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The mission of Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute (aK) is to provide instruction and resources in the interest of sovereignty and nationbuilding for Afrikan people. The knowledge and principles necessary for this goal are embedded in the languages of Afrikan people. Therefore, a central focus of Abibitumi Kasa is language instruction which highlights information including, but not limited to, Afrikan worldview, culture and spirituality.

We have and continue to offer Afrikan languages to reconnect people of Afrikan descent to our stolen legacy for the very practical purpose of using this information to create and recreate reality in the best interest of Afrikan people.

1 Current Situation



Currently, abibitumikasa.com functions as a virtual learning center for those who wish to reclaim Afrikan languages, customs, and lifestyles. With over 5500 members and that number steadily growing daily, this forum is a prime training ground to develop well rounded liberated leaders as we enter our 8th year of existence.

Online classes in Twi, Yoruba, and Wolof, Hieroglyphics and Kiswahili are currently available on the website as well as various classes and lectures related to Afrikan nationbuilding, repatriation and more taught by luminaries such as Dr. Kamau Kambon, Dr. Runoko Rashidi, Mwalimu Baruti, Bonotchi Montgomery, Obadele Kambon and others in our expanding curricula of courses. Using numerous forums and innovative flash videoconferencing software, students and instructors are able to interact in a variety of mediums: face to face in a virtual classroom using webcams and microphones, or mind to mind in the multifaceted forums.

2 Objectives, Approach and Benefits

2.1 Objectives

- To provide guidance for those on the quest toward liberation.

- To connect like-minded individuals for the purpose of networking and nationbuilding.
- To provide opportunities for individual Afrikans, authors and organizations to promote services that benefit Afrikan people.

2.2 Approach

Using the extensive network of Abibitumi Kasa as well as outside solicitation, courses cover various topics relating to nationbuilding in but not limited to the following areas:

- Akan Language
- Yorùbá Language
- Wolof Language
- Mdw Ntr (Hieroglyphics)
- Kiswahili
- Afrikan History
- Traditional Afrikan Spirituality
- white world domination by terror
- Afrikan Educational Systems
- Relationship Development
- Family Dynamics
- Economic Development
- Holistic Health
- Traditional Afrikan Music and Poetry
- Artistic Explorations
- Elder Council
- Afrikan Languages
- Repatriation

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2.3 Benefits

- Participants need only a computer with Flash installed to participate, but are encouraged to have a microphone and/or video cam.
- Participants are able to tune in from anywhere in the world.
- Instructors are able to introduce their research and work to a wide audience of people who are personally interested in their subject areas.
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3 Implementation Plan

Online courses are implemented with the use of various media and platforms which are strategically deployed in teaching.

3.1 Methodology

The video conferencing software as it exists is already set up in a metaphor for a conference space. There are different “rooms” that participants can enter to conduct classes and a specific one can be created to host your class. Depending on each participant’s software capabilities, they can be part of conversations using the text chat area, a microphone, and/or a webcam.

In addition to separate rooms for various breakout sessions, a room can also be available as an information and technical support area for those having problems using their peripheral devices.

Abibitumi Kasa staff provides the following for our instructors:

Class Planning – To solicit instructors and act as a liaison between the teachers and the greater Abibitumi Kasa community networks organization.

Technical Support – We are proficient with computers and our software and will troubleshoot technical support issues for prospective instructors and students.

Public Relations – We will design and implement marketing tactics including flyers and branding, and advertising for the class.

4 Costs

The cost can range from free to however much is needed to support the instructors and/or Abibitumi Kasa. There are pros and cons for each option, but that is the discretion of the instructor primarily, Abibitumi Kasa and those affiliated. A 60% (Instructor)/40% (Abibitumi Kasa) split is standard regardless of price decided upon.

