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Dear Friends,

I extend my warmest congratulations to the **Africa-USA International Chamber of Commerce & Industry (AfUSA)** on hosting its **13th Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference**, which aims to raise awareness of the need for global trade and investment with Africa.

Since 2010, the Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference has united Africans, African Diasporans, and allies of Africa in Los Angeles and worldwide. This conference brings together experts in international trade and commerce to foster business, investment and local economic development.

Recognizing the pivotal contributions of international trade to our city's prosperity, we are dedicated to promoting sustainable and inclusive practices that benefit Angelenos and Africans. The City of Los Angeles is steadfast in its efforts to strengthen global supply chains, reduce emissions, and enhance our region's competitiveness. In collaboration with our regional partners, we are committed to deepening LA's economic ties with Africa and advancing Los Angeles as a global city. I deeply appreciate Reverend Al Washington, Executive Director of the AfUSA and Founder of the Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference, for his long-standing, visionary leadership and commitment to engage Los Angeles and Africa.

I am heartened by the Conference's efforts to connect our communities, both locally and globally, for these vital discussions on bilateral trade and investment. You have my best wishes for a successful and memorable conference!

Sincerely,

Karen Bass