

**AMERICAN AND AFRICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
(AABWA) 2007 COMING EVENTS**

MARCH 2007

AABWA-USA's 3rd African Women Ambassadors' Roundtable Series will be held at the **National Press Club** located in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, March 14th, 2007**. There are currently six Women African Ambassadors representing the African nations of **Angola, Congo (Kinshasa), Lesotho, Niger, South Africa, and Zambia**. The purpose of the annual African Women Ambassadors' Roundtable Series is to honor outstanding examples of women in leadership who are doing business on the African continent. This year's theme again focuses on ***"Celebrating AABWA's Role Models of Excellence"*** where AABWA will recognize an individual in each of the following categories: Woman Entrepreneur, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Government/Civil Society Leadership. For more information and/or to purchase tickets to this particular event please contact David J. Saunders, AABWA-USA Executive Director, at 202-263-3520 or e-mail at aabwa@earthlink.net.

AABWA-USA Board of Directors' Meeting scheduled to be held on **Friday, March, 16th, 2007**. **Please continue to check AABWA-USA website for additional information.**

APRIL 2007

AABWA Congressional Women's Leadership Luncheon scheduled for **Wednesday, April 4th, 2007** in **Washington, D.C.** At this luncheon, AABWA intends to bring together the leadership of AABWA and its members to meet with key women Congressional leaders, in order to discuss effective strategies for a comprehensive advocacy campaign to strengthen political and economic opportunities for women in Africa. For more specific details about how you can participate in this leadership luncheon, please contact David J. Saunders, AABWA-USA Executive Director, at 202-263-3520 or e-mail at aabwa@earthlink.net.

AABWA Leadership Training Forum scheduled for **Wednesday, April 18th, 2007** in conjunction with the **Women's Committee of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)**. At this forum, AABWA intends to bring together the leadership of AABWA and its members, along with key stakeholders in the business training and capacity development community of Africa, in order to develop effective strategies for establishing a comprehensive business knowledge and skills development platform for women who are doing business in Africa. For more specific details about how you

can participate in this important training event, please contact David J. Saunders, AABWA-USA Executive Director, at 202-263-3520 or e-mail at aabwa@earthlink.net.

MAY 2007

Join **AABWA-USA** at the **Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) USA National Competition May 21-23, 2006** at the **Dallas, Texas Convention Center**. Each year, SIFE holds a national competition between participating SIFE colleges and universities in order to pay tribute to their extraordinary educational outreach projects. There will also be excellent networking opportunities for AABWA's leadership to interact with global corporate sponsors of various SIFE programs in the United States. This National Youth Entrepreneurship Conference will be hosted by the **Dallas-Fort Worth Business Community**. For more specific details about how you can participate as a business observer or judge, please contact SIFE at www.sife.org.

JUNE 2006

Joint AABWA-USA and AABWA-Africa Board of Directors' Meeting on Wednesday, June 13th, 2007. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the **Corporate Council on Africa's U.S.-Africa Business Summit** that is scheduled to be held in **Accra, Ghana**. The 2007 Summit will offer African and American business representatives first-rate networking opportunities and provide attendees with up-to-date information on practical business issues and specify policy matters confronting the U.S. private sector in the African marketplace. In addition, AABWA-USA will be conducting a workshop entitled "**Women Entrepreneurs in the Diaspora**" during the event. For more specific details about the U.S.-Africa Business Summit in Accra, Ghana, please contact CCA at summit@africacncl.org or telephone number 202-835-1115.

JULY 2007

AABWA-USA Annual Fundraiser and Fashion Show Dinner on Wednesday, July 11th, 2007. This special event will be held at **Trinity College in Washington, D.C.** For more information and/or to purchase tickets to this particular event please contact David J. Saunders, AABWA-USA Executive Director, at 202-263-3520 or e-mail at aabwa@earthlink.net.