5 Conclusion: What we require from Prospective Instructors

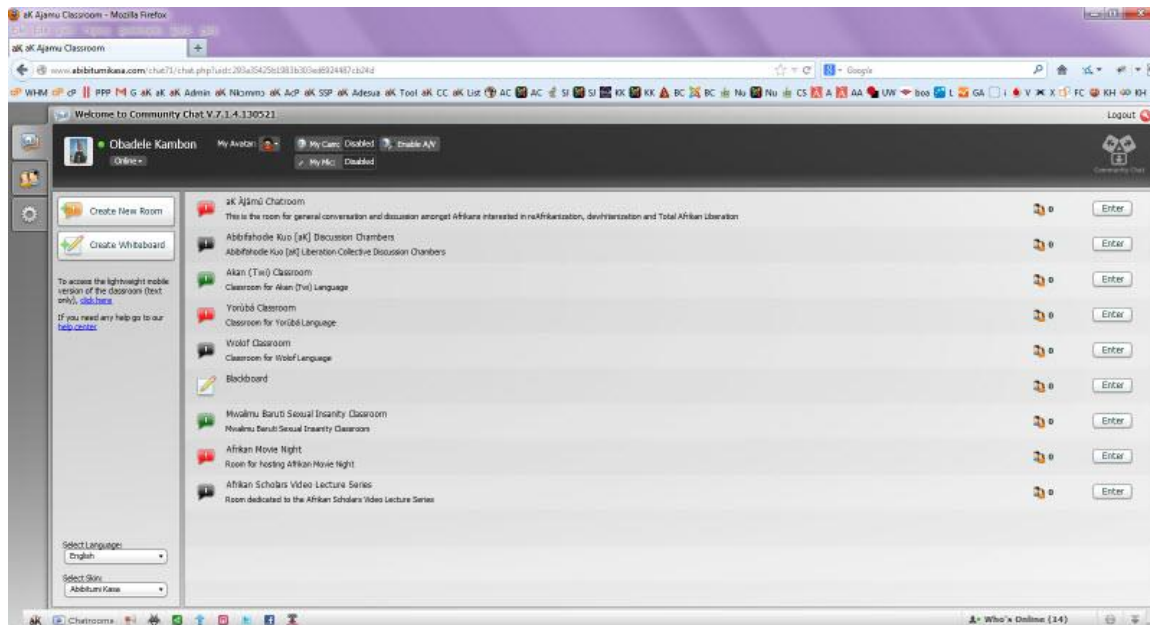
As we move forward in technology, it is important to make the most of it to further the cause of Afrikan liberation. This course would reach an audience in a way that has not yet been accomplished; it is an online real-time class for Afrikans around the world to come together and learn.

What we need from you to make the class happen are the following:

1. Class description: A general overview of what the class will deal with. This should be short and concise, yet thorough so students can come to know what the class is all about

2. Class syllabus: A week by week breakdown of course lessons
3. Duration of course: How many weeks for the course
4. Time and day of the week of the course. Also included should be the start date of the course and the date and time of the free promotional lecture.
5. Duration of each class. In minutes. Typically this will be 90 minutes per class to 120 minutes (2 hours)
6. Cost of class. For 6 week sessions, this is typically between \$95 and \$125 for 90 minute classes. For 8 week sessions of 120 minutes each class, this is typically \$195.
7. Picture of the instructor for public use; mainly used as advertising for courses.

Appendix A: Video Conferencing Software & History of Abibitumi Kasa



[Figure 1. Video Conferencing Software. This Flash based chatroom is a great way to connect Afrikans across the world face to face!

Abibitumi Kasa Classroom

Abibitumi Kasa classroom includes a set of advanced administrative options so that you can easily manage rooms, users, bans, messages, and much more.



Abibitumi Kasa classroom is developed using the latest Adobe Flex technologies, which proved to be a solid basis for the next generation interactive software. Also, the new architecture brings better than ever performance, A/V quality and advanced integration options.



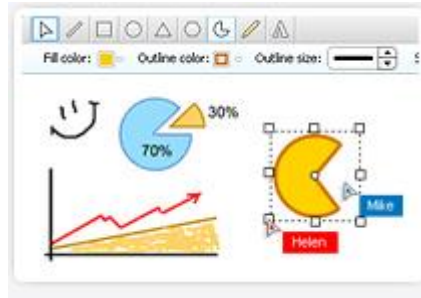
While the user enjoys their chat experience the administrator is in full control with moderation tools, such as, report abuse, ban, kick and monitoring panel which includes useful features like usage statistics, online user list and more.



Connecting users across the globe, regardless all the language they speak Abibitumi Kasa Chat allows for the creation of custom language packages.

Watch multiple users' videos simultaneously with highest possible quality. Built-in video dock keeps all open videos in certain order to make navigation easy and convenient.

Within one click certain video can be enlarged to the full screen size and returned back to default window.



A new innovative feature is the possibility to chat and have other controls in separate tabs. Users join each room only once and then they can easily switch between them using the

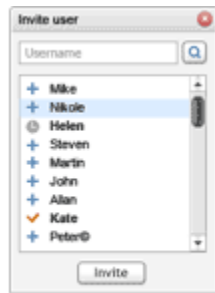
tabs without leaving chat rooms or the Blackboard.



