

Mission:

To build a network of international workforce, mobilizing communities to be self-sufficient, executing effective and efficient assessments, feasibility studies, and implementing projects for the complete physical, mental and social wellbeing of all ~Optimal Wellbeing.

What do we do?

A-Kins Analysts and Project Managers, a minority woman owned community based small business, is a specialty provider of Business Infrastructure Capacity Services including:

- Business Capacity Assessments
- Business Feasibility Studies
- Business Strategic Plan & Project Management

Executing efficient & effective, successful international business projects.

"Successfully implementing impossible projects in impossible places"

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

The Plight of a Woman	1
Mutual Respect	2
The White Woman	4
The Black Woman	6



The world bank proposed a fact, women are the poorest humans on earth, most especially black women.

The Contribution of African Women to Economic Growth and Development: Historical Perspective and Policy Implications, April 2012, written by World Bank and Harvard, Emmanuel Akyeampong and Hippolyte Fofack, proposes these facts to long extents. They write about how the colonial masters tried to integrate the African communities, and educate women as an afterthought, a means of correcting the initial intent to

The Plight of a WOMAN

educate the men, making them viable for the various commodity and raw material labor and export. During this period, the communities in Africa were set up in Social structures categorized by gender. Male and Female affairs were always separately imple-

mented. Women stayed close to home with their children, grazing the herd, farming for domestic, and local market/trade post purposes. The men were sent out to protect the communities and conquer the world.

It was said that the purpose of Man and his Manhood was to protect and conquer, outside the home. Nothing was compared between Men and Women. Everyone understood the differences between men and women, boys and girls and treated them accordingly. All understood their role in the community,

and nothing was ever compared in an inter-gender way. Not wisdom, nor raising children, nor any form of accomplishments. Women were skilled and competed in their own clan within their own age-group, and gender. The men were also divided into age-groups and competed within their clans in age-groups and within their own gender group.

Mutual respect was the order of the day for the inter-gender-age-groups. The interactions between genders and age-groups were monitored and observed by the King and his subjects. Quite often, the King delegated duties, based on need of the communities, to various gender-age-groups within the clans.

With the colonial rule came gender equity. Women were encouraged to come out of their homes, their communities, and go to school. They were also encouraged to do the same for work. This was all new. The only time a girl or woman traveled and stayed in a different community was when she got married into that community. The family of the husband took responsibility for her and took care of her, welcoming her home. In those colonial days, girls found themselves competing with boys in every sector of life. A no-no in the cultures, yet widely acceptable in the world we live in today. Most parents however tried to keep the home duties separate between boys and girls. The girls still had to learn how to keep a house cook and take care of younger siblings, while going to school. The boys had to concentrate on being strong

Mutual Respect, the Order of the Day.

and went off implementing projects with their dad and various uncles.

A young girl, seeing her father work so hard; and her mother take care of the family, her small business (close to home), take care of herself, and her career; she often wondered, "what do I look forward to?.....what she heard ever so often was the answer, and that was what her dad often told her, "You can be whoever you want to be, wherever you find yourself. The world is yours to conquer".

Fast forward twenty years, and her father thinks he forgot to teach his little girl how to get a good man. He seems to regret not able to help his little girl. She went everywhere, followed her dreams, worked so hard to get to the top, yet found no man to love her. Surely, there are men out there, who appreciate an educated well raised black woman. Who do not see their

women as competition, to be demeaned, dragged in the mud, rumored, just to make them a little less "competitive". Surely, God made some appreciate the good in educated woman.

And who is to blame? No one is to blame. There are indeed very few men who would marry and nurture a smart educated black woman without feeling less than a man. Very few are bold enough.

Coming from a place where the male figure is being worshiped as the "ultimate being". As a doctor, I worked in the labor ward. I watched men back-flip out of the labor wards in excitement, upon the announcement of a male child, a son. Others just strolled out of the ward at the announcement of a female child, a daughter. I found myself wondering if this only occurs in the "African Continent". To my dismay, it is the same all over the world!

Men wishing for boys to be born as sons to them. They hope to marry a wife less smart than they are, for their ego. It is as though having daughters, or a real smart wife, will take some of their manhood, deleting it, making them half-men.

