



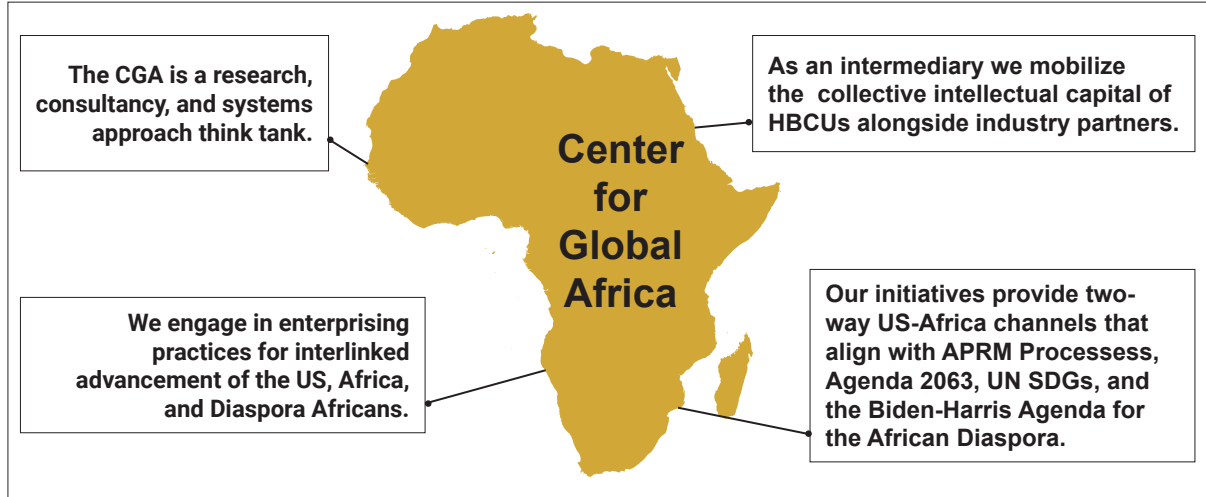
Pan-HBCU CONSORTIUM



APRM
African Peer Review
Mechanism

Center for Global Africa

The [Center for Global Africa](#) (CGA) is a futurist Diasporan advocacy, research, and consultancy think tank that employs systems approaches and sustainable solutions to address key intersections of U.S.-Africa Governance, Policy, and Socioeconomics for shared development, utilizing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), private sector and social impact partners as critical drivers.



Operations and Opportunities

As a futurist and managing entity, the CGA connects Diaspora and U.S. counterparts to Africa's emerging economies and investment possibilities with capacity building, revenue generating, and mutually beneficial outcomes.

The CGA operates in unoccupied spaces of global opportunities to facilitate enterprising Africa-Diaspora engagement and human capital enrichment based on interlinked factors that include:

- Africa's world-leading population of youths who require basic 21st-century education, technical training, and workforce skills, and advanced studies.
- America's revived interest in Africa as evidenced by President Biden's 2022 Africa Leaders Summit.
- America's near-50 million Diasporans and over 100 HBCUs that can be harnessed for tangible U.S.-Africa socioeconomic advancements.
- Three African Presidents were HBCU alumnus: President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana attended Lincoln University; President Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria attended Lincoln and Howard Universities; President Hastings Banda of Malawi attended Meharry Medical College.