You may post your messages in regular text or our newly developed bubble chat mode. In this chat mode your messages are posted in bubble callouts with the color background you choose. Additionally images and youtube videos can be attached directly into the classroom.

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Besides public chats a user is able to create private room and invite other members to join private video / audio/ text chatting.



During chat session you are able to fully control your audio / video publishing settings which are configured on per-user / room / friends-only basis.

Appendix B: Mobile Capabilities

CLASSROOM:

To access the classroom via mobile device (mobile browser):

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/chat71/mobile-client>

The mobile version allows you to text within the classroom. A/V requires full non-mobile browser version.

FORUMS:

Abibitumi Kasa forums now have a FREE mobile app for Android:

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/mobiquo/aKt.apk>

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/forumrunner/aK.apk>

Abibitumi Kasa forums now have a FREE mobile app for iphone and ipad:

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/mobiquo/aKt.ipa>

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/forumrunner/aK.ipa>

Download either app and do a search for Abibitumi Kasa!

To access the forums via any mobile device (mobile browser), you can do so via this link:

<http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/forum.php?styleid=16>

FORUM CHAT:

Abibitumi Kasa Forum Chat (the bottom chat bar) now has a free mobile app for Android: <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/cometchat.apk>

And for iphone: <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/cometchat.ipa>

Once you open the app, type <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/cometchat/> in the URL field.

The login is your Forum username and password.

Click "Remember me" for easy access in the future.

Forum Chat is also now accessible for free by mobile device (mobile browser):

You can login to Forum Chat using your mobile browsers (any platform). First, you have to login to aK forums mobile style here <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/forum.php?styleid=16> and then you can start chatting directly via your browser here: <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/forums/cometchat/extensions/mobile/>

Abibitumi Kasa Director's Background



Obadele Kambon was born in Brooklyn, New York. At the age of one, his family relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina. Upon completing high school, he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta Georgia on a full academic scholarship where he majored in African American Studies. Upon graduating magna cum laude from Morehouse, he went on to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At UW-Madison, he majored in African Languages and Literature on a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. He also was teaching assistant for Introductory Yoruba, Intermediate Yoruba and Introduction to African Literature courses through the Department of African Languages and Literature. While at UW-Madison, Obadele focused on linguistics and within three years completed two Masters Degrees; one in African Languages and Literature and one in Linguistics.

Upon completing graduate school, Obadele taught at various tertiary institutions throughout the Chicago area including, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago State University and Malcolm X College where he taught African Communications, Twi and Yoruba. Concurrently, Obadele also taught at various educational institutions throughout the Chicagoland area, from pre-school to high school including Dusable Leadership Academy, Betty Shabazz International Charter School, Winnie Mandela Intergenerational Alternative High School, Charles Hamilton Houston Alternative High School, New Concept Pre-School, Barbara A. Sizemore Academy Middle School, the BSICS Community Shule and Camp Cul-Tech. Subjects taught included Twi, Yoruba, capoeira, introductory Kiswahili, Wolof and outdoor

leadership survival skills. After three years in the Chicago area, Obadele moved to Ghana where he recently (2012) completed his PhD in Linguistics at the University of Ghana at Legon.

Obadele Kambon's

CV: <http://www.abibitumikasa.com/CV.pdf>

Abibitumi Kasa translates to Black/Afrikan Power Language. It is an expression that was coined by Obadele Kambon to convey a marriage between:

- A recognition of the need to reclaim and build upon our interrelated indigenous systems of knowledge/spirituality/politics/healing/kwk, which are embedded in our Afrikan languages.
- A recognition of the ongoing WAR against Afrikan people and the need for an intentional and unapologetic commitment in every aspect of life for the Total Liberation of Afrikan People throughout Space and Time.

Because each of these necessities is manifested in every aspect of his Ena's (mother's) and Agya's (father's) lives, Obadele has understood his Nkrabea (mission/destiny) on this planet as a continuation and further unification of these two interrelated goals as integral sides of the same coin in the interest of Afrikan people, Afrikan Sovereignty and Afrikan

Liberation.

This is a site by Abibifoɔ (Afrikan people) for Abibifoɔ (Afrikan people) throughout Abibiwiase nyinaa (The Entire Afrikan/Black World).

The Adinkra chosen to represent Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute was "Sankɔfa – If you forget and you go back and fetch it, it is not taboo."

Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute (aK) in its present form was conceived of in a casual conversation between Obadele Kambon and Dr. Kwasi Konadu at the 2006 Sankofa Conference in Banneker City (Washington, DC). Dr. Konadu worked as the Executive Director of the Africana Studies Institute (ASI) and webmaster of the Institute's website. However, due to the monumental task of keeping the site's content updated along with other time-consuming duties, he felt that it would be best to take the Africana Studies Institute site down for the foreseeable future. At that point Abibitumi Kasa was only a blogspot and not a full-scale website. After nonchalantly mentioning that I had considered making Abibitumi Kasa a website, Kwasi told me that he could make some changes that would put Abibitumi Kasa in the place of the ASI site. Well, I didn't think anything else of it, but to my surprise Kwasi sent me an email just a few weeks later informing me that the domain name and hosting had been taken care of and that the new site, www.abibitumikasa.com, was ready to go! Additionally, Kwasi offered technical assistance in getting files uploaded, suggested programs for website development and offered the ASI site files as a template upon which aK could be built. Dr. Konadu's

assistance and continued support have been invaluable and without his suban pa and adwuma pa, the current work, classes and resources that aK is providing to Afrikan people would not be possible.

The website was developed of as an extension of the Twi and Yoruba classes that were already being offered in Chicago at Betty Shabazz International Charter School that were sponsored by the school's parent council from February - December 2006. With this sponsorship, they paid 50% of the cost of classes for any and all Afrikans who signed up for the classes.

Upon Obadele Kambon returning from Brazil in May of 2006, the decision was made to incorporate live audio and video streaming into the classroom in the summer of 2006. This enabled aK the ability to have students throughout the US and world. aK has taught students as far away as Belize, Australia, Canada, UK, Korea, the Caribbean and more as well as various regions of the US.

Upon launching the Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Liberation Institute forums Abibitumi Kasa has moved towards providing resources in Afrikan languages and resources for Afrikan liberation. Then we decided to offer Afrikan Liberation classes and brought Dr. Kamau Kambon and Mwalimu Baruti on to teach their books. Recent instructors have also included Keidi Obi Awadu of *Living in Black (The Great AIDS Hoax)*, Dr. Runoko Rashidi (*Around the World with Runoko Rashidi*), Kentake Mut Merimut (*Akokɔ Nan*), Akhu Yaw Kamau (*Afrikan Algebra*)!

aK has also provided instruction for journeys to Afrika serving students in Ghana (for the aK/Sankofa Abusua coordinated [Sankofa Journey](#)) as well as Betty Shabazz International Charter School's (BSICS) journey to Senegal and the Gambia. We have also acted as translator, interpreter and co-host for the [Sankofa Journey](#) in July-August of 2008 through the present.

While based in Chicago, we expanded to consulting roles teaching at Chicago State University, Winnie Mandela Intergenerational Alternative High School teaching Kiswahili, Charles Hamilton Houston Alternative High School teaching Kiswahili, Malcolm X College teaching Twi and Yoruba and Northeastern Illinois University teaching Afrikan Communications and more. We are continuing this work with community classes in Ghana, our new base of operations.

An additional service that has been a spin off has been web and graphic design services. This came about as a result of people falling in love with the design of aK's website and graphics. Afrikans began to ask how much we charge so we established this as a business.

We continue to build, grow and expand teaching Afrikan languages, Afrikan worldview and all aspects of Afrikan liberation. This is the only Afrikan Liberation Institute and/or Afrikan Language Institute by and for Afrikan people exclusively and unapologetically. This is the world of Abibitumi Kasa.

Appendix B: Terms and Conditions

You agree, through your use of this website and associated Liberation Forum, that this site is a resource exclusively for Afrikan (Black) people and the upliftment of Afrikan (Black) people specifically and that you will not post any material which is false, defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, invasive of a person's privacy, or otherwise in violation of ANY law. You also agree not to post any copyrighted material unless the copyright is owned by you or you have consent from the owner of the copyrighted material. Spam, flooding, advertisements, chain letters, pyramid schemes, and solicitations are also inappropriate to this site or forum.

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You agree that you will notify aK in writing of any claim or dispute concerning the Site, or the information or services provided through it, and give aK a reasonable period of time to address it, BEFORE bringing any legal action, either individually or as a class member, against aK.

N. Contacting Us:

If you need assistance with the Site or with any service or information provided through it, or if you need to communicate with aK, please e-mail us at: info@abibitumikasa.com.