

## Umeme: Institute of African Studies Flashpoint Series

### Panel Discussion: Diaspora Engagements in Africa: What Role for Canada?

On the occasion of a tour of Ottawa by the African Union's Citizens and Diaspora Organizations (CIDO) team, Carleton's Institute of African Studies and Cuso International are organizing an interactive panel with the team. It will be an auspicious occasion for CIDO to discuss and share highlights of its strategic partnerships in Canada in support of diaspora engagement objectives under the first 10 -Year Plan of Agenda 2063. The panel will be joined by Carleton faculty and members of the African diplomatic corps to examine possibilities for Canada's engagement in Africa's diaspora frameworks.

#### Panelists:

**Mr. Kyeretwie Osei**, Desk Officer, Diaspora Division, CIDO, the African Union Commission.

**Mr. Ernest Adjei**, Diaspora Officer, the High Commission of Ghana.

**Professor Pius Adesanmi**, Director, Institute of African Studies.

**Ainalem Tebeje**, Vice-president of the Association for Higher Education and Development (AHEAD)

**Mr. Ahmed El Basheer**, Head of Diaspora division at AU will be available in the hall for questions and comments.

**Date:** Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am

**Time:** 10:15 am - 12:30 pm

**Venue:** Patterson Hall PA 303. Meter Parking at P1 or along University Drive

**Opening remarks and Moderator:** Prof Tag Elkhazin, Institute of African Studies.

**Closure and thanks:** Chiara Marcazzan, Cuso International

#### Who should attend?

- ✓ Students and scholars
- ✓ Migration and diaspora specialists
- ✓ Vibrant diaspora communities and organizations looking to grow their network
- ✓ Diaspora looking to participate in international co-operation and development
- ✓ Individuals looking to network with diaspora organizations and the African Union
- ✓ African Diplomatic Missions

The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A session and networking. **This is free for all event**

**Refreshments will be provided.**

As seating is limited, please RSVP before Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> (RSVP by responding to this email) [tagelkhazin@cunet.carleton.ca](mailto:tagelkhazin@cunet.carleton.ca). 613 834 7817