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Newsletter

A Quarterly brief for Igala life at home and the Americas



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2023 Conference
Hyatt Regency Houston West

SEPT. 1-4, 2023

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BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE, ATTRACTING US INVESTORS TO IGALA

WATCH OUT FOR THE IGALA USA BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE ROUNDTABLE THIS JUNE



Plan your trip to a grand conference and gala!

Everything is big in Texas! And this year's Igala USA Conference promises to be no less.

Chapter President Godwin Ilabija briefed executive council on preliminary planning recently and conference planning is in full gear!!

Save the date and watch out.

SNEEK PREVIEW TO HOUSTON CHAPTER GRAND CONFERENCE PLAN & BEST KEPT SECRETS! BE AN EARLY BIRD.



The Venue

You will find that our chosen venue is a convenient location to The Houston Energy Corridor & Area Hospitals.

It is considered one of the best spots to meet, greet, dine, and relax in the Energy Corridor, a hub to explore the city's best like City Centre, world-class shopping and dining, tree-lined streets, and verdant parks. From the moment you walk under the vaulted ceilings of their atrium, you know you're in the right place for a memorable experience. And with 25,000 square feet of versatile event space—including the elegant Texas Ballroom, this hotel is ideal for the Igala Annual conference set for September first to fourth.



**13210 KATY
FREEWAY, HOUSTON,
TEXAS, UNITED
STATES, 77079**



HOUSTON 2023 conference

SEPT. 1-3 Houston has an amazing array of living spaces. But the conference venue is breathtaking and classy. Early reservation discounts for Igala Association USA will save your family tons of cash. Watch out and provide your email for direct mailing here ...



TERESA EDOJA
National President

From the president Teresa Edoja

Greetings my Igala family and friends of Igala Association USA. It is a pleasure and honor to welcome you to our first ever News Letter. Your Executive Team has worked hard to get our dear Association back on track. We are still going through some growing pains. The good news is that we are overcoming all those difficulties and today you have a glimpse of what is yet to come for our dear Association. I am fortunate to be surrounded with solid, knowledgeable and dedicated team, it is truly a blessing. To ensure the care and concerns of all our members and supporters of our dear Association, your executive team is open to suggestions as we remain transparent in all our activities for Igala Association

USA. I would like to extend a special thanks to those who have volunteered to serve on committees. We are living in unprecedented times, our homeland and families are not safe, besides the natural disasters, our people are being slaughtered to say the list. Can we please help to alleviate their suffering? I ask that we connect as a family. Every grudge against any of our friends and family must be forgiven. The love for our homeland supersedes all personal grudge. Thank you for all you do for our homeland, our communities here in the USA and dear Association. Peace and Blessings.

From Houston Chapter President Mr. Godwin Ilabija .

It truly a great honor for our chapter to host you all this September all arrangement to make

you visit a lasting and memorable one is in motion. we look forward to seeing you.

Network and engage in Houston 2023

Planned sessions fit every interest group in our association. From educational, homeland and enterprise development, to youth and talent activities this is the meeting for Igala innovation in Houston this fall.

Special guest of Honor, A famous Performing Artist The Miss Inikpi Pageant and More

Truly an event you don't want to miss well planned that will entertain to both the Youth and the old, It will appeal to business and government and

other not for profit organization. infuses a cultural exchange and awareness

For the whole family!

With events being planned for every member of your family ... this is a conference to attend.

PEACE!



GODWIN ILABIJA
Houston Chapter President

ABOUT THE IGALA PEOPLE

Anẹ Igálàà (Igala Land) also known as the Igala Kingdom. Igala Kingdom is a pre-colonial West African state, located at the eastern region of the confluence of River Niger and River Benue in the Middle Belt or North-central of Nigeria. The kingdom was founded by the Igala people, with the “Àtá” Serving as the Igala Emperor, national father and spiritual head, and the capital Of Igala land is at Idah. The Igala Kingdom influenced and has been influenced by the Yoruba, Idoma, Igbo and Jukun, and is likely made up of descendants of these groups who settled and mixed with the native Igala populations. (source : wikipedia). Visit our website to learn more.

.....AND OUR WORK AS IGALA USA GOES ON IN IGALALAND!



