



## **“Breaking the Cycle of Fear: Witchcraft, Juju and Safeguarding Victims of Human Trafficking”**

**Seminar on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Central London**

**Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **About AFRUCA**

AFRUCA – Africans Unite Against Child Abuse is a leading charity promoting the rights and welfare of African children in the UK. We are the only UK based charity working exclusively with victims of child trafficking from Africa.

### **Background:**

Traditional belief in witchcraft and juju rituals is strong in Africa and traffickers are known to employ it to coerce and subjugate their victims. Many victims of human trafficking are made to take oaths of allegiance, secrecy and confidentiality to bind them to their traffickers, ensure compliance and guarantee the repayment of the huge sums of money claimed to be owed for transporting the victims to Europe and for their upkeep. Many victims, fearful of the repercussions of the oath taken are compelled to endure their suffering in silence without recourse to help and support. The fear of Juju makes it extremely difficult for agencies to support victims and for the authorities to investigate, prosecute and bring suspected traffickers to justice.

How can UK practitioners better understand the needs of young people who are under the spell of Juju in order to intervene successfully?

### **Aims of the seminar:**

- To explore the role of juju in the growth of human trafficking
- To examine the link between the trafficking of African Women and Children and the use of Juju rituals as a method of coercion and submission
- To explore the role of juju rituals in hindering victim support and in the prosecution of suspected traffickers
- To explore how to empower victims of trafficking to overcome their fears of juju.

### **Outcome expected:**

A better knowledge and understanding of how to support and empower victims of trafficking living in fear of Juju and how to secure their co-operation in prosecuting traffickers

### **Guest speakers:**

- Mr. Andy Desmond, Detective Constable, New Scotland Yard Human Trafficking Team: *Witchcraft and juju as barriers to effective prosecution of traffickers. Our experience at New Scotland Yard*
- Ms. Debbie Ariyo, Founder and Director of AFRUCA: *The Impact of Witchcraft Abuse on Victims of Trafficking in the UK*
- Dr. Esohe Aghatise, UN Expert on Trafficking and Director of Associazione Iroko Onlus, Italy: *Working with Victims of Trafficking in Italy: Addressing Juju as a hindrance to Safeguarding Victims*
- Mr. Godwin E. Morka, Head of Lagos Zonal Office, NAPTIP Nigeria: *Addressing Human Trafficking at Source: Countering the power of Juju on Victims – Our Experience at NAPTIP Nigeria*

### **Who should attend?**

- Child Rights Practitioners
- Policy Makers, Immigration and Borders officials
- The Police
- Social Workers
- Lawyers, Barristers and Immigration practitioners
- Faith groups
- NGOs – local and international

**Fee: £65 per delegate**

### **Registration:**

Please complete attached booking form and return with payment to Cherifa Atoussi, Anti Child Trafficking Officer,

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Please note that places are limited and will be on a “first come first served” basis.

## AFRUCA Seminar Booking Form

**Please return completed booking form by post or fax to:**

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**Date:** Wednesday 25th November 2009

**Venue:** Central London

**Delegate Name and Contact Details Name:** .....

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