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The mission of Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute (AKALI) 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 1500 members and that number steadily growing daily, this forum is a prime training ground to develop well rounded liberated leaders.

Online classes in Twi, Yoruba, and Wolof, are currently available on the website as well as various classes and lectures related to Afrikan nationbuilding. 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 Solution**

You. We at Abibitumi Kasa are looking to expand our course offerings by providing our infrastructure to other Afrikans with expertise and ideological clarity. This is an opportunity for Afrikans around the world to gather in a central place to learn and discuss paths toward liberation. Using the extensive network already present through Abibitumi Kasa, classes hosted using the current videoconferencing software. Topics ranging from Afrikan history, language and culture to family development, nationbuilding, Afrikan spirituality and more are welcome. A course consistent with these objectives would act as a vehicle for the promotion of your work as well as a source of information for those who are on the distinguished road toward liberation.

### **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, a course may cover various topics relating to nationbuilding in but not limited to the following areas:

- 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

## 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

Planning a course relating to Afrikan Liberation requires much cooperation and networking within the liberation movement community. One of the best things about our community is that our leaders and foremost scholars are quite accessible, confirming that we truly are a close knit family. With not many degrees of separation between us, it is important that we make our connections and skills known in order to use the full capacity of our collective strength.

### **3.1 Methodology**

The existing video conferencing software as it exists is already set up in a metaphor for a conference space. There are different “rooms” that participants can go 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. The typical split is 75% - 25% with 75% going to the instructor and 25% going to Abibitumi Kasa to support our expansion of the work of Total Afrikan Liberation.

## **5 Conclusion: What we need from Prospective Instructors**

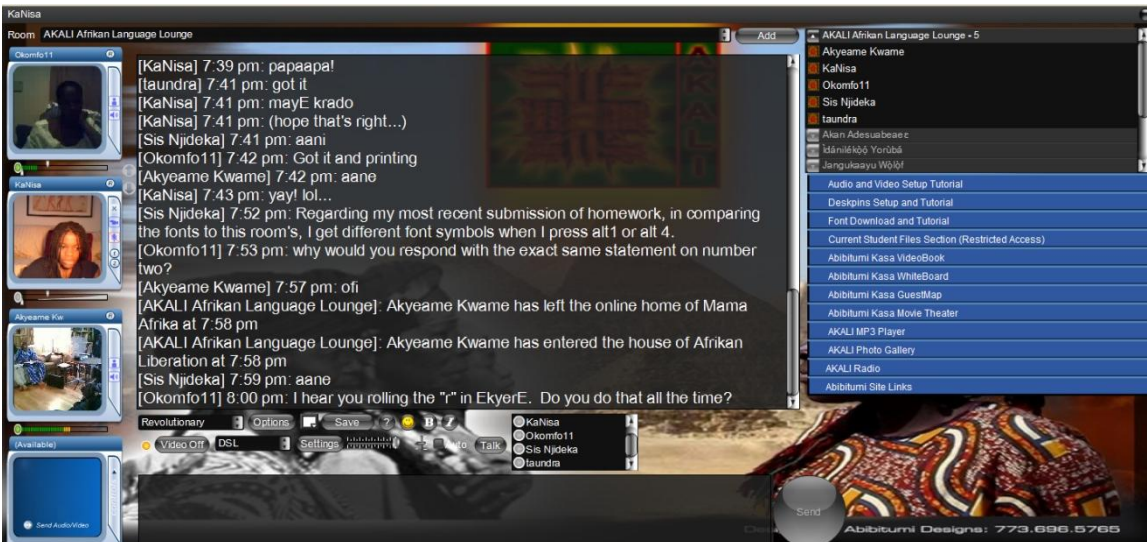
As we move forward in technology, it is important to make the most of it to further the cause of Afrikan liberation. This course would reach an audience in a way that has not yet been accomplished; it is an online real-time class for Afrikans around the world to come together and learn.

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

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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!]

### Flash Chat

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

A PHP-based "bad words filter" allows you, the chat administrator, to prevent foul language from being viewed within the chat.

FlashChat's advanced admin panel allows you to view messages within any room from any time period (provided that they have not been purged from the database). Advanced search options ensure that you, the FlashChat administrator, will have quick access to any message that you might be looking for.

Users and administrator can ignore other users, share files, engage in private chats, and view user profiles (if available). Administrator can ban and unban users, and have at their disposal a variety of text-only commands like /broadcast and /alert.

The FlashChat smilie set is one of the largest of any chat system. FlashChat takes it a step further, however, by allowing the chat

administrator to change the code for any smile, disable any smile, and re-order the smiles easily by just re-ordering the corresponding PHP lines in the config.php file.

Any sound option can be muted and tested. Options also exist for right/left speaker balance ("pan") and for overall volume. As you would expect, all of these options are fully externally configurable by the chat administrator as well.

Music and imaging software allows the instructor to incorporate music, video, and/or photos into the classroom, acting as an online media system that students can access simultaneously in real time.

Class text and audio can be saved and posted. Each student in the classroom has the option to save the text typed during class. Using our state of the art sound recording software the instructor can also record each class to then post online or archive on the instructor's personal computer.

## History of Abibitumi Kasa

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 Abibifo (Afrikan people) for Abibifo (Afrikan people) throughout Abibiwiase nyinaa (The Entire Afrikan/Black World).

The Adinkra chosen to represent Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute was "Nea onnim sua a, ohu - When one who doesn't know learns, she/he knows (sees)"

Abibitumi Kasa Afrikan Language Institute (AKALI) 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](http://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 AKALI 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 AKALI 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 AKALI the ability to have students throughout the US and world. AKALI 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. This aspect of AKALI was founded with Abibitumi Kasa admins Oju and Kala as well as Aziza later. Obadele, Kala and Oju were all previously admins on another message board, but upon seeing that board go in directions that were incongruent with Afrikan liberation, Obadele and Kala left at the same time while Oju chose to stay. Also coming onboard as

moderators were Simba Nerevu and ajaguna in Afrikan Military Systems and Afrikan Political Systems. 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 (Akokō Nan), Akhu Yaw Kamau (Afrikan Algebra), We are looking at having them continue these courses as they are BlackNificent! We now have many moderators and even more prospective instructors for classes we have lined up on repatriation to Kiswahili.

AKALI has also provided instruction for journeys to Afrika serving students in Ghana (for the AKALI/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.

While based in Chicago, we expanded to consulting roles teaching at Chicago State University through the Afrikan amerikkkan studies department, Winnie Mandela Intergenerational 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 AKALI'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.

Obadele Kwame Kambon

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