

## **Dear Esteemed Members of the African Community,**

We believe in the strength of our community, which is founded upon positive and consistent dialogue. The ACCW Executive Committee, representing all of us, has been diligently working on establishing robust structures to support our future initiatives. We are delighted to share that significant progress has been made in this regard. Now, it is the perfect moment to engage with you, the heart of our community, to better understand your desires and needs so that we can serve you even more effectively.

We acknowledge that our community has faced numerous challenges over the years, and regrettably, some negative elements have sown seeds of mistrust, giving rise to baseless conspiracy theories that often spread like wildfire. Some of these misconceptions may even seem plausible, leaving innocent members vulnerable. To counteract such misinformation and build trust, we are extending an invitation to join us for a Zoom meeting next Thursday evening.

For those of you who are on our mailing list, you should have received the minutes from our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We kindly urge you to review these minutes before the upcoming meeting. We will not reiterate the content within the message, so your prior review will enable us to have a more productive discussion during our two-hour session.

### **Agenda for the Meeting:**

Purpose: To engage in an open discussion on matters of paramount importance to our community. This includes a transparent review of the actions undertaken by the current committee and an exploration of future partnerships, events, and activities that will bring substantial benefits to our community.

Date: 28 September 2023

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkc--hrT4iE9OhpxV8gUJBB5wYBfNjF0pN>

1. Welcome – housekeeping – 5 mins
2. The past – Q and A session about past events and activities – 30 mins
3. The now and future – ACCW executive plans and community expectations – members to suggest frequency of future consultative meetings, possible activities, engagements, and events – 80 mins
4. Rounding it all up – 5 mins
5. End

Your active participation is invaluable, and we look forward to coming together as a community to strengthen our bonds and pave the way for a brighter future. Please save the date, and let's work together to make our community thrive.

Warm regards,

**Kosam Nyamdela**

President - ACCW Executive Committee