



"The thing to do is to get organized. Keep separated and you will be exploited, you will be robbed, you will be killed. Get organized and you will compel the world to respect you."

- The Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey



**The Community Town Hall
and
Cooperative Coalitions:
Organizing the Diaspora from the Bottom Up**



**Sixth Region Diaspora Caucus (SRDC)
International Summit, Panama City, Panama
September 22 – 25, 2022**



The Community Town Hall

- Explain the process to the community and hear the community's concerns
- The community collectively builds a **Pan-Afrikan (Black) Agenda** that reflects that community's issues, concerns, needs and aspirations
- The community elects a State/Local **Representative Team**: Council of Elders, Voting Representatives, Observers/Alternates
- Activists, organizers and community members devise **concrete projects** that reflect the local Black Agenda: community education programs, political analysis and action plans, economic development initiatives, cultural programs



The National or Sub-Regional Summit

- Local organizing efforts from the Community Town Halls link together
- Combine local Black Agendas into a National Agenda
- Share successes, concerns and ideas to motivate each other
- Elected Local Representatives determine the National “Dream Team” to go to international forums (consensus or vote)
- Establish plans for progress in the coming year



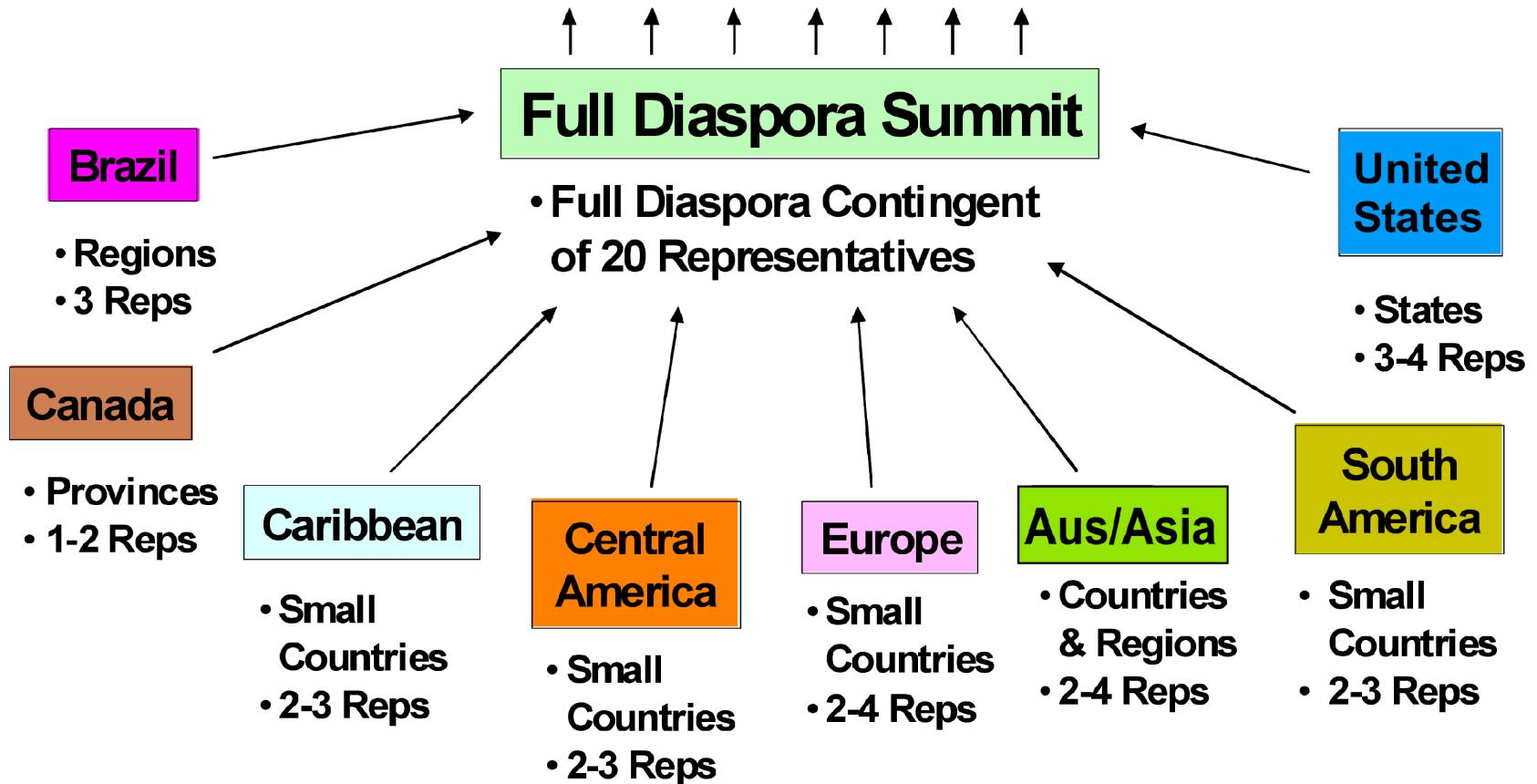
A Global Pan Afrikan Agenda

- Groups from the different Sub-Regional Summits now come together to share and coordinate their objectives and plans
- Link the National Agendas together into a **true** Grassroots Pan-Afrikan Diaspora Agenda
 - Dual Citizenship in Afrika
 - Right to Return to Afrika
 - International pressure on Historic Colonizers
 - Self-Help Programs & Projects that **we** devise and implement
- National Representatives prepare to take that Grassroots Pan-Afrikan Diaspora Agenda to International Forums
 - African Union
 - United Nations
 - World Social Forum
 - Independent Pan-Afrikan Congresses and Gatherings



The African Union Summit

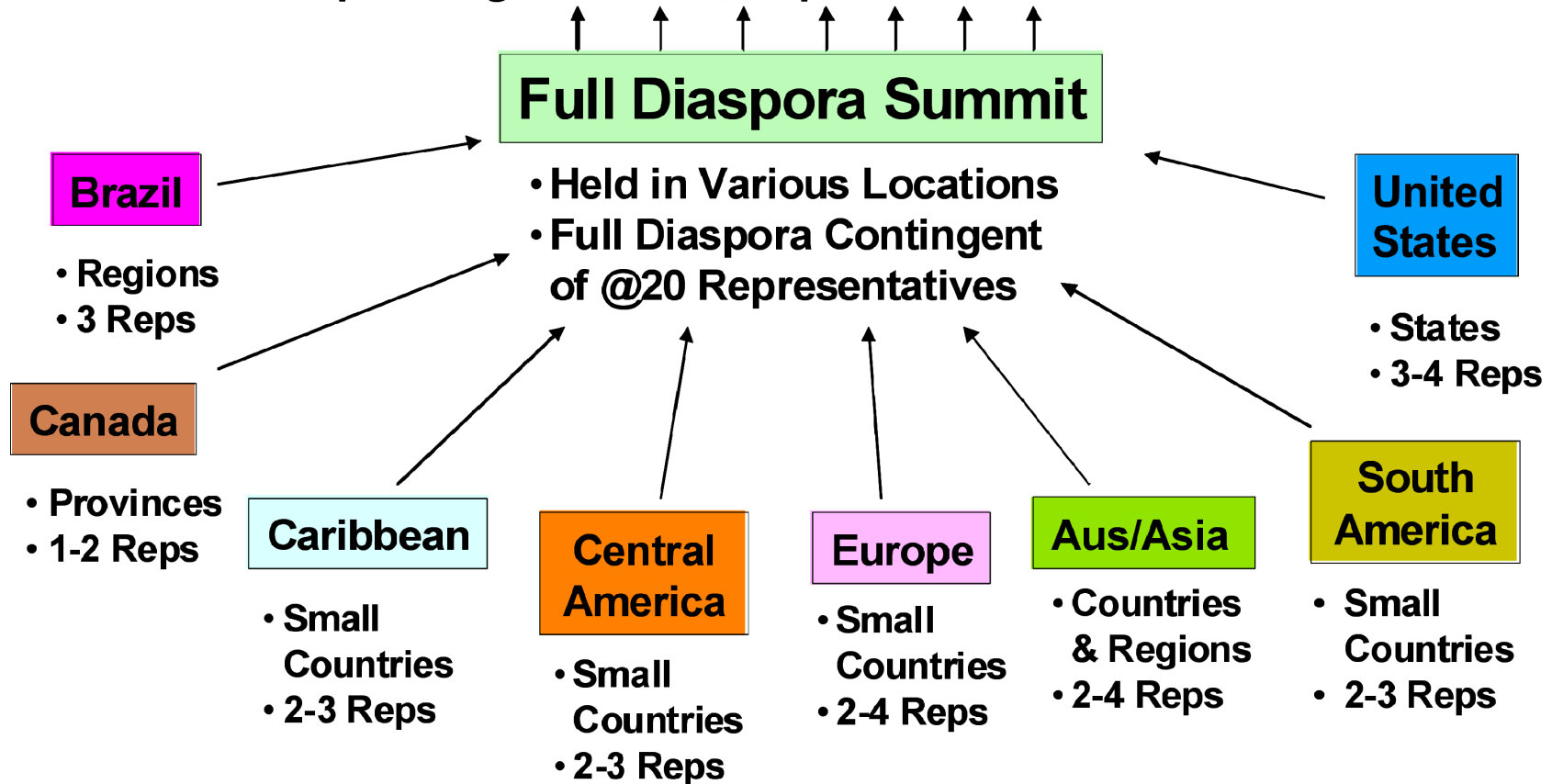
- Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
- Civil Society and Grassroots Representatives
- 150, including 20 from the Diaspora



