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**Fifth Biennial Conference of the
Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora,
Africa, Diaspora & Pan-African Agendas
August 2-5, 2009, Accra, Ghana**



You are invited to participate in the fifth biennial conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), to be held August 2-5, 2009, in Accra, Ghana. The conference is co-sponsored by Rutgers University and the W.E.B. Du Bois Center in Accra, with the support of Ghana's Ministry of Tourism and Diasporan Relations. CFP deadline: December 15, 2008.

In commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the first Pan African Congress (1919) and in celebration of Ghana's central role in nurturing Pan-African struggles for freedom and justice since 1957, the theme of the conference is "Africa, Diaspora, and Pan-African Agendas."

The conference will be research driven, featuring panels organized in ways that effectively stimulate discourse across geographic, disciplinary, cultural, and theoretical boundaries. Emphasis will also be given to the practice and performance of culture, identity, and politics. Participants are encouraged to propose roundtable discussions and participatory workshops that look at diasporic encounters in all activities from educational policies to cooking practices. All geographic areas will be represented, including Africa, the Americas, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Paper and panel proposals that incorporate women, gender, and sexuality as categories of analysis are encouraged.

Please send a two-page abstract (for either a single presentation or a panel/roundtable/workshop) and a one-page cv (or a set of one-page cv's). Roundtable and workshop presentations should be designed to be no more than ten minutes in length, with the balance of the time given to collective in-depth discussion of the issues, or participatory activity. The deadline for receiving the abstracts is December 15, 2008. Abstracts can be sent prior to submitting the registration fee, and should be directed electronically via email attachment to: ghana-09@rutgers.edu. Other queries can be addressed to: Abena Busia, Director, Professor of Literature, Rutgers University, c/o W.E.B. Dubois Center,

P.O. Box CT 975, Cantonments, Accra, Ghana; email: aswad@webdubois-gh.org. The ASWAD web site is available at <http://www.aswadiaspora.org>.

Conference delegates are encouraged to attend the Reverential Night festivities at Cape Coast Castle on Friday July 31, 2009 marking the final night of PANAFEST, a cultural event dedicated to enhancement of the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the development of the African continent. Details on PANAFEST and various tour options and add-ons will be circulated in early October by Heritage Development Consultants.