Public Relations Desk (R.Agbali)

REPORT ON THE FLOOD RELIEF AND INTERVENTION

As the year 2023 rolled in, your generous donations from Igala Association USA were raising hopes for the Ibaji people recovering from the recent flood in 2022. The sum of 2.2 Million Naira from your association was presented at the Eje Ibaji's palace to the President and officials of Ibaji Unity forum, Engr Stephen Ugbeda-Uchola.



The money was earmarked to help farming families across the 10 wards of Ibaji local government purchase new seedling stock for a new farming season. It was a joyous occasion and projected hope for a renewal. Recently, as the farming season starts, the IUF hit the road, with community events heralding the public donation of tons of seedlings to farming communities. The smiles on the faces tell more of the story than yours truly could ever pen down. We share the photo reel from the

donation and the community events that are still ongoing at the time of this newsletter.

Enjoy and remember that your cents when given through Igala Association USA will multiply to tons of food in one growing season. The multiplier effect is self-reliance, abundant food and multidimensional prosperity in our land. It is one evidence-proven way of stopping poverty and ending insecurity. Working together with our kin, our homeland will prosper. Let's unite and contribute our quota to the development Igala Association USA thanks Chief

John Egwemi, Mr Emmanuel Okoliko and Mr. Yunusa Enemali of Urah Community

Reporters for handling the donation formalities. You are the best!

IT'S NOW PLANTING SEASON IN IGALA LAND. YOU CAN DONATE TOWARDS MORE SEEDLINGS FOR THE 2022 FLOOD VICTIMS!

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AM
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The New Board of Trustees was inaugurated behind closed virtual doors but with fanfare early December 2022! The brand new BOT comprising:

- * Dr. Michael Idachaba (Chair)
- * Inikpi Abara Secretary,
- * Reuben Ukwela
- * Dr. Fidelis Yahaya-Abu,
- * Mrs Philomena Ojih, Mrs
- * Belikisu Opaluwa,
- * Mrs. Martina Agba,
- * Rev Anthony Agbali,
- * Dcn. Ogbadu Opaluwa

BOT has since resumed work and presented a huge donation towards the Ibaji Flood response immediately afterwards!!! Applause please ! AND

Constitution Review Committee too. Work on reviewing your constitution is commencing in May with the appointment of Dr. Sam Alfa to head this all-important committee close to the President's heart. With Chapter leaders Dr. John Ojih, Rev Patrick Adejoh, Mr Mohammed Opaluwa, Bishop Adejoh and other members.... important changes to make the association operate on all gears is not far away!

The Executive Committee has logged in over 50 hours of meeting time already since the last AGM in November! Good thinking delivers good products.... a popular auto maker says. Your executive committee of 10, have logged in extensive man (oh!) and woman-hours in planning and responding to issues as they arise. With over 10 meetings... once or twice in some months... the gears of your association is rolling. You can't believe exco just took over the association bank account only this April! But the taste of the cooking is in the eating.. so we hope to serve meals soon. Last last.... everybody go chop breakfast abi !

IUF FULFILLS IGALA USA INTERVENTIONS IN IBAJI .

While there is rightfully widespread apprehension about the Igala agenda and the mishaps of the political leadership on the streets and in our conversations, there is hope on the farms as the 2.2 million naira worth of seedlings are being planted on farms now. Thanks to Igala Association flood response initiative. there will be food no matter what happens in Lugard House.



IGALA ASSOCIATION CHAPTERS ARE BUDDING AGAIN ! LINK UP WITH YOUR CHAPTER

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**NEXT CHAPTER
 LOADING**

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION AND RELIEF; IGALA USAA FORCE FOR GOOD.

2022 FLOOD RESPONSE IN IGALALAND- A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

MANY THANKS TO OUR STAR DONOR- MRS FELICIA AMANAMBU- ATLANTA GEORGIA, NGN 400,000.

