



## PAACET MONTHLY UPDATES – JUNE 2016

Peace Africa Alliance Consulting, Educating and Training Centre (PAACET) is an international peace and human rights organization that is registered under the laws of Alberta, Canada. With its international head office located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, PAACET is desirous of establishing its Africa Regional Office in West Africa—Sierra Leone being in the spotlight. At the moment, PAACET has Country Representatives and Associates in Nigeria, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Efforts are on-going to finalise arrangements for PAACET's legal requirement to operate in Liberia.

Charles Lahai has recently gained the position of Africa Regional Director (ARD) for PAACET. In April & May, 2016, Charles travelled to Canada on his new organizational engagement with PAACET. While in Canada, Charles was working with other Directors of PAACET on organizational development and management strategies.



Charles speaking at Meeting with  
Cambodian Khmer Krom Association, Calgary, AB

Charles and Janyce Konkin, the Executive Director of PAACET, held numerous meetings with universities, colleges, councils and several peacebuilding, human rights, development and social justice institutions in Calgary, Alberta and Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Meeting with COPACA, Winnipeg

PAACET Canada also organized a meet and greet fundraiser and barbeque where Charles served as guest speaker. During these sessions, Charles expressed delight for his new engagement and presented convincing rationale for the establishment of an Africa Regional office in Sierra Leone. This proposal was approved by all Directors at a Board meeting held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Calgary.

Launch of  
PAACET in  
Calgary,  
Alberta  
May 19, 2016



Charles returned to Sierra Leone flat-out with high determination to succeed. This progressive determination culminated in facilitating strategic engagements with key stakeholders in Sierra Leone, including but not limited to, the office of the Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Sierra Leone Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (SLANGO), the National Youth

Commission of Sierra Leone (NAYCOM), the Ministry of Youth Affairs (MOYA), the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST), the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs (MSWGCA), and a cross-section of the local NGO community.



Charles presenting PAACET Information to SLANGO, Freetown, Sierra Leone

In fulfillment of the requirements for registration as an international organization in Sierra Leone, it is essential that PAACET obtains membership or affiliation with like-minded institutions, organisations and associations; a necessity for strategic engagement with SLANGO, NAYCOM, MOYA, MEST, MSWGCA and other national and international NGOs such as the Society for Learning and Yearning for Equal Opportunities (SLYEO) and Fambul Tok Sierra Leone.

Compelling efforts were made to discuss the rationale and organizational mandate of PAACET stressing PAACET’s desire to establish a positive working relationship with like-minded organisations, institutions and associations within the framework of the laws of Sierra Leone. Background legal documents and other relevant organizational information about PAACET were presented while also soliciting unflinching commitment and support.

While PAACET is working to meet the necessary legal requirements it has secured a temporary office space at 24E Oil Railway Line, Brookfields, courtesy of SLYEO, until its registration process is completed.



Charles presenting PAACET information to MOYA, Freetown, Sierra Leone

On behalf of the Directors and management of PAACET, I wish to thank SLYEO very much for the offer and promise to support a smooth transition. It is worth noting at this point that the ARD’s passion for SLYEO remains very high and as a co-founder and having worked for the organization since its inception in 1995, he feels compelled to SLYEO’s continuous growth.



PAACET Board Members brainstorming, April 2016, Calgary, Alberta

As we maintain our passion to drive our direction, the Africa Regional Director will travel to Liberia in July to finalise the legal requirements for PAACET’s operation in Liberia in the shortest possible timeframe.

As we continue to move forward with setting up contacts, fundraising, designing programs and courses, we hope you will stay tuned and provide us with your feedback on our new operations.

For further information, please contact us at the contact details above or check out our website at [www.paacet.org](http://www.paacet.org).

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