

Introducing

# Princess Ogechi Ukaga One Peaceful Africa, Director

**Objective:** To provide a comprehensive introduction to Princess Ogechi Ukaga to create awareness and gain support for her inspired leadership for peace in Africa.

As One Peaceful Africa Director and Coordinator of Children of the Earth in Africa, Princess Ogechi Ukaga is dedicated to simultaneously supporting youth groups and individuals in many regions of Africa to expand education, foster growth and sustainability towards maintaining peace.







#### Princess Ogechi Ukaga

**Princess Ogechi Ukaga** was born into a Royal Nigerian family. After she lost her eldest sister Chidi Ukaga, in service to humanity. Princess Ukaga dedicated her life to achieving peace. She learned through her personal experience how to survive and grow and is inspired to promote

peace. Princess Ogechi Ukaga was educated in Nigeria at the University of Calabar (UNICAL) receiving her BA in Political Science and MSC in International Relations at the University of Abuja.

- While in UNICAL she was the Vice President of the UNICAL Association for Aids Prevention and she worked with the Civil Liberties Organization of Imo State and Women in Nigeria Organizations.
- In 2003, Princess Ogechi Ukaga represented Nigeria at the Tunza Program of the UNEP in Russia and she is one of the founding members of African Youth Parliament.
- In 2005, Princess Ogechi Ukaga attended the World Spirit Forum in Switzerland who was also one of the founding members of Children of the Earth's World Spirit Youth Council.
- With the help of Isira Sananda and Sesto Giovanni, Princess Ogechi Ukaga was able to set up a program called Peace Central, in Nigeria, where she runs a micro-finance program. She established a youth empowerment program. One of the projects was to build a drinking Water Boor Hole.
- Princess established a COE Nigerian Chapter that became the regional headquarters for all African Chapters.
- Princess Ogechi Ukaga is one of the Architects of the Future with Waldzell Institution, in Austria. As the Children of the Earth Coordinator in Nigeria, Princess Ogechi Ukaga represented COE at the 2013 International Day of Peace at the United Nations office in New York.
- The International Shift Network rated Princess Ogechi Ukaga as one of the 70+ world's top peace builders, and social change leaders, with skills, training and powerful solutions to bring inner, interpersonal and collective peace efforts to the next level.

Currently, she is the Director of One Peaceful Africa, moving from one African country to another, helping young people to embrace peace and not to be used as weapons of war and violence. One Peaceful Africa's main goal is to strengthen the dialogue between today and tomorrow's decision makers and to experience the full life beyond "all habitual patterns."



Nina Meyerhof,



INSPIRES AND UNITES YOUNG PEOPLE

Under the mentorship of Nina Meyerhof, Princess Ukaga learned that she can have no greater peace than knowing her mission on this planet is helping the Earth's children in Africa.



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#### One Peaceful Africa

## One Peaceful Africa

#### **Mission**

#### **Advisory Board**

Dr. Nina Meyerhof Regular Curti Larry King Group Oronto Douglas - J.D. Chief Nana Apeadu Chikaodi Igbokwe - J.D.

Our mission is to reach out to the youth in Africa and work to establish a lasting peace in all the African countries. Our main aim is to change the mind set of an African youth who believes that stopping violence must not be done by shedding blood but by trying to develop peace initiatives. OPA is working with African youth and African youth organizations to build long lasting peace projects throughout Africa.

#### Vision

One Peaceful Africa's vision is to build a coalition of youth leadership and groups who actively wish to participate in positive and peaceful social change in countries of Africa.



As a girl, Princess Ogechi Ukaga, participated in numerous Children of the Earth programs. She has been with Children of the Earth for over 11years.

Now as an adult she is the Director of One Peaceful Africa working with youth and individuals who desire to be peace-builders. The goal is for young Africans to be heard and seen as a positive force.