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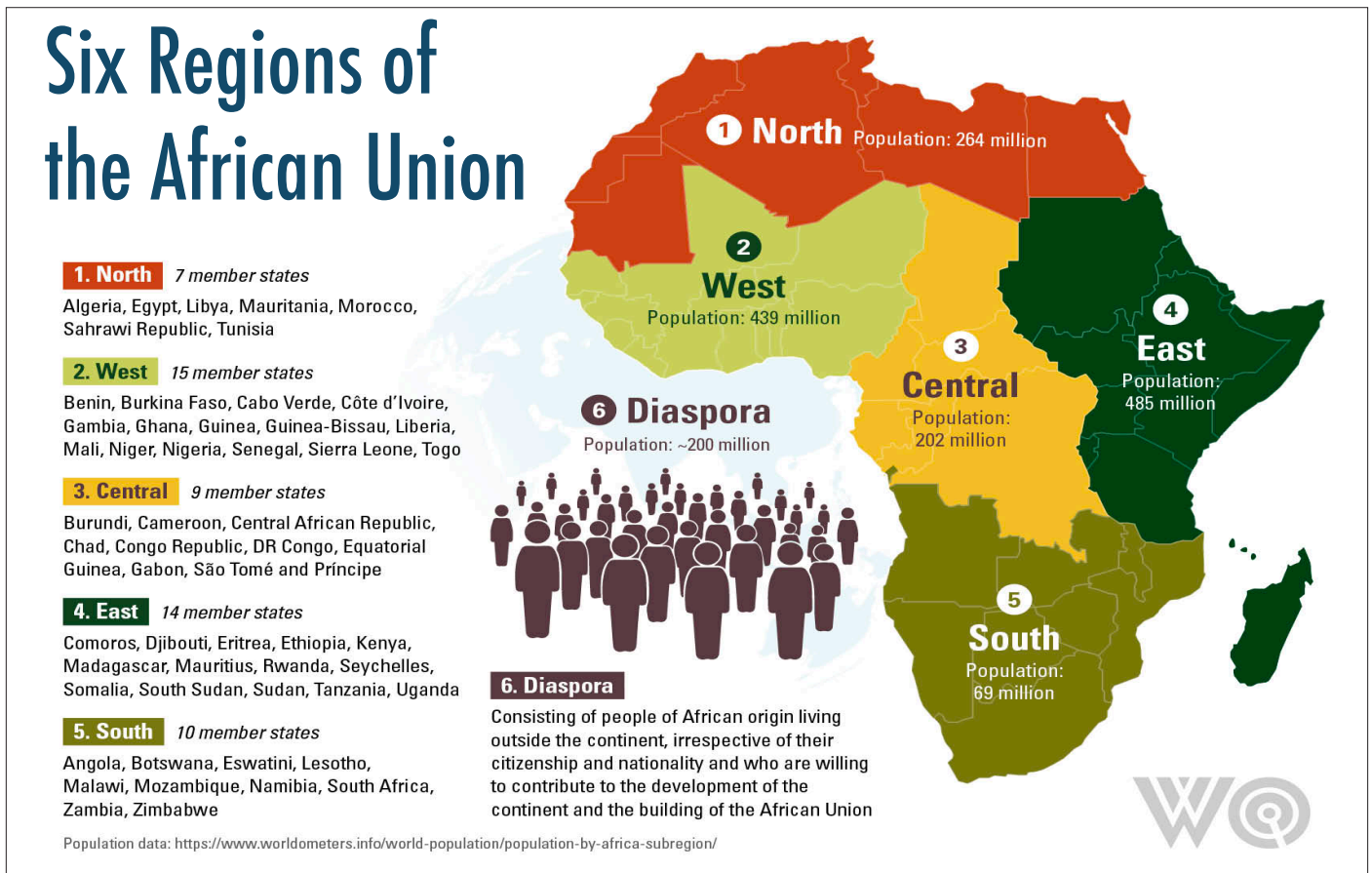


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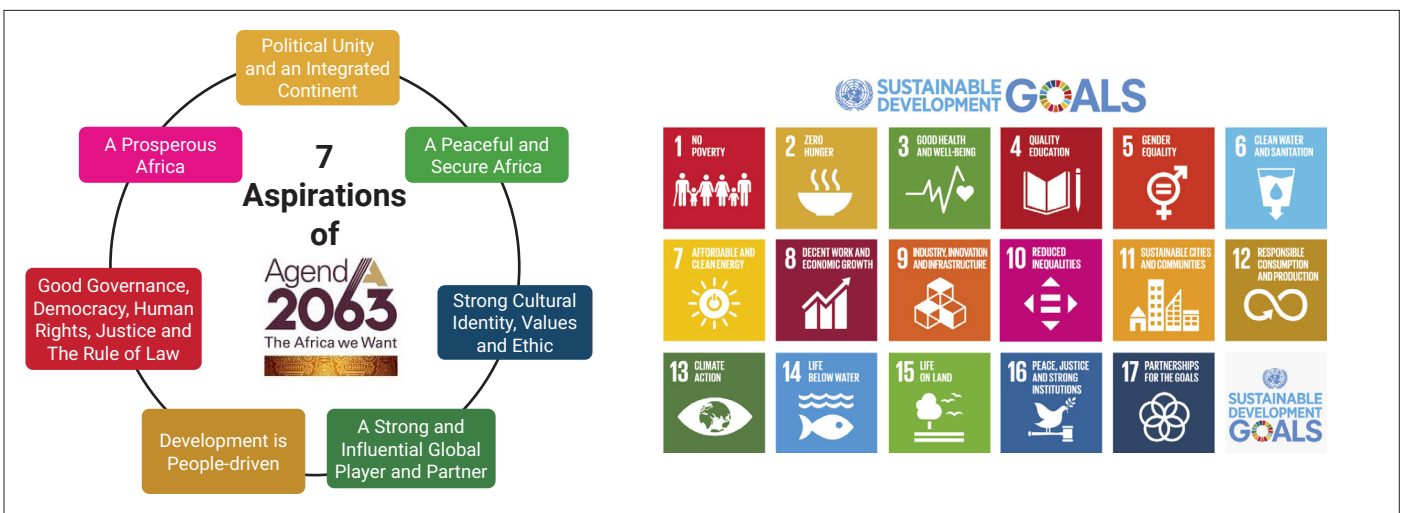
Sixth Region, Agenda 2063, and CGA's AU Accord

