



Welcome to our website and thank you for your interest in the International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD).

The new realities of globalization require an ambitious and a bold new vision for African business and development. To achieve this vision and position Africa well into the 21st century, IAABD was founded by Professors Sonny Nwankwo, Alphonso Ogbuehi, and Joseph Ayiku, and endorsed by hundreds of inaugural members to assume the leadership.

IAABD represents the leading association of academicians, practitioners, government leaders and policy makers in business and development areas from Africa, Caribbean, North America, Europe, and South America. IAABD is at the forefront of quality research in business and development issues that can help executives, practitioners, governments, non-governmental organizations, and policy-makers deal with the unprecedented challenges associated with doing business in Africa.

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IAABD is a dynamic, important contributor to substantive business and development thought, practice, and education in Africa. Our members hail from a variety of disciplines such as agribusiness management, marketing, management, finance, accounting, Information technology, tourism and hospitality management, transportation and logistics/supply chain management, research and development, entrepreneurship, healthcare management, economic development, international trade/relations/affairs, and cultural/social/political/legal. The theme of the 2008 Conference is “Global and Local Dynamics in African Business and Development.” Indeed, like our past international annual conferences, the Florida 2008 Meeting will once again bring together business and development educators, practitioners, and policy makers from many parts of the world. You will have the opportunity to network with thought leaders in academia, business, and development from around the world; share your thoughts with your peers through presentations, publications, and special interactive sessions on African business and development excruciating issues and challenges.

On behalf of my entire IAABD colleagues, my sincere appreciation goes to all our previous hosts around the world for the past nine years of successful international conferences: Saint Joseph’s University, PA, USA (2000 and 2001); University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa (2002); University of Westminster, London (2003); Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA (2004); University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania (2005); Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Accra (2006); London Metropolitan University, London (2007); and University of Florida, Gainesville, USA (2008). Finally, I am appreciative of the 2009 international annual conference host – our 10th year anniversary (to be announced during the Florida 2008 international conference).

Indeed, as we look ahead beyond 2008 and 2009, I would like to extend an invitation to our colleagues in other parts of the world who have interest in hosting a future gathering of IAABD. Everyone who is interested in African business and development is cordially invited to attend and participate in the 2008 IAABD Conference in Florida. If you have not been to a recent conference, you cannot afford to miss what promises to be a fantastic and a rewarding experience in Gainesville, Florida.

You are invited to join IAABD and see why it has been involved in dealing with African business and development issues since inception. Your membership benefit includes subscription to the IAABD-sponsored Journal of African Business, the premier academic and professional publication on African business and development research. For information about the Journal of Africa Business, please contact the Editor, Dr. Kofi Dadzie at kdadzie@gsu.edu. Further, for more information about the 2008 Conference, please contact either the Conference Chair, Professor Anita Spring at iaabed2008@ufic.ufl.edu or the Program Chair, Dr. Yaw Debrah at y.a.debrah@swansea.ac.uk. If you would like additional information about hosting a future IAABD Conference or any other question,

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