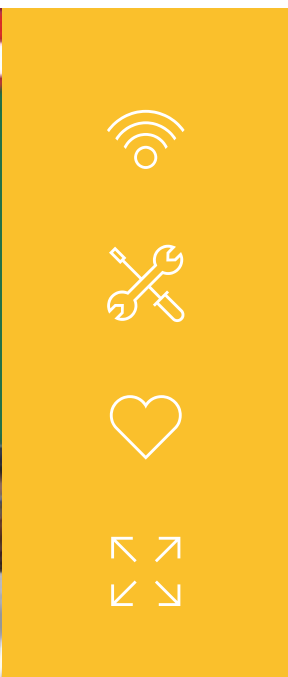
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Igala Business

ROUND TABLE AND OPPORTUNITIES IN “ANE IGALA”

A high-energy virtual session for any Igala who has ever thought of opening a business!



PROSPER AFRICA WITH FOCUS ON IGALA

WE HAVE THE NETWORK

Successful Americans of Igala Origin are the backbone of Igala USA. We have what it takes!

Business Toolkit:

Get the tools you need to move from idea to launching and surviving in today's business environment .

Investment

Promoting our platform for international business exchange to link investors to Igala Land.

Growth

Growth assured: Start small grow big



INFORMATION

THINGS TO DO NOW FOR EVERY MEMBER

PRE-REGISTER FOR THE SEPTEMBER HOUSTON CONFERENCE IN MAY!
Remember April showers bring May flowers! watchout for registration form soon.

Pre-registering saves your family some money and gives you discounts on hotel and fees.

GO AHEAD AND PAY YOUR IGALA ASSOCIATION 2023 DUES NOW!

Now we have the Igala Association bank account at Bank of America up and running..... use Zelle or bank payments to pay your dues and take this off your to-do-list. That way, conference and membership benefits accrue right away!

Annual dues: \$250 per family and \$125 per single family/individual.

Checks and Money transfers: Made to IGALA ASSOCIATION USA
Bank of America
Account # 4460 2444 1283.
or Zelle to Info@igalaassociationusa.org

screen shot or send us the acknowledgment to Mrs. AISHAT OWOLABI
Financial Secretary
Mrs. VERA ABALAKA Treasurer.

ENTER THE CONTEST FOR THE CONFERENCE THEME NOW!

The Executive committee thinks we should have conversations centered on:

1. SAVING THE IGALA LANGUAGE FROM EXTINCTION.

OR

2. TACKLING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN IGALA LAND 2.0

But Exco does not know it all. Participate in this contest from May 1 to May 14th.

SUGGEST YOUR OWN CONFERENCE THEME and if it gets selected by majority of attendees during the AGM in May, you win your room first- night free stay at the four-star conference venue at the HYATT REGENCY in HOUSTON ! Enter the contest by email to Public Relations officer at

ragbali@igalaassociationusa.org now!

ATTEND THE FAST-APPROACHING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 20th 2023 ON ZOOM.

Attending this conference gives you all the information you need on participating in the conference and allows you contribute to the work of Igala Association USA

WANT TO HOST GUEST OR FAMILY PARTICIPANTS FROM NIGERIA AT THE HOUSTON CONFERENCE? DO THIS NOW!

The Executive committee is reserving 30 slots for international guests! Do you have guests you would like to co-host for the conference? With preregistration and reserved hotel accommodation, visa invitations are now available from secretariat.

IGALA YOUTH NETWORK

Igala teens between the age of 12 -17 and young adults and students in colleges are invited to join the newly formed Igala Youth Network USA. for Inquiries please contact Ernerst Aduku.

Phone: + 1 (346) 762-0716
Eaduku@igalaassociationusa.org

YES WE CAN !



HYBRID (LIVE & VIRTUAL COMBINED) SESSIONS FOR PRE-REGISTERED REMOTE GUESTS FOR STRATEGIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS (IGALA AGRO EXPORT PROMOTION/ IGALA AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS TOWNHALL)

WE WILL LEAD THE IGALA DEVELOPMENT AGENDA WITH ALL WILLING AFFILATED

WE ARE WELL POSITIONED TO LEAD.



GET AN INVITE FOR CONFERENCE GUESTS COMING FROM NIGERIA, CANADA OR THE UK

PRE-REGISTER
BOOK DISCOUNTED ROOMS
CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT FOR OFFICIAL INVITES

30 INTERNATIONAL / HOME BASED GUEST PARTICIPANTS ARE PLANNED FOR. ADD YOUR GUESTS !

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