

Originally the February 2019 FAU¹ Concept Note for the 24th Session of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent said, “The African Diaspora Directorate (ADD) is to be a new unit of FAU designed to serve as a catalyst to facilitate the involvement of African Diasporan peoples around the world in the affairs of the Africa Union. ADD is proposed to have four divisions: (1) the Secretariat of the African Diaspora’s Economic, Social and Cultural Council (2) the Civil Society Division (3) Diaspora Division and the (4) Operations Division.”

Furthermore, it said, “The creation of the ADD Operations Division coincides with a Big Data Revolution that has the capacity to both uplift and injure people of African descent, both individually and systemically. This division will work, in 2019, with The Working Group of Experts of the People of African Descent to examine aspects of these issues, facilitate public debate, and promote engagement by varied stakeholders with a focus on Hamilton County Ohio in the United States.”

There has been an agreement to expand the foundations of the African Diaspora Directorate with additional co-founders² through the conversion of the established not for profit 501c3 human service organization Brotherhood and Sisterhood International, Inc.³ into existence as the African Diaspora Directorate. This was agreed upon by Juneteenth 2019 (June 19th, 2019) by the co-founders. This then is to be the African Diaspora’s organizing center as a Civil Society Organization (CSO) in service to the 300m people of African Descent in the global African Diaspora. A special focus the CSO in 2019 - 2020 is to be on the 47m People of African Descent in the United States of America.

The African Diaspora Directorate is proposed to have four divisions: A (1) **Secretariat** is to be established in the USA by August 25th, 2019 under management by FAU through 2024, a (2) **Civil Society Division** will work with the African Union’s (AU) Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) to implement the AU CIDO’s engagement process with non-state actors through the involvement of the African Diaspora’s Civil Society, a (3) **Diaspora Division** will organize at national in the African Diaspora, regional and or state geographic and Tribal level the people of African Descent in the global African Diaspora which is composed of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in line with AU’s Economic, Social and Cultural Council and a (4) **Operations Division** who will create and operate the partnerships and businesses called for the African Diaspora Directorate Secretariat.

¹ Friends of the African Union (FAU), which is an Ohio non-reporting unincorporated association (2012), and the Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation (1999) which does business as FAU Global Operations Center (2019) and its public beneficiary company FAU EDcorp, Inc. (2016) and Friends of the African Union smartWISE Economic Development, Inc. (2018)

² FAU, Sons and Daughters of Africa, Inc, Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, Inc., The Black Wall Street Cooperative and the African American Agriculturalist Association

³ The previous mission statement of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood International (established 1989) was dedicated to fostering the cultural, social and educational development of vulnerable children, youth, adults and families by initiating projects geared toward their development. To nurture and support children, youth, adults and families toward self-worth, dignity, stability and unity through advocacy, outreach, prevention and treatment services. It will keep that mission plus add as its primary mission “service to the people of African Descent in the global African Diaspora”.