



AfricaFora's Nzuko¹ 2021 & 2022 – Africa Week report.

This report states the rationale behind the Nzuko series. It also highlights the activities that took place at the two (2) previous editions. Nzuko 2021 was the 1st edition and took place from May 24 - 26, 2021. Its success paved the way for more iterations in 2022 and now in 2023.

NZUKO 2021 – AFRICA WEEK

On May 24th through to 26th 2021, an innovative African-led initiative was birthed to promote creative and new channels of cooperation and collaboration between Africa, the Diaspora and friends of Africa, during the 2021 Africa Day commemoration. Nzuko 2021 was initially scheduled to hold in Paris, however, it was abridged and repackaged to a virtual version due to the current Covid19 pandemic.



Titled **Nzuko2021 - Africa Week**, the initiative sought to create a forum, during the annual Africa Day commemoration, to bring together Africa and the diaspora together to brainstorm on ways to change the narratives. Nzuko promotes economic and cultural projects for intra-African, Africa/Diaspora/friends of Africa collaborations in our communities, through a series of annual summits and trade shows, while celebrating our similarities as a people.

One of the speakers, Hon. (Dr) Collins Nweke said *“the refreshing uniqueness about Africa Economic and Cultural Week (AECW) as envisaged by [AfricaFora](#), is the way it tries to knit culture on the one hand and economics on the other hand. It does so by highlighting the best African endogenous existing practices that could integrate into tried and tested economic principles, as against the often-used strategy of faulting Africa’s so called “cultures” as a hindrance to the continent’s economic development”*. The conference also seeks to link inventors/innovators to investors, in an effort to boost local investment and development.

The conference commenced with the African traditional pouring of libation by **Dr Nwachukwu Anakwenze**, the traditional Prime Minister (Onowu) of Abagana, Nigeria.

Representing Honourable Abike Dabiri, the Chairman / CEO, NIDCOM, Mr Ayodele Akinribido, said that *“Africa is the place to be right now”*. He traced the stunt development rate in Africa *“to bad, uncreative, ingenuine, selfish, dispassionate and visionless leadership, and concluded that if Africa were poor, two foreign companies (Western Union & Money Gram) wouldn’t be making 10 billion US Dollars annually on remittances alone”*.



¹Meeting/reunion



Nzuko 2021 comprised of 22 speakers, with 3 daily sessions over 3 days (totalling 9 sessions).




Africa Economic & Cultural Week- Nzuko 24 -26 May 2021: Speakers



 Dr. Sheila Ochugboju	 Dr. Ifeanyi M. Nsofor	 Krystal Gaillard	 Mawuko Adjaho	 Diana Onyonyi	
 Jane Kasumba	 Philippe Garnier	 Dr. Jared A. Onyari	 Jean Louis Gaillard	 Kadiatou Kante	 Dr. Collins Nweke
 Maureen Y. Outcalt	 Dr. Ugo Nwaogu	 Jude Romanus Ezeh	 Johnny Muteba	 Dr. Louis Brown Ogbeifun	 Barrister Olunkwa Ifeanyi Micheal
 Dr. Vedaste Ndungutse	 Dr. Asma Abuzaakouk	 Dr. Solomon Adeleye	 Dr. Jude Odiakosa Osakwe	 Muyiwa Akintunde	

Highlights of the occasion included the convergence, despite the diversity of topics that the lack of vision and ingenuity of African leaders is the reason for the excruciating poverty and insecurity in Africa; resulting in the overall disdain for Africa and Africans. The burning desire expressed by the different speakers, to boost the economic and cultural collaboration between Africa and the Diaspora, as well as the call to equip the grassroots with opportunities for development and security solutions.

The conference was moderated by:

 Andy Amadi Okoroafor Moderator	 Krystal Gaillard Moderator	 Mr Obinnaya C. Uruakpa Moderator
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AfricaFora's CEO in her closing remarks, thanked Mr Innocent Udeh and Mr Ibrahim Danlami of the Nigerian Embassy in Paris for their faith in the project. She called on all African missions in Paris to support the event, citing the visions of the founding fathers of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), of *“an Integrated, Prosperous and Peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena,”* as her motivation.