So, is there a difference? Do the demeaning women in the western world surpass the demeaning women in Africa? Is this a surmountable obstacle in a man's life, seeing women as prey to be conquered? Is it

possible to be black, woman, educated, successful, and yet be able to raise your head up before men who wait for every chance they have to take from you? They take all you worked for and belittle you, till you start to wonder what it is to live anyway. When did men stop competing with other men and now face women to demean, ridicule and steal from. Isn't that mediocratic?

"Man" is the "Ultimate Being". I found out playing along does not make men feel better. Why are men inadequate in their ego and id? What deleted their manhood? How do we make men whole again without demeaning women?

Why should working women be belittled as sex symbols and prostitutes? Does that really make men feel good? It sure makes the terrorists in west and central Africa feel good, to demean girls who are trying to get an education, and live a better life.

So, I wondered,.....is this a God given need? A drive to conquer all that is out there; and god help us if what is out there is a woman, or a girl. Could the terrorism in west and central Africa ever stop? Do we have to try and feed the egocentric need of men, a need for conquered power, in order to pacify the beast in man, that needs a feed, the EGO?

Making the best of the two worlds, I, as a black woman, have found myself. I think it is only wise to search for that truth about men and the needs and wants of man's ego. As a woman, for the sake of peace and sanity in this world we live in, we "Play along".

You, as a woman, live low, without an education and you are at the mercy of egocentric men. You, as a woman, you

Men want jobs at all cost. They are now in conquer mode, and women are in their way.

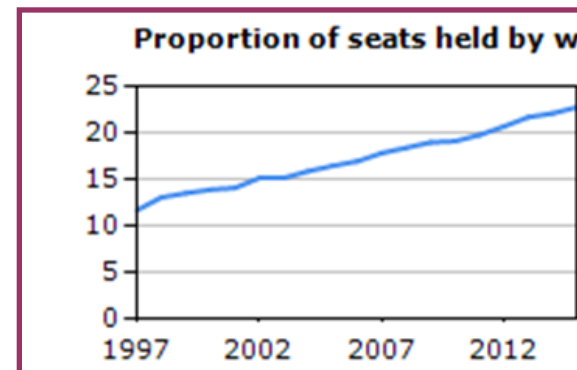
live your life, get an education, work so hard to reach your goals in life, and still find yourself at the mercy of a man's ego, his definition of needs and wants. No matter where you live, what you do, where you have been, it still balls down to the same three letter words, Man and his Ego.

Black women in US have caught up with this, they are playing the ego game well. Sometimes I watch, and I wonder. For them, it is all about saving their men, a species that is fast going into extinction. I do not blame them. The African women find themselves fully educated, yet back home with the family, and why? The work environment has become very hostile for the African women. Women are being treated as sex objects at the workplace, being belittled as prostitutes. The schools have also become hostile to little girls seeking knowledge. Girls are being kidnapped and sold into prostitution and raped, all for the ego of men. Like trophies, the women and girls are arrayed by men among their pairs. How many women they have demeaned and girls they have destroyed and raped. This was not how the African societies were set up. The traditional discipline of mutual respect has been broken and the western way of justice has not caught up with this unruly behavior by African Men. So far, there is no law against demeaning women and girls, and when one tries the western ways of justice, it fails. Why should working women be belittled as sex symbols and prostitutes? Does that really make men feel good? It sure makes the terrorists in west and central Africa feel good, to demean girls trying to get an education and live a better life.

