

# **Rastafari National Council For Inity (RNCI-USA)**

**Commission  
to the  
Rastafari National Council for Inity  
(RNCI-ETHIOPIA)  
to submit  
A  
Report on the Condition  
of the  
Almighty Rastafari Community in Shashemane  
& Ethiopian Millennium Plan of Action To Ifend the Shashemane Land  
Grant**

*"After studying the documents concerning the 5 year plan on repatriation and the conference, which will be held in the U.S.A., next year 2004, the Board has taken the decision to endorse the core issues which are mentioned, notwithstanding some misgivings vis-a-vis the administration of the Land Grant, as the article in the documents on this particular issue, does not reflect the true situation on the ground.*

*As for the question of repatriation the community would like to affirm its strong backing for this process and would like to see tangible results emanating from this, oppose to mere words and no action. At this juncture the community would like to point to the fact that repatriation and*

*development on the ground in Shashemane should go "hand in hand", as this would serve to bring about a smooth transition and assimilation of the repatriates. May the power of the "MOST HIGH" endow us with the wisdom, will and determination to carry this noble objective through to the end.*

*'Africa for the Africans those at home and those abroad'. Repatriation is a must."*

-- Chariman Desmond Martin, JRDC document No 001/002 dated 21st March 2003 Letter to Ras Nathaniel, IRIE Coordinator

**Whereas**, the Assembly For Rastafari Iniversal Education (IRIE) has identified and chronologized HIM Haile Selassie I Vision for Repatriation <http://www.rastaites.com/news/hearticals/Inity/report2.htm> and <http://www.rastaites.com/repatriationnews/Shashamane.htm>

**Whereas**, IRIE has harmonized the 1983 Rastafari International Theocracy Assembly Twenty-Two Proposals, the 2003 Rastafari Global Reasoning Recommendations, the recommendations in the Report to the Caribbean Rastafari Organization on the Planning Meeting for the Establishment of the Caribbean Pan African Network, and the Action Points contained in the Preparation for Integration Into the African Union: The South African Option with the Strategic Plan of Action of the African Union Commission and the Statutes of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union;

**Whereas**, Repatriation negotiations are scheduled for **August 27- 29, 2007** in Barbados during the **Global Dialogue: The Slave Trade, Reconciliation and Social Justice**; and, according to the final agenda, the objectives of *Stage One* of the Global Dialogue include,

*"the formation of an African Century Think-Tank (ACT) . . . Bringing together intellectual and spiritual resource persons and donors from international, multilateral, and private sector agencies in partnership, **to fund** and mentor **six (6) developmental projects** of a seminal nature . . . . over the next two years via the ACT."; and*

Using the six projects above, *Stage Two* includes the

*"Establishment of a direct airline link between Africa and the Caribbean" and "Development of the **African Diasporic Census Initiative** . . . ." and "Provide opportunities for persons who desire to settle there, and indicate the scope of the brain gain for Africa that this will entail."*

**Whereas**, the ARC-Shashemane community is in the best position to prepare a comprehensive Repatriation resettlement plan for the Shashemane land grant and surrounding areas based on the actual and potential ground situation during the next five years;

**Whereas**, IRIE coordinated the Rastafari National Council for Inity (RNCI-USA) that held its first International Tele-Reasoning with the Almighty Rastafari

Community (ARC) in Shashemane on April 24, 2007 at 4 am Eastern Standard Time [USA] 11:00 am Ethiopian Time, one-hundred and thirty-eight (138) days before the Ethiopian Millennium;

**Whereas**, after the Tele-Reasoning the RNCI-USA agreed to Commission A *Report on the Condition of the Almighty Rastafari Community in Shashemane & Ethiopian Millennium Repatriation Plan of Action To Ifend the Shasheman Land Grant* in order to be used for Ethiopian Millennium Repatriation development planning, and in particular, negotiations in Barbados;

**Now, therefore, the RNCI-USA**

1. Respectfully requests Ras Kabinda and Ras Mweya to serve as Ilects of the Commission responsible for the preliminary version of the Report to be produced and forwarded by the 44th African Liberation Day, May 25, 2007 108 Days Before the Ethiopian Millennium and final version to be forwarded by the 109th Earthday of Leonard Howell, June 16, 2007;

2. The Report shall publicly and openly solicit and include in the Report's appendix, any and all individual written submissions from any member of the ARC-Shashemane.