Considering the African Union's (AU) declaration of 2024 as "The Year of Education" and understanding the enormity of collective U.S.-Africa benefits that can derive from structured Africa-Diaspora relations, the CGA mission is further informed by 3 historic AU enactments:

- 1. The Sixth Region:** The AU's formal designation of Diaspora Africans (those who live beyond Africa's 5 geographical regions of North, East, South, West, and Central) as being Africa's "Sixth Region," which encompasses African Americans.



- 2. Agenda 2063:** The AU's adoption of Agenda 2063, which is Africa's 50-year blueprint for transformative continental progress that encourages "Sixth Region" contributions to create "The Africa We Want."



- 3. CGA-APRM Accord:** The CGA's 2018 MOU with the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) that was renewed in 2023. APRM is the AU's revolutionary governance initiative where African presidents (peers) authorize African experts to conduct sectoral Review Reports with slated Recommendations, which nations implement to improve democratic governance and socioeconomic productivity to accelerate Agenda 2063.

CGA-APRM Partnership and Processes

Through the CGA-APRM partnership and processes, HBCUs and other CGA stakeholder groups are privy to formal channels and unprecedented access to high-level relations and derisked opportunities in 44 APRM member-countries.

Stages of the APRM Process

Stage 1

National APRM structures are established, along with an inclusive National Self-Assessment Questionnaire, and a draft of a National Program of Action (Development) to improve governance and socioeconomic productivity as per Agenda 2063

Stage 2

A Targeted or Country Review is commissioned with experts who undertake wide, independent consultations with arrays of stakeholders in government, industry, academia, civil society and citizens

Stage 3

APRM Panel and Country Review Experts draft the Targeted or Country Review Report with recommendations that governments set budgets to implement in alignment with National Plans of Action (Development)

Stage 4

Presidents and Heads of State and Government (APR Forum) participate in Peer Reviews of Reports to identify best practices and policies that can be adopted and employed for improved governance and socioeconomic productivity

Stage 5

The official Targeted or Country Review Report is launched 6 months after examination by the APR Forum of Presidents Heads of State and Government

Stage 6

Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the National Plan of Action (Development) to accelerate Agenda 2063

Pan-HBCU Consortium

Similar to the AU being a Pan-African body of affiliated governments, the CGA is a Pan-HBCU Consortium of affiliate universities, scholars, and subject matter experts who consult and assist African nations and APRM Processes as the CGA's ongoing work related to "Unconstitutional Changes of Government" in Africa and Sierra Leone demonstrates.

