

**II CONFERENCE OF INTELLECTUALS FROM
AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA – II CIAD**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Second Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora - II CIAD will be held in Salvador, Bahia, from 12 to 14 July 2006. The general theme of the Conference will be: "*The Diaspora and African Renaissance*".

The purpose of II CIAD is to revive, situate and harness the contribution of intellectuals in the African continent and in the Diaspora as a vehicle for innovative ideas, development and social transformation. II CIAD will also provide an opportunity for government authorities, civil society representatives and students to discuss with intellectuals a wide range of specific issues, allowing for increased mutual understanding and knowledge between Africa and the Diaspora.

In the morning of July 12, an Opening Session will be held in the Yemanjá Auditorium of the Convention Center, in Salvador. President Lula, of Brazil, will host the event and, along with invited Heads of State and Government from Africa and the Diaspora, will debate the general theme of the Conference. In the afternoon, a second Round Table will be held on "*Gender and Equity*", for an in-depth discussion on the role of women in Africa and the Diaspora.

On July 13, participants will be able to choose among 12 Thematic Groups, subdivided into 24 discussion tables (morning and afternoon).

In the morning of July 14, Nobel laureates, intellectuals and heads of international organizations will debate "*The need for a political pact between Africa and the Diaspora for Peace, Democracy and Development*". In the afternoon, reports will be presented to the plenary by the rapporteurs of each Thematic Groups and Round Table. During the Closing Session, a Declaration of Salvador will be adopted, summarizing the recommendations made by the participants to foster cooperation between the African Continent and the Diaspora.

As a follow-up to II CIAD, a Social Forum will be held on 15 July, at the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA) and the State University of Bahia (UNEB). Intellectuals and civil society are invited to participate.

All those interested in participating in II CIAD should fill up the registration form that will be available, from 12 June on, at <http://www.ciad.mre.gov.br>

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