3. The Report shall be structured thus:

I. Quote of HIM Haile Selassie I setting foundation vibe of Report

II. Introduction

III. Almighty Rastafari Coummunity in Shashemane (ARC) Register

1. Population Overview and Demographic Analysis

# of Repatriates from each country

# of elders m/f over 65 years of age

# of adults m/f 36-64 years of age

# of youth m/f 18 -35 years of age

# of children m/f 0-17 years of age

# of years Repatriated (i.e. just arrived, 1-3 years, 3-5 years, etc)

2. Register of Real Estate

# and description of housing units owned and occupied

# and description of housing units owned and unoccupied

# and description of business real estates

# and description of acres currently used for collective farming  
# and descriptions of acres of land available for farming  
description of sample yields from individual farm plots  
# and description of other structures/real estate  
# and description of available beds for Ethiopian Millennium  
# and description of available housing units for Ethiopian Millennium  
various options and recommendations for obtaining real estate

### 3. Register of Development Projects

list and description of development projects  
project budgets  
project personnel  
project requests

### IV. Mansion and Organization Reports

EWf, Inc (Local #14 and Ras Tagassa)

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TTOI

EABIC

JRDC

Mansion reports to include:

History of Mansion in Shashemane

current condition of Mansion in Shashemane

documentation and summary of communications with local, state and national officials

strategy for defending the Shashemane Land grant and gaining citizenship, additional land grants

recommendations for Repatriates

### V. ARC Shashemane and Surrounding Area Maps

hand drawn and/or municipal maps showing topographical features, Rastafari real estate, municipal real estate, suggested Ethiopian Millennium Repatriation development projects, proposed housing units, etc

## VI. Ethiopian Millennium Preparation and Recommendations

response to/endorsement of Ethiopian Millennium Repatriation Proposal  
<<http://www.rastaites.com/repatriationnews/millenniumproposal.pdf>>

response to/current work with, Ethiopian Millennium Festival National Secretariat's Strategic Plan Draft 2006-2008  
<[http://www.mfa.gov.et/Ethiopians\\_Origin\\_Abroad/The%20Ethiopian%20Millennium.pdf](http://www.mfa.gov.et/Ethiopians_Origin_Abroad/The%20Ethiopian%20Millennium.pdf)> highlighting Repatriation planning first; celebrations and concerts second

## VII. Outline/Overview of Ethiopian Government, Institutions and Opposition groups

### Appendix: Individually Submitted Reports

#### **Specific Questions include:**

1. Describe the social environment and climate in and around Shashemane.
2. What are ARC-Shashemane's main day to day issues?
3. What are the specific, measurable courses of action to be taken by ARC-Sashemane and incoming Repatriates over the next five years?
4. What relationship exists between the ARC-Shashemane and
  - a) Prime Minister Meles Zenawi
  - b) Ministries of Immigration, Justice, Foreign Affairs, etc
  - c) Oromia State Supreme Council
  - d) All Amharas Peoples Party
  - e) Oromo Liberation Front
  - f) Ethiopian Orthodox Churchetc. . . .
5. Where would 500 incoming Repatriates to Shashemane live?
6. How will ARC-Shashemane feed 500 incoming Repatriates?
7. If the land in Shashemane is presently occupied, what other areas are available to I?

etc

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Further, The RNCI-USA includes with this Commission US\$100.00 to pay for internet and miscellaneous expenses.

llects of the Commission are expected to forward Commission Email Updates every seven days.

Agreed:

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Founder Chair of Ethiopian National Front (**ENF**):

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Co-Chair of Moa Anbessa (**MOA**) ("**Ethiopians for a Constitutional Monarchy**") (USA/Jamaica);

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**Ras Marley**

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