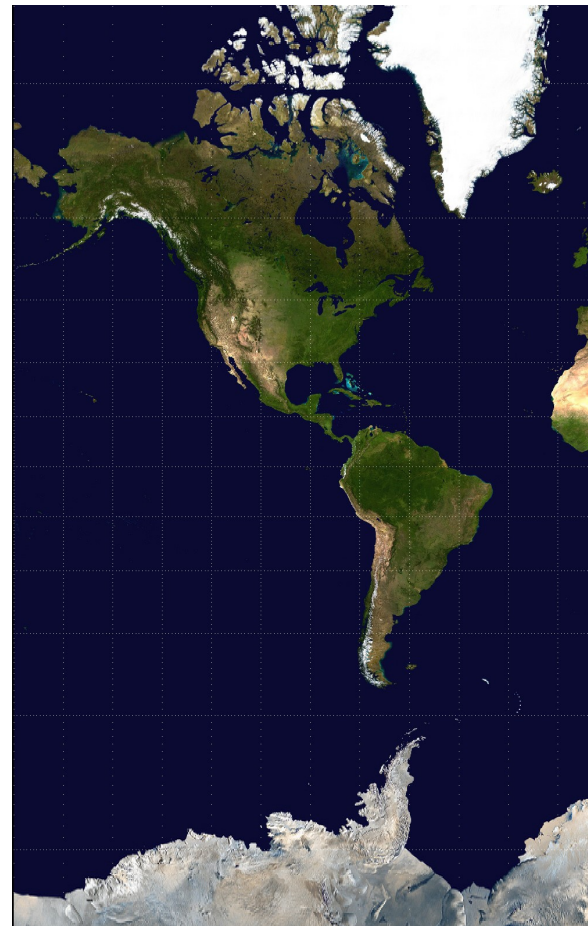
Solution....? Separate the genders like our forefathers did. Set up the age-group clans within the gender boundaries and let boys and young men only compete with boys and young men. Let

White Women in North America, USA

- Educated
- Family Care, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated white women
- Competing for the top with men

White Women in South America, USA

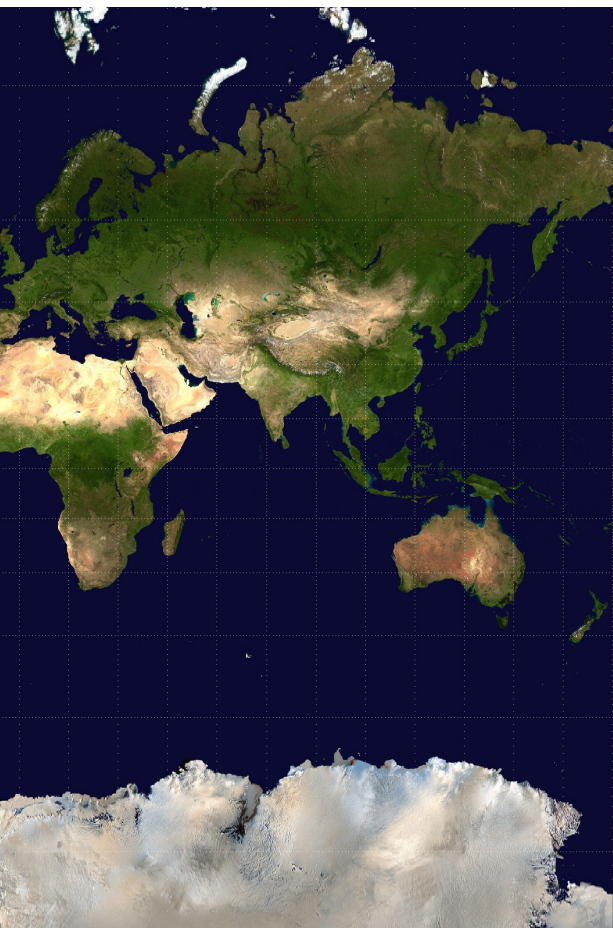
- Seeking Education
- Family are, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated white women



Women in national parliaments (%)

World 22.9 (2015)

Source: World Development Indicat...



White Women in Europe

- Educated
- Family Care, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated white women
- Competing for the top with men

