GALA AWARDS DINNER

Honoring
Medal of Glory Recipient:

Dr. Amadou-Mahtar M’Bow
Director-General UNESCO
(1974-1987)

Friday, September 22, 2007
8:00 pm—8:30 pm
Medal of Glory

The Medal of Glory is The Foundation for Democracy in Africa’s highest honor and is given to leaders that exhibit dedication and perseverance in promoting the ideals of democracy throughout the countries of Africa. Past recipients include former Nigerian President, His Excellency Shehu Shagari, Dr. Dorothy Height, Chair and President Emeriti, National Council of Negro Women and His Excellency Abdou Diouf, former President of the Republic of Senegal among others.

Dr. Amadou Mahtar M’Bow

Dr. Amadou-Mahtar M’Bow was Minister of Education and Culture during his country’s transitional period of internal autonomy (1957-1958), he resigned in order to engage in the struggle for independence. After this had been achieved, he became Minister of Education (1966-1968) and then of Cultural and Youth Affairs (1968-1970) and was a member of the National Assembly of Senegal. Elected to the Executive Board in 1966, he became Assistant Director-General for Education in 1970. Appointed UNESCO Director-General in 1974, he was reappointed for a second term of office in 1980. Throughout his career and his tenure at UNESCO, Dr. M’bow has been a strong proponent of the ideals of democracy in the development of the countries of Africa and throughout the world.

Posthumous Honor

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa also honors Dr. Robert Ingram (Dr. Bob), Medal of Glory Recipient 2004.

Dr. Robert Bernard Ingram

Dr. Ingram is the former Mayor of Opa-locka and the former President of the National Conference of Black mayors. Dr. Ingram comes to the table of academic excellence with the patient understanding of a pastor, the political knowledge of a government leader, the theoretical wisdom of a professor, and the assurance of an administrator. Evidencing a strong ability to work within complex organizations Dr. Ingram has been a positive force in fostering positive race relations, becoming the First African-American police officer to be assigned to the all-white section of downtown Miami. An oft-time herald Community Servant, Dr. Ingram is the recipient of over five hundred awards. Among them is the Peace and Unity Award from the St. Martin de Porres Association; awards from the United States Justice Department Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service for Outstanding Community Service. Dr. Ingram has been the subject of numerous articles in magazines such as Jet, Cosmopolitan, and Reader’s Digest. He has also been featured in the October/November ‘93 issue of African Profiles International, the September ‘83 edition of Ebony magazine, and was on the cover of the June-September ‘89 issue of Southern Down magazine. He was also listed in the May ‘93 issue of Ebony as one of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in America. Dr. Ingram is married to the former Delores Newsome, and he has two daughters, six granddaughters, one grandson and two great grandsons. Dr. Ingram’s motto is “Keep on struggling.”

In Memory of Dr. Robert Bernard Ingram “Dr. Bob”

ORDER OF EVENTS

7:00 pm  
Cocktail Reception  
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8:00 pm  
Opening of Ceremony

Introduction of “Medal of Glory” Recipient

Award Recipients and Honorees

Dr. Amadou Mahtar M’Bow
Medal of Glory
Outstanding Africana Service Award
Remembering
Dr. Robert B. Ingram
Posthumous Honor

Presentation of Awards

Champagne Toast

Celebrating the 10th Annual AfrICANDO

Mistress of Ceremonies: Ms. Doyin Ogunbiyi
Entertainment By: Kiki Sanchez-Jazz