This plan can work *in* the AU, or if necessary, *outside* it

The World Stage

- African Union, United Nations, Global Organizations, People's Assemblies
 - Civil Society and Grassroots Representatives
 - Expressing our Needs, Aspirations and Solutions

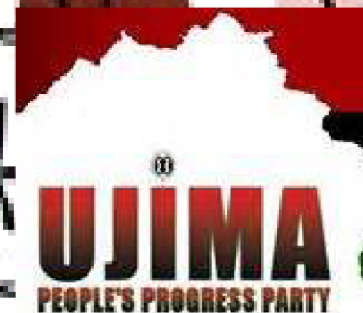
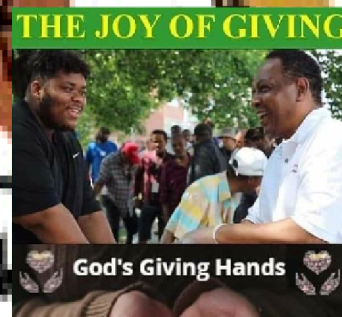
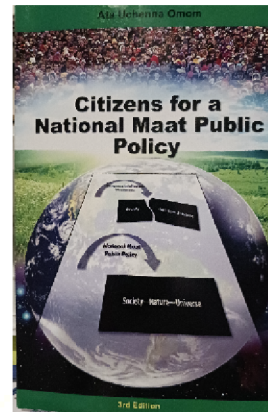


Cooperative Coalitions

- The AU told us in 2003 that we needed to *bring our organizations together*
- Cooperative Principle based on “Unity Without Uniformity”
- International Coalition: the Pan African Diaspora Union (PADU)
- Maryland: the Maryland Pan Afrikan Cooperative Coalition (MPACC)
- Organizing Model: “Spokes of the Wheel” based on Mary McLeod Bethune’s National Council of Negro Women (1935)



“Unity of Purpose”, *not* “Unity of Ideology”



CRITICAL REPRESENTATION HOMELESSNESS
MILITARIZATION & WAR POLITICAL PRISONERS
CORPORATE CRIME ECONOMICS
WOMEN'S ISSUES COME WORK WITH US! HUNGER
PUBLIC HEALTH BUILD OUR POLITICAL AGENDA
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SUNDAY MAY 29, 2022
1:00PM ~ 6:00PM

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- Performances
- Children's Festival Tent
- Food
- Infantation Table
- Health Screenings

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- Storyteller "Grandmother Edna"
- High Priests of Poetry "Kosma Disc"
- SONGBIRD "Freedom EL"
- Xasala Rhythmic Drumming

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SPEAKERS:

- Charlie Dugger, Camp Maraboo (The People)
- Erica Calmes, Black Alliance for Peace (BAP)
- Rafiki Morris, All African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APP)
- Brandon Walker, UJIMA Peoples Progress Party (Upp)
- J'WARR, Howard University (The Kwame Toure Society)
- Donte Claudia Jones School of Political Studies





The Process, In Sum

- **State/Local Pan Afrikan Town Hall Meeting**
 - It All Starts at the Local Level
 - Community Develops its Black Agenda
 - Community Elects Representative Team
- **National Summit**
 - State/Local Groups Bring their Agendas Together
 - State/Local Representatives Determine the National Team
- **Global Diaspora Summit**
 - Global Pan Afrikan Agenda
 - Delegation Prepares for Attendance at AU, UN, PACs
- **Diaspora Delegation to AU, UN, PACs, International Meetings**
 - Take Our Grassroots Voice to the World Stage
- **Coalition Building**
 - “Cooperative Coalitions”, “Spokes of the Wheel” (Maryland)
 - ***“Unity of Purpose”***, not ***“Unity of Ideology”***

Discussion Questions

- How can this model work in Central America, South America and the Caribbean?
- What experience can you share about the community organizing process in Panama and Central America?
- What changes would need to be made in this model to make it work for you?
- Are we even asking the right questions?