White Women in Africa

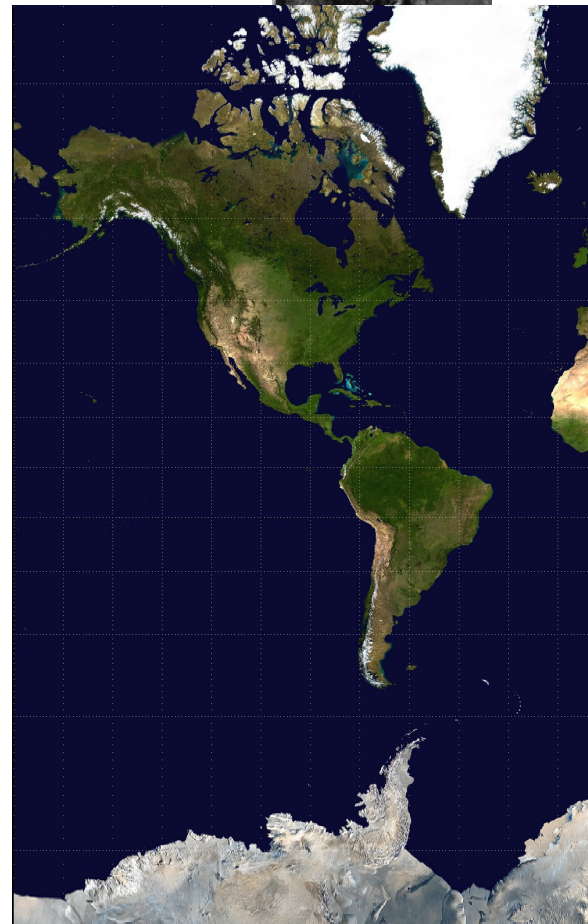
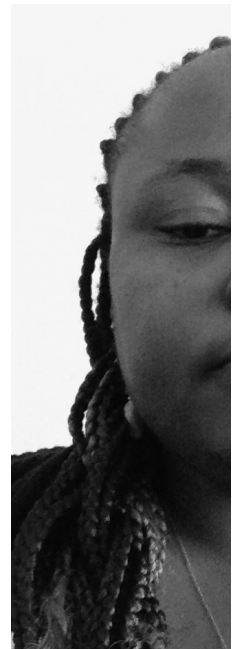
- Educated
- Work
- Non Competing Work with other Women

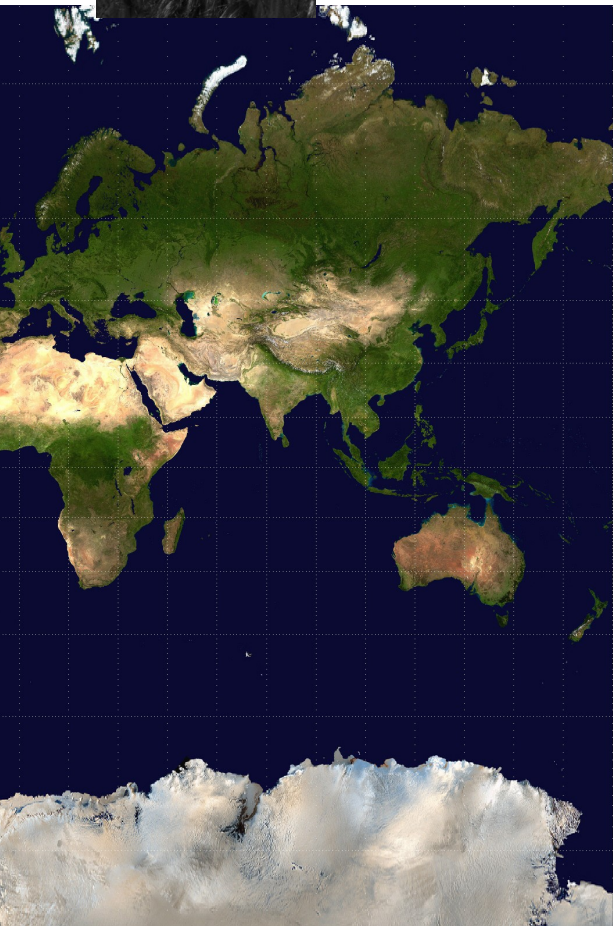
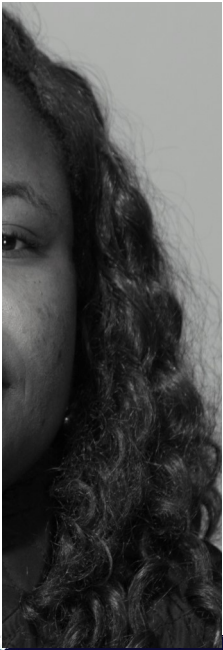
Black Women in North America, USA

- Seeking Education
- Family Care, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated Black women at Work
- Competing with educated White women at Work
- Competing with educated Black men at Work
- Competing for the top with white men

Black Women in South America

- Seeking Education
- Family Care, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated Black women at Work
- Competing with educated Black men at Work