SEPTEMBER 2007

African-American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Women's Forum scheduled for **Wednesday, September 26th, 2007** in conjunction with the **Constituency for Africa's Annual**

Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series that will be held during the **Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week September 24-October 2, 2007** in **Washington, D.C.** At this forum, AABWA will bring together the leadership of many women-focused non-governmental organizations, along with key stakeholders in academia, business and government, in order to develop effective strategies for establishing a comprehensive strategy for addressing the myriad of challenges, issues and concerns affecting the educational, social, economic and political status of women and girls on the African continent. For more specific details about how you can participate in this women's forum, please contact David J. Saunders, AABWA-USA Executive Director, at 202-263-3520 or e-mail at aabwa@earthlink.net.

AABWA-USA Board of Directors' Meeting scheduled to be held on **Friday, September, 26th, 2007**. **Please continue to check AABWA-USA website for additional information.**

OCTOBER 2007

AABWA Forum on Youth Entrepreneurship on Wednesday, October 10th 2007 in conjunction with **Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) World Cup 2007** to be held in **New York City** from **October 10th through 12th, 2007**. SIFE is a global, non-profit organization that offers college and university students in more than 1800 campuses in forty-seven countries around the world the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. Each year, SIFE holds an international competition between participating SIFE national champions in order to pay tribute to their extraordinary educational outreach projects. In 2007, AABWA has been invited to attend a **Forum on Youth Entrepreneurship** featuring teams of youth from various African countries that will be participating in the SIFE 2007 World Cup competition. There will also be excellent networking opportunities for AABWA's leadership to interact with global corporate sponsors of various SIFE programs on the African continent. For more information about the SIFE World Cup 2007, please visit their website at www.sife.org.

Africare 38th Anniversary and 2007 Africare Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner scheduled for **Thursday, October 18th, 2007** at the **Hilton Washington Hotel** located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. The featured honoree of this prestigious event will be H.E. Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, President of Liberia and the first democratically-elected woman of an African country. Africare was founded in 1970 and has become the leader among private, charitable U.S. organizations assisting Africa. It is the oldest and largest African-American led organization focused

exclusively on aid to Africa. For the past thirty-seven years, Africare has been doing vital work on the African Continent in areas as diverse as responding to humanitarian aid, providing agricultural assistance and ensuring adequate food supplies, promoting good governance, providing safe drinking water, encouraging micro-enterprise development, and helping combat HIV/AIDS and malaria. AABWA members are asked to support Africare by participating as volunteers and/or purchasing tickets to the event. For more information about Africare's 38th Annual Dinner please contact Africare at 202-328-5349 or visit their website at www.africare.org.

NOVEMBER 2007

SAVE THE DATES of November 7th-14th, 2007 for the first-of-a-kind **AABWA Virtual Conference** to be held on the African Continent. AABWA intends to utilize the three **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Hub Competitiveness Centers** located in **Accra, Ghana (Western Africa), Gaborone, Botswana (Southern Africa), and Nairobi, Kenya (Eastern Africa)** as the focal point for AABWA members to come together and participate from a regional perspective. There will also be a joint **AABWA-USA and AABWA-Africa Board of Directors' Meeting** which will be held in **Accra, Ghana on Monday, November 12th, 2007**. The AABWA Virtual Conference will be comprised of three components at each location as follows: (a) a pre-recorded video speakers' session; (b) an interactive session moderated by an AABWA-USA facilitator in each venue; and (c) a two-hour "live" interactive session that will include utilizing internet linkages at all three venues. In addition, each regional location will be expected to also host its own **AABWA Reception and Trade Show Exhibition** as well as offer several optional post-tour opportunities to conference participants. Please refer to the special notice about the AABWA Virtual Conference on the AABWA website for additional details.

AABWA Trade Mission to Southern African countries of Botswana, Namibia and South Africa tentatively scheduled for **November 15th-20th, 2007**. **Please continue to check the AABWA-USA website for upcoming details about this trade mission.**

DECEMBER 2007

SAVE THE DATE! AABWA-USA Annual General Membership Meeting and End-Of-The-Year Holiday Celebration, scheduled for **Saturday, December 15th, 2007** at the **Ronald Reagan Building Rotunda in Washington, D.C.** **Please continue to check the AABWA-US website for additional details.**