

September 28, 2002

Africanadian Mediation and Community Services 590 Jarvis Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2J4

RE: Inauguration of Africanadian Mediation and Community Services

On behalf of Toronto Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on the inauguration of Africanadian Mediation and Community Services.

As a voluntary organization established to resolve interpersonal conflicts in the African/Caribbean communities using major African languages, your services will provide an important resource to community members, and will assist in building a stronger African community within Toronto.

In addition to your mediation service, your youth programs, employment and training resources, substance abuse programs and volunteer opportunities will provide culturally sensitive tools that will help community members to help themselves.

Your services are an important new addition to Toronto's community network, and I wish you every success as you serve our city's African/Caribbean communities and enhance their participation in an economically strong, socially enjoyable and culturally vibrant Toronto.

Sincerely,

Joe Halstead Commissioner Economic Development, Culture & Tourism