

**DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AGENCY (DSA)**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**AFRUCA – AFRICANS UNITE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE**

INVITES YOU TO A CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN WEST LONDON

TO DISCUSS

**THE TRAFFICKING OF AFRICAN CHILDREN TO THE UK AND THE ROLE OF THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN ADDRESSING THIS**

Increasingly, cases of children trafficked to the UK from different parts of Africa is being highlighted by the media, government agencies and non-governmental organizations. These children are coming from various countries in Africa to be used and exploited by people in the UK for different purposes including sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and benefit fraud, amongst others. A lot of them are from very poor, indigent families whose parents are unable to look after them. Others are street children with no one to look after them and cater for their needs. They all fall prey to child traffickers who are prepared to bring them to Europe to be exploited as highlighted above.

The UK Government, in realization of the above has launched a consultation to ask for proposals on an Action Plan to tackle child trafficking into the UK.

This event will enable members of the African community in the West London area to input into the government consultation process by giving their views on the issue of trafficking and what they feel should be done to prevent it and protect vulnerable children.

Date: Monday 27 February 2006

Time: 6 – 8:30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 7, Light House West, 111 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QT

***Admission is free but is strictly by registration only. Please contact DSA to book your place at the event. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.***

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