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**Transnational Cooperation on Illicit Financial Flows:  
African Trade Union & CSO Delegation**  
Washington DC and Oakland, California  
*(September 20-30, 2017)*

September 19, 2017

Dear Delegates,

We are very excited that you all will join us for this delegation & speaking tour, which is the first of its kind in the U.S. on the topic of Illicit Financial Flows (IFF's). While many people in the U.S. will have an understanding of wealth inequality, very few will know about IFF's. This delegation & speaking tour has two primary aims: to increase transnational movement-building efforts to curb IFF's by creating networks of experts and concerned citizens, and to popularize an analysis of IFF's which centers Africa and highlights connections to the U.S. You will have many chances to talk about your work and also share your thoughts about what is necessary in order to build an effective transnational movement to curb IFF's.

As you will see in the itinerary below, you will have opportunities to speak with individuals from many different backgrounds and professional affiliations. You will have meetings with activists, immigrant rights groups, members of Congress, educators, union leaders, and regular concerned citizens. You all will be asked to give public presentations on the issue and to speak publicly. In your remarks and presentations, we ask that you please keep the following points in mind:

- 1) Many of the people we speak with will not have a thorough understanding of IFF's. What is the nature of the issue that is IFF's? Please make sure your talking points are accessible. Perhaps, also keep in mind simple ways for audiences to learn about the issue.
- 2) Why should people in the U.S. care about IFF's and what can they do? For audience members who want to get involved on work around the issue, what can they do to have a positive impact?
- 3) Trade Unions in the U.S. are currently in crisis. What specific role do and/or can trade unions play in curbing IFF's, and the broader inequality caused by them? Furthermore, why are unions important? Why should people support unions?
- 4) This delegation is comprised of two trade unionists and two members of civil society organizations. Why is this collaboration important to have a positive impact on an issue like

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IFF's? What makes these kinds of collaboration successful? What does each type of organization bring to the issue?

- 5) Please also be mindful to talk about the issue of IFF's from multiple vantage points. For example, what are the impacts on women? How does it affect labor? The global south vs the global north?

We will meet in the morning on September 21st for a briefing and overview of the delegation at the Solidarity Center at 11am. Then, you all will be interviewed by the Communications team. In the afternoon, you all will participate in a Roundtable discussion on Kleptocracy/IFF's threat to democracy. For that discussion, please be prepared to give about 10 minutes of remarks regarding what people in Africa and concerned communities are doing about IFF's.

During orientation, we will talk more about the content and specifics of other meetings and events.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jennifer at any point during the trip.

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Safe travels and talk soon,

Emily

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**Delegation & Speaking Tour Itinerary**  
**\*subject to change**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

Arrivals  
**Dulles Airport**

**Kimpton Topaz Hotel**  
**1733 N st NW, Washington DC, 20036**  
**1-(202)-393-3000**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

11:00 am                   Orientation and Discussion of Itinerary

Solidarity Center  
1130 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 800  
**\*Emily will meet you in the hotel lobby at 10:45am**

2:00 pm                   Roundtable on "Kleptocracy's Threat to Democracy in Africa" at the  
National Endowment for Democracy

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

9:00 am                   Congressional Black Caucus Africa Brain Trust  
<https://congressionalblackcaucus.com/africa-braintrust-2017-renewing-our-commitment-and-engagement-with-africa-at-walter-e-washington-convention-center-on-friday-september-22nd-2017/>

Joel to speak on panel titled, "Developing Meaningful Partnerships with African Communities and Nations"

Others in the delegation are encouraged to review the panel topics and prepare questions for the Q&A session. It is an opportunity to raise important issues in a room which will be full of U.S. lawmakers and policy analysts concerned with Africa. We want to raise the issue of IFF's.

**\*Emily will meet you in the hotel lobby at 8:45am**

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

5:15 am Leave for BWI airport

11:35 am Arrive in Oakland

**Oakland Marriott City Center  
1001 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607**

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

10:00 am Depart for Bay Area Sight Seeing

3:00pm Meeting with Bay Area activists including members of: Black Lives Matter, Black Youth Project 100, Black Alliance for JUST Immigration, Pan-African Network, and others

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

10:00am Lunch meeting w/ San Francisco Labor Council

3:00pm Africa Today radio interview with Walter Turner at KPFA  
<http://kpfa.radio.net/>

6:00pm IFF Speaking Event at UC Berkeley's Labor Center  
<http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/transnational-cooperation-on-illicit-financial-flows/>  
<http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/>

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

7:00 am Leave for Oakland airport

7:35pm Arrive in Washington DC  
National Airport, Washington DC

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

9:00am Potential meeting at the African American History Museum

12:00pm Brown Bag Discussion at the Solidarity Center

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

Mini-Symposium: Africa & the U.S: Illicit Financial Flows, Tax Injustice, and Economic Inequality

- 8:45am                      Coffee & Registration  
**AFL-CIO, room**
- 9:30 am                      Introduction & Welcome (including basic overview of IFFs)  
**AFL-CIO, room**
- 9:45am                      Africa: The State of the Policy Debate and Campaign Directions to Curb Illicit  
Financial Flows  
**AFL-CIO, room**
- 11:00am                      The United States: State of the Policy Debate and Campaign Directions to Curb  
Illicit Financial Flows  
**AFL-CIO, room**  
*Ken Zinn, National Nurses United*
- 12:30pm                      LUNCH
- 1:15pm                      Movement-Building: Reciprocal Communication, Collaboration, and Solidarity  
between Africa and the U.S.  
**AFL-CIO, room**
- 2:15-3:30pm                      Discussion and Next Steps  
**AFL-CIO, room**

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

10:00 am                      Meeting with Black Labor Leaders at the Solidarity Center

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Departures