Before bring the event to an end, she commended the speakers, the moderators and the audience without whom *“there would be no event; not forgetting her family and team for their presence and unflinching support.*

Our artists



Chris Obehi



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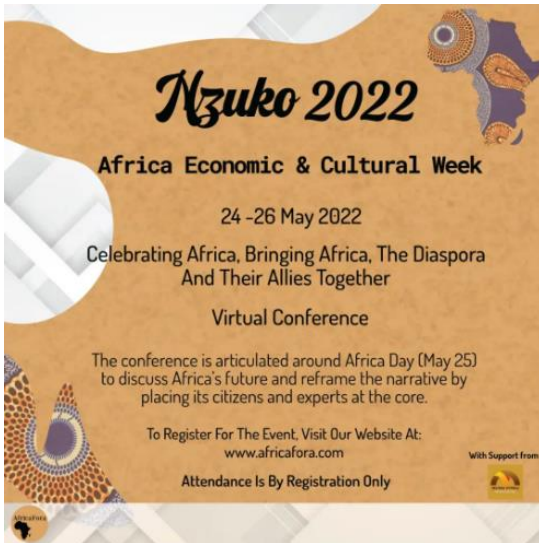
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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

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 KENYA	 GHANA	 MALI	

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NZUKO 2022 – AFRICA WEEK



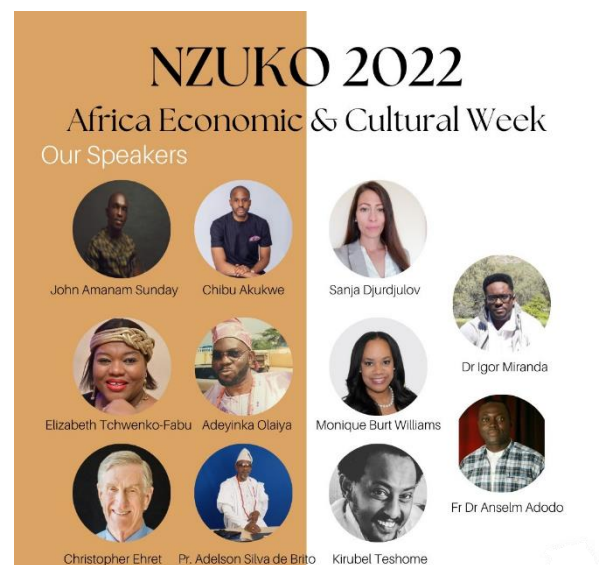
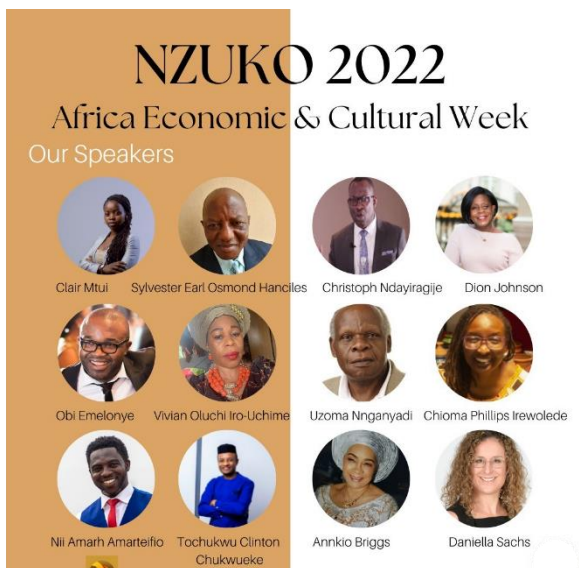
Nzuko 2022 – Africa Week started with the traditional breaking of kolanut by HRH Eze (Dr.) Nnamdi Harry Ugwuala. Ugwu1, Isiala / Isiugwu Autonomous Community, 2nd Deputy chairman, Abia State Traditional Rulers Council.



Our Royal Father of the Day, HRH Eze (Dr.) Nnamdi Harry Ugwuala. Ugwu

The discussions reiterated the attested potentials that Africa is endowed with enormous human and natural resources, talents and ingenuity. Once again, like in Nzuko 2021, the conclusions hinged on the need for inward collaboration among Africans and friends of Africa for real change to occur. In their words, *“the ball is in our court for the Africa we want”*.

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Nos Intervenants Francophones




Koffi Jacques Olivier N'guessan




Josette Bruffaerts-Thomas



Dr Neuzza Maria Alves da Silva



Dr Victor Mancir da Silva Santana

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Winifred Uloaku Gaillard founder/CEO of AfricaFora appreciated the speakers, moderators and audience for their continued trust and support in the project.

In her thank you speech, she reminded everyone of the saying the late reggae king Bob Marley, who said, "when the root is strong, the fruit is sweet", which she juxtaposed in the African context to mean, "when Africa is strong the diaspora will be sweet and proud."




Our partner was Msingi Afrika Magazine


Musician




Kuku



Our 2 young inventors



Favour Oluma



Akintunde Oluwaseyi Olanrewaju

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