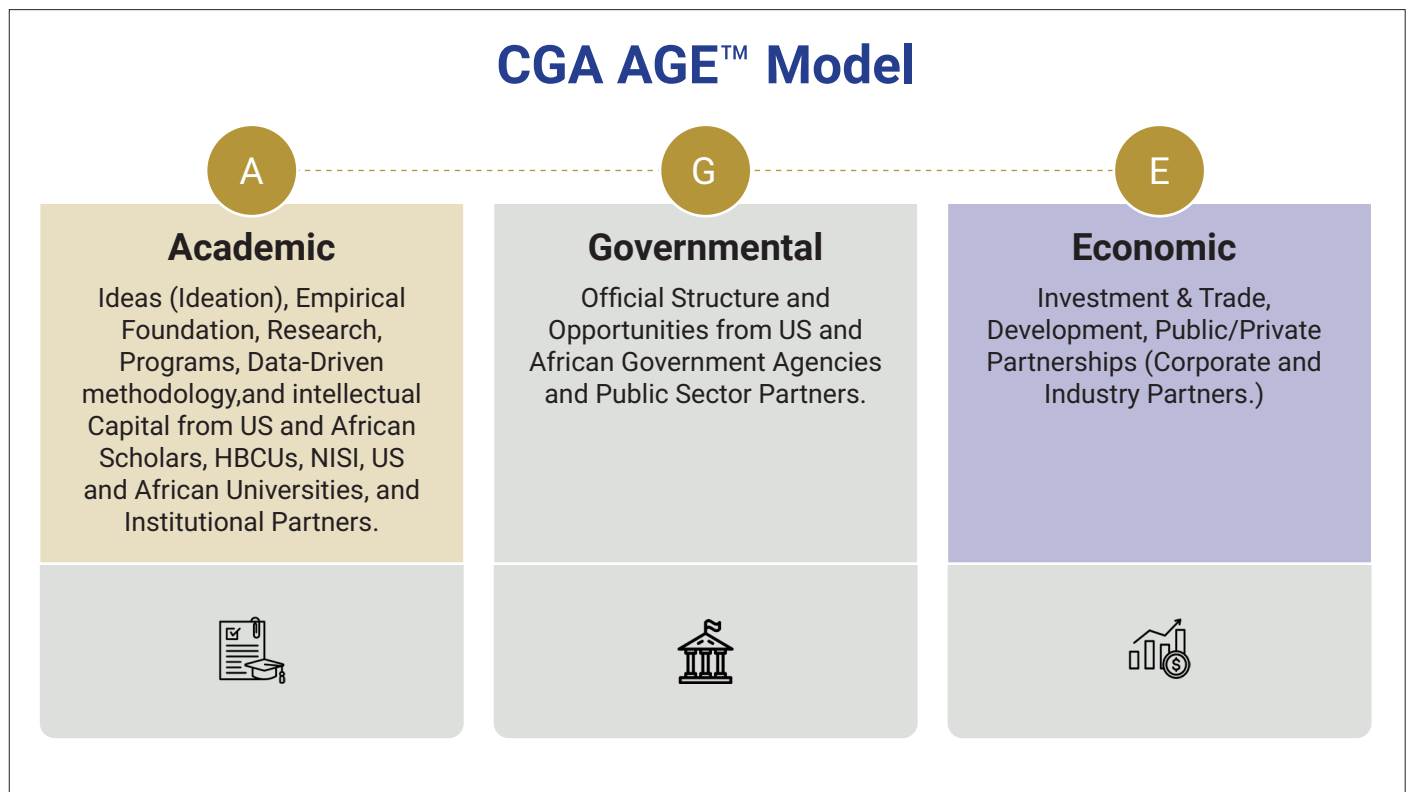


President Julius Maada Bio (seated center) and Ambassadors Inonge Lewanika and Foday Yumkella (seated) Prof. Ezrah Aharone (standing center) with the APRM Review Mission on "Unconstitutional Changes of Government" in Sierra Leone (report launched October 2023)

AGE Model

The CGA strategically pairs HBCU specialties with private-sector partners to redress socioeconomic demands of Host Nations so that career paths and educational programs (degrees, courses, certificates, internships) are co-created, while pilot projects are customized and replicated for mutual U.S.-Africa-Diaspora development, using the CGA's signature Academic-Governmental-Economic (AGE™) Model.

Our AGE Model syncs the intellectual capital and competences of U.S. and African universities (Academics) with national development priorities and opportunities of public-sector agencies and Host Nations (Governmental), via resourcing and support from institutional stakeholders and private-sector investors (*Economics*).



Kool-Baker Global and Development Priorities

To exemplify the AGE™ Model economics, Kool-Baker Global (KBG) is a third signatory of the CGA-APRM Partnership. KBG is an infrastructure and renewable energy firm of music's Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & The Gang), and Major League Baseball (MLB) icon Dusty Baker, who reflect the Sixth Region's vast potential to facilitate African development in other priority areas of CGA involvement that entail Food Security; Public Services and Administration; Health Governance; AI, Digitization, and Smart Cities; Business, Commerce, and AfCFTA; and the Creative Industries.



Robert "Kool" Bell and Dusty Baker

Host Nation of Sierra Leone

With Sierra Leone being a leading CGA Host Nation, President Julius Maada Bio recognizes the CGA as a valued global partner in his “5 Point APRM Platform” for enhanced governance and socioeconomic growth.



SIERRA LEONE'S
ASPIRATIONS
AS CHAIR OF THE APRM

President Bio's Global Recognition of the CGA

Global Partnerships: The APRM's engagements with partners such as the Centre for Global Africa and the UN Human Rights Council will be pursued during Sierra Leone's chairmanship. COVID-19 taught humanity that there is no protection to be found in borders. More than ever, we live in a global village and our destinies are intertwined. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. asserted, “[w]e are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.”

Sierra Leone will therefore advance the APRM's sundry partnerships, mobilize resources on its behalf, and raise awareness of its mission to support its growth and position it in such a way that it is fit for decades to come.

Embracing New Partnerships

With interfacing at the highest levels of leadership alongside committed experts and institutions, the CGA looks to welcome new partners to continually innovate reciprocal U.S.-Africa-Diaspora advancements toward creating both “The Africa We Want” and “The Sixth Region We Want.”

Founding Executive Director

The CGA was conceptualized and founded in 2018 by Professor Ezra Aharone who is an author, consultant, public intellectual, and scholar of sovereign studies. His confluence of years as an HBCU professor and practitioner, combined with four decades of African-related experience, research, and relationships are foundational to the CGA's relevance, originality and success formula.



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