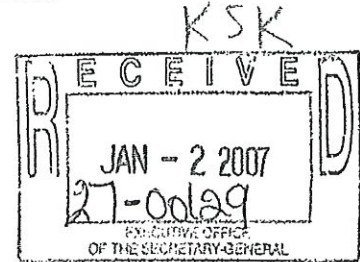


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The United Nations
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

AFRICAN SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE

Congratulations on the completion of your excellent service to the United Nations. We are forming an organization to create an African School of Governance. We respectfully request an urgent meeting with Your Excellence to discuss this school. We envision it as a center of higher learning for the whole of Africa, to train emerging leaders in traditions forged by you, Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and others of the continent's champions of democracy.

We seek to locate the School in Ghana, home of the Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre for Excellence in ICT, with which we seek an association. Because of your integrity, and distinguished career as a diplomat and humanitarian leader, we would greatly appreciate if you would advise us or spearhead the initiative.

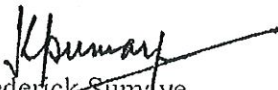
Africa has the intellectual and leadership capital to have a world-class institution of governance. The time is right. Democratic governance, a huge issue on the continent, is taking hold in more African nations. The African School of Governance will create a new model, whereby the continent's brain drain becomes a brain gain. Some Africans have decided to travel abroad for university and graduate school, and to gain expertise and experience in issues of governance. This institute will build Africa's leadership from within Africa.

We believe we are in a unique position to launch this project. We have all lived or worked in Africa, and studied or worked at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. We share a deep commitment to Africa's development. In addition, we have a huge, impressive network of Kennedy School alumni from African and other nations willing to contribute their expertise to the African School of Governance. They include experts on democratic governance, enterprise development, truth and reconciliation commissions, international dispute resolutions, women's capacity building, children's welfare, a free press, and comprehensive irrigation systems.


Please allow us to introduce the project partners: Frederick Sumaye, Prime Minister of Tanzania, 1995-2005, Mason Fellow and 2007 candidate, MPA, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Jackson Wonde, Liberian, associate director, American Red Cross, former Carter Center deputy country director in Liberia, Mason Fellow and 2006 MPA, Kennedy School of Government; Dr. Mimi Goss, American, communications consultant, Kennedy School of Government faculty, trainer for U.S. State Department and business client in nine African nations; and Rajini Jesudason, Canadian, Sri Lanka-born and former Nigeria and Zanzibar resident, Kennedy School of Government Mason Fellows mathematics instructor, previous division dean for Bay Area community college, program director, Boston Public Schools.


Sir, we welcome the opportunity to discuss details of this proposal with you. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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