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THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COMMUNITY USA (SACU) REUNION *Labor Weekend August 29 through September 1, 2014*

Washington, DC [July 18, 2014] -- The Southern African Community USA (SACU) Reunion also known as SACU Reunion takes place this Labor Day weekend starting August 29 through September 1, 2014. This year commemorates the 2nd time that Southern Africans in the USA, together with friends of Southern Africa, have come to the Washington, DC Metro area for a relaxing, informative and entertaining, community oriented programming. The Reunion is organized to provide the southern African diaspora with the often missing but much needed cultural support structures that help cope and adjust with life away from home. The event lineup offers arts, sports and culture, world-class entertainment and community spirit. All events are open to the public.

REUNION EVENTS

Southern Africa Fashion Show – USA

The Reunion opens with the Southern African Fashion Show on August 29 at the state of the art Silver Spring Civic Center at One Veterans Plaza. With the theme “*Discover the beauty and culture of Southern Africa*”, the fashion show aims to showcase the creativity of Southern African designers, the elegance of Southern African and non-Southern African models and the richness & beauty of Southern African couture. Over 20 designers applied to participate in this Fashion show but due to time only 8 were selected, with the remainder participating as vendors. Designers appearing on the runway include: Mofusi Lesolle (Botswana), AllFlo Coutureny (Lesotho), Sifa Love Designs (Democratic Republic of Congo), Nzika Wear (Malawi), Hemline (Namibia), Ma Winny (Tanzania), Marlene Couture (South Africa), Mlambo Designs (South Africa). Models accessories are supplied by Chic Frills (Zimbabwe) and South African Bazaar. The majority of models are from Southern Africa including Anita Ismail, the reigning Miss Zambia USA and Tuakondja Veii the reigning Miss Namibia USA. The event runs from 6pm -10pm. Tickets are available online at <http://southernafricanfashionshow.eventbrite.com>

The Southern African Fashion Show is sponsored and organized by Cheza!Dance! an entertainment and wellness company based in the USA. The Fashion Show coordinator is Mwiinga Kim aka Inga Kim who was born and raised in Zambia but currently resides in the USA. Inga is a professional model and has organized numerous fashion shows, weddings in various states in the USA.

The Family Fun Day (Braai/picnic &Sports)

The Family Fun Day is full day event filled with music, food, sports activities and games. The event will take place on Saturday, August 30 from 10am-7pm at Valley Mills Park Silver Spring Maryland. Sporting events include soccer and netball. Soccer is a popular sport in Southern African and therefore SACU hosts an soccer tournament during the picnic featuring teams from different Southern African countries and countries that are friends with Southern Africa. Last year the tournament featured four countries: Namibia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Angola. This year, we expect more countries from Southern Africa to participate.

The Mahama Shipping Company is a proud sponsor of the Soccer Tournament trophy.

In addition to soccer tournament there will also be a netball tournament with teams from various Southern African countries as the sport is very popular in Southern Africa. Children's activities during the Family Fun Day will include Egg & Spoon race, Sack Race, dance contents and many more. The event is free to the public.

The Flag Party

The Flag Party is on Sunday, August 31 from 10:00pm - 4am at Tadoo Bar in Washington DC. The Flag Party is an opportunity for Southern Africans to show their individual country pride and love for the Southern African region as a whole. This Party will feature Southern African DJs playing the hottest southern African Music. Tickets can be purchased at <http://southernafricanreunion.eventbrite.com>

The Southern African Professional Networking

The Southern African Professional Networking is networking event that provides an opportunity for professionals and business minded Southern Africans to meet and connect with like-minded people. Nothing beats the sharing of ideas, connecting with potential investors, discovering new markets over free breakfast. The Southern African Professional Networking event will run from 10am -12noon in the lobby of the Marriott Courtyard Hotel on Fenton Street in Silver Spring Maryland. The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required online <http://southernafricanreunion.eventbrite.com>

The SACU Reunion is the largest gathering of Southern Africans in the USA. The 2014 Reunion, August 29 - September 1, 2014 includes a four day fun filled weekend of spectacular events that will encompass the diverse and creative programming. All events are geared towards uniting Southern Africans and Friends of Southern Africa in the diaspora, as well as promoting arts and culture. The 2014 Reunion commemorates the 2nd annual Reunion of Southern Africans and friends of Southern Africa.

ABOUT Southern African Community USA (SACU)

Southern African Community USA (SACU) is a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Maryland, USA. Formed in 2013, SACU is made up of 15 countries from the Southern Africa region representing Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. SACU's mission is to Unite Southern Africans and friends of Southern Africa, increase the visibility of Southern Africans in the U.S. In doing so, we hope to contribute to the overall development of Southern Africans at home and in the diaspora

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