Black Women in Europe

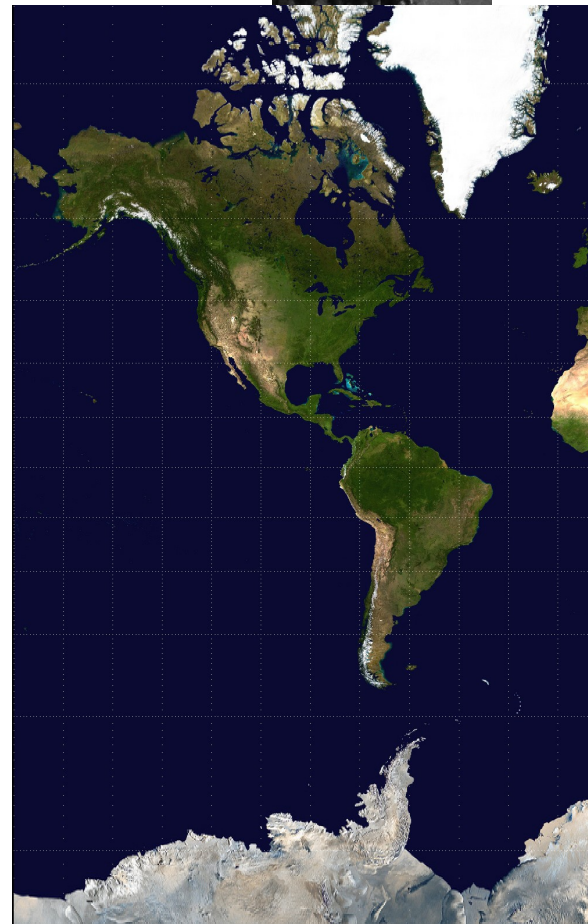
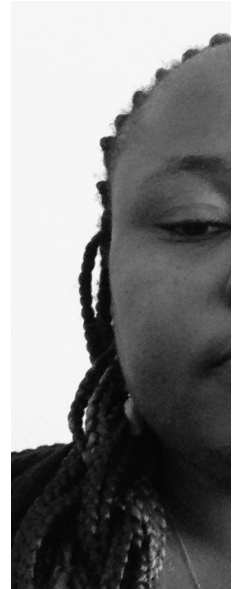
- Seeking Education
- Family Care, Child Care and Work
- Competing with other educated Black women at Work
- Competing with educated White women at Work
- Competing with educated Black men at Work
- Competing for the top with white men

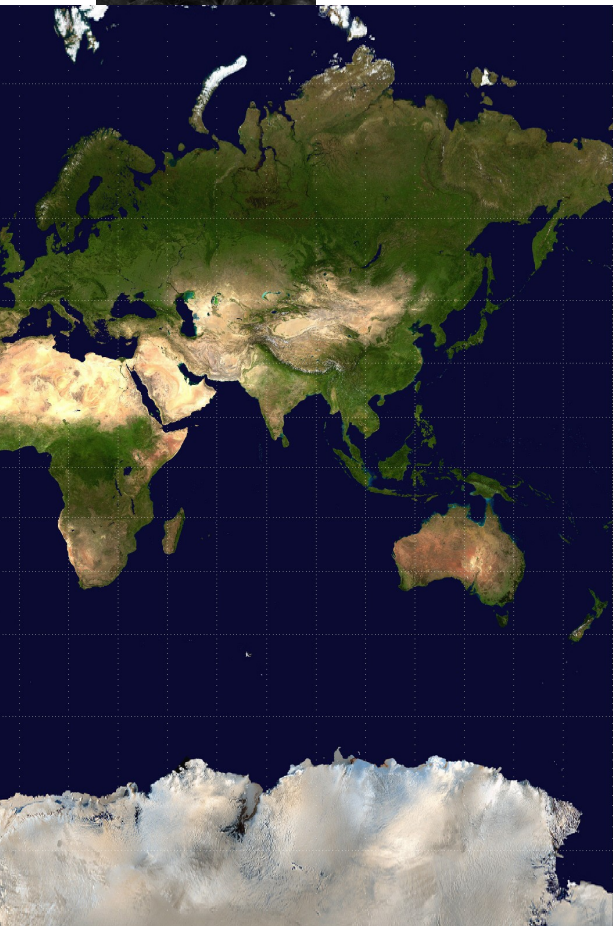
