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The African Communities of Manitoba Inc (ACOMI) is organizing its second AfricaFest event on Friday, June 16 and Saturday June 17, 2006.

AfricaFest seeks to improve awareness of issues critical to people of African heritage and to improve and celebrate understanding with others in Canadian society.

AfricaFest 2006 (the second AfricaFest) will be highlighting and will showcase three major components: 1: Business Networking and Exposition 2: The African Youth 3: Culture

AfricaFest 2006 kicks off on the evening of June 16, 2006 with a businesses and professionals networking reception for Manitoba African community entrepreneurs, Manitoba businesses and our guests from government and African embassies. We hope with this event to increase access and lasting connections of our professionals, entrepreneurs and diplomats to Manitoba business and society, and vice versa.

The business theme will be continued on the 17th with the early afternoon Business Expo at the University of Winnipeg.

The youth empowerment component of the AfricaFest will be showcased on Saturday June 17th at the University of Winnipeg, with the theme "My Dream, Our Reality: In the Eyes of an African Youth". The component is structured as a Symposium and Youth Congress and has been put together by young people in the community. It continues the dialogue started at the African Youth Forum held in January 14th 2006 and includes a movie by our own young producer and director Mr. Muuxi Adam, a key note address by the Lt Governor Hon. John Harvard and a panel discussion.

With this afternoon youth program, ACOMI and the AfricaFest spotlights the youth human resources in the community and their ability to identify, promote and address issues relevant to their lives, integration and aspirations.

An evening Cultural Night concludes AfricaFest 2006 with food, dance and fashion. This Cultural Night is also championed by the community's youth and will showcase the colorful, deep and diverse cultures and traditions of the African continent.

AfricaFest2006 is supported and hosted by the Global College of the University of Winnipeg (June 17th events) and the St. Boniface College (June 16th events).

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