She has also started a fundraising project selling **One Peaceful Africa T-shirts** that can be ordered at <a href="https://www.coeworld.org">www.coeworld.org</a> The Shirt Project is a collaboration of the hearts and minds of the children of Africa generating funds to support the efforts on the ground in Liberia, Kenya and Nigeria.



In order to contribute towards a long lasting peace in Africa our aim is to foster education for the girl child, youth education for peace and sustainability, as well as local projects that build better communities.





#### One Peaceful Africa

## **Project Training**

One Peaceful Africa has trained youth coming from these countries in Africa.

- Togo
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Cameroon
- Liberia
- Congo

- Kenya
- Sudan
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe
- Sierra Leone





One Peaceful Africa is honored to have the love and support of Chief and Queen Mother Nana Apeadu. Her dedicated work within the United Nations on behalf of Africans has been recognizing as a leader for the needs of African women. The youth respect and welcome her support.







After training, the young people go back to their own countries to conduct their own local initiatives.





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# One Peaceful Africa Project Training Achieves Success

One Peaceful Africa's Project Training is achieving unprecedented success within our communities.

To build on these successes, some of the youth that attended our initial African trainings having played it forward and used their tools to develop individual community specific projects.

An example of the success of this Children of the Earth training is a Nigerian trained person developed a collaboration within the Nigerian public schools and taught -peace building skills he had learned at a local Children of the Earth workshop.





Princess Ukaga, OPA Director, believes One Peaceful Africa heralds a new era, one to empower African youth to pursue peace. When asked what OPA means to the African people she responded, "OPA is PEACE.











# **Ongoing Projects**

# International Peace Center- Nigeria





We coordinated youth peace activities, dialogs and reconciliation meetings. By establishing inner peace through personal meditation and learning to use spirituality and ethics to create a legacy of peace.

#### Education for All Girls in Africa



The current OPA project is mobilizing one-day empowerment programs designed to give Nigerian girls a safe learning atmosphere and shift the cultural mindset of those who believe school is only necessary for boys. Due to a series of kidnappings of Nigerian girls by Boko Haram's five-year insurgency against Nigeria's government, decreasing numbers of girls are attending school for fear of abduction where everyday people are been killed by terrorist.









# **Ongoing Projects**

### **Traditional Toilets for Togo**

In Togo, many human beings have not been able to live in a clean environment due to the fleeing over-crowded conditions due to people to Togo to avoid conflicts in their countries.

To make traditional toilets in Togo we need:

A Builder with some of the youth Wood Cement Pots Sand

Iron







## Clean Water Nigeria - Sudan

Drinking water is very necessary. With the help of anonymous funding, these pumps make water more available for families and their children. The Niger Delta extends over about 70,000 square kilometers and makes up 7.5% of Nigeria's land mass. The people's livelihoods were primarily based on fishing and farming. Low crop yield and loss of land to erosion have combined to induce people to migrate in search of water. Now life on the Niger Delta has been drastically changed by development of oil resources. They need clean water.





# **Ongoing Projects**

# Orphanage - Congo

The war in the Congo worsened the status of children. Many of the school children were enrolled in army forces as soldiers. Often they were injured, disabled and killed and used as killing machines. The girls served as sexual slaves, and then were discarded as orphans. The war has greatly increased the poverty index. This has further forced the children to go to the streets to provide for their families needs.

It is our hope to help support an orphanage that grew out of this despair.





Two COE youth trainers, accompanied by Princess, will implement workshops on COE's curriculum of Reflect-Connect -Act for personal realization and ethics, skills in group communication, and skill building for peace and project development greater potential for more innovative social projects as well as personal plans. COE trainers will train two African youth leaders to carry the torch forward to offer other trainings.

# Turning Trash to Treasure

In 2013 the first training in **Ghana** is where the project "Turning Trash to Treasure" began. Building in a local football field benches made from discarded plastic water bottles became a signpost for this new era. The Turning Trash to Treasure project emphasized symbolizes a new way to think and live in Africa.







# One Peaceful Africa ICT - Nigeria

OPA is interested in enhance effectiveness in practical-bias free learning in the African community. This project stands to be a force for good in the lives of young people.



#### **NEEDED RESOURCES**

- 1. Laptop computers
- 2. Multimedia Projector
- 3. Multimedia Projector Stand
- 4. Portable Generator-20HorsePower
- 5. Infra Red Multimedia Pointing Device
- 6. Portable mini Public Address System



#### **EXPECTED BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT**

The project is expected to be a continuous routine program for young people from all communities in Africa, hence the portability of the requested resources for adequate mobility from community to community. During the period of the project the young people will also be continuously educated and inspired for peace by inculcating the COE code of ethics into them, thereby spreading the ripple effect the COE values to all and furthering peace within their communities.





# Pending Projects

Within the coming 3 years we would like to have accomplished multiple ongoing projects designed for personal enhanced inner development, furthering girl access to education, skill building for developing local peace projects, programs for community sustainability with an emphasis on women and girls in order to build democratic societies.

#### Challenges (external)

- 1. War, violence and terrorism (kidnapping bloodshed among youth, bombing)
- 2. Health Care issues (Ebola, AIDS, malaria, disabled persons, bad hygiene)
- 3. Education is not directed on peace, sustainability and democracy

#### Strengths (internal)

- 1. Network of youth participation including parental support.
- 2. One Peaceful Africa is part of and has built on connections with the United Nations, African Union and other International Nations.









Project Title and Description	Estimated Funding Required
Project Training- Turning Trash to Treasure	\$15,000
Peace Center- Nigeria	\$10,000
Sanitary Hygiene- Toilets	\$11,000
Education For Girls in Africa	\$20,000
Water For Hydration-Pumps-Water Hole	\$20,000
Orphanage- Congo	\$10,000
ICT - In Africa	\$10,000







# Seun Kuti

Renown musician from a Nigeria is committed to One Peaceful Africa.

Seun Kuti who is a musician from a renown family in Nigeria whose father, Fela Kuti, fought for democracy and peace in Nigeria. Seun Kuti is one of the greatest youth inspirer in Africa and has committed to OPA. The OPA T-shirt will be available at his upcoming concerts. OPA members are working to raise funds for many worthy projects including building Hygiene facilities in rural areas of Togo, as well as building a peace school in Ghana.

One Peaceful Africa, directed by a from Nigeria, calls forth individuals who desire to be peace builders and have a passion to unify the youth of Africa as a positive force. Trainings, concerts, and a large summit for 2016 are being planned with the goal of giving voice and connecting a community of young people in Africa. We want to show the world that Africa is a home for a rising caring generation.

This past September, (2014) COE held an initial leadership gathering in Ghana. Participants from Ghana, Togo, Liberia, Uganda and Nigeria have now gone back to their respective countries to catalyze new chapters, offer trainings and inspire local community projects. OPA Liberia is calling on all survivors of Ebola to donate blood in an organized manner to save more lives. The focus is to support the donors with a small package to replace their blood. OPA has created a training for girls in Nigeria.

Girls in Nigeria are not usually allowed to go to school alone for fear of kidnapping. So they stay home. This prompted us to train youths in a one-day Empowerment program. OPA has taken part in helping youth Centers in Eastern Nigeria in their information Technology program where a member of OPA was given an award by the Federal Government of Nigeria for teaching a whole community of about two hundred youths on how to use Technology to empower themselves. OPA also has a flag with the bearer named.





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#### In Conclusion:



#### **DIRECTOR'S MISSION STATEMENT**

We are following our own path to true and lasting peace that we believe starts within our own hearts. To truly transform our communities, our countries and the world is to begin by transforming ourselves. This is the way to sustainable unity within our world. One Peaceful Africa strives to prepare the ground for exceptional ideas and to inspire to concrete action, enriched by the critical voices of idealistic and courageous young people.

One of the principal aims of this initiative is to strengthen the dialogue between the generations, between today's and tomorrow's decision makers.

Princess Ogechi Ukaga



