

## GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION

- ★Latin America (including Mexico and Central America)
- ★The Caribbean
- ★Brazil (given its language, size, and historical disconnect with the rest of Latin America)
- ★The United States, Canada (not grouped with the United States given the often different interests of the Diaspora of the two countries, as re-ported by members of the Working Group)



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## Connecting Back— Moving Forward

## WHAT IS WHADN?

The Western Hemisphere African Diaspora Network (WHADN) is an African Union (AU) initiative and was launched during the First African Union Western Hemisphere Diaspora Forum held in Washington, DC from December 17–19, 2002. This historical event was convened by AU and coordinated by The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

### MISSION



The mission of the WHADN is to encourage and facilitate the utilization of the collective talents and resources of the African Diaspora in the Americas, the Caribbean and Latin America to support economic development and sustainable growth on the continent. To this end, WHADN was established to function as the coordinating network, linking the Diaspora and the AU



for the purpose of achieving the common goals of social and economic growth throughout Africa.

### OBJECTIVES

- ★To encourage and facilitate the enduring cultural, social and economic ties to Africa within the Western Hemisphere Diaspora communities
- ★To develop and identify funding for capacity building projects by Diaspora civil society organizations in the Western Hemisphere Diaspora and the African Union
- ★To work with the African Union to create mechanisms to represent the views, concerns and interests of the African Diaspora within the African regional organization



## PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

- ★Democracy, Governance and the Rule of Law
- ★Health and Environment
- ★Peace and Security
- ★Education
- ★Trade and Economic Development
- ★Science, Research and Technology
- ★Communications
- ★Arts and Culture



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