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## Invitation: all African Unions, Groups and Individuals

Ladies and Gentlemen !

South Africa is the place where the world soccer championship for 2010 is taking place for the first time ever on the African continent. This event brings Africa, its peoples, diverse cultures young talents and potentials once again on the world's lime light. We see this event as a step toward consolidating our place in world history.

**Use diversity – act together.** Against this background and with this motto, the African Council Freiburg “Afrikarat BW-Freiburg” aims to bring people together - people with diverse innovative projects activities in Africa, with the necessary know-how, knowledge and vision for practical implementation in Africa and with Africans in the diaspora.

The future is part and parcel of trans-cultural cooperation in areas like Development, Education, Environment, Economics and Technology. Herein lay vast untapped potentials yet to be identified, mobilized, developed and utilized in Africa. Freiburg and South Baden “Südbaden” as a whole present the right platform for that. A large number of NGOs, associations and initiatives here in Freiburg are actively engaged in international development. Medium-size companies and firms located here in Freiburg are recognized for their innovative products and technologies in the solar energy sector, from which Africa can unequivocally accrue immense benefits.

With a first-time-ever launching of a **German-African Economic and Development Forum** “Deutsch-Afrikanisches Wirtschafts- und Entwicklungsforum” on the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2010** at **Bürgerhaus Seepark**, we provide a **Regional Platform** to stakeholders from various fields of international development. African Unions are on the high table here. They are hereby encouraged to: present their respective projects and products to the public; acquaint and exchange information and knowledge with one another. The Forum highlights the diversity of civil-society engagements for partnerships in Africa. Furthermore, it offers a comprehensive insight into where and how stakeholders can be directly involved in making their own individual contributions.

As Umbrella Organization for over 20 African unions and groups and representing the interests of about 2000 peoples of African origin in Freiburg and environs, we will be very glad to get in contacts with you. Together we will open up a promising and innovative chapter of cooperation between our host-region (Südbaden) and our home-continent. The success of this event however, depends wholly and solely on your presence. We therefore count highly on your participation in this event cum June. Please pass this message on to other members of your respective unions/groups.

### Important Info.!

The first general meeting to planing this event will to take place on **Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 7 p. m., on the premises of Caritas, Komturstr. 36 in Freiburg**. Take tram line number 5 in the direction to Hornusstr. Your stop is **Eichstetterstr.** And from there it is just a walking distance down the road. We will brief you there on plans and modalities and will be there to answer your questions. You are therefore cordially invited to attend. Take friends along with you.

Best regards to you and your families.

Philip Bona (President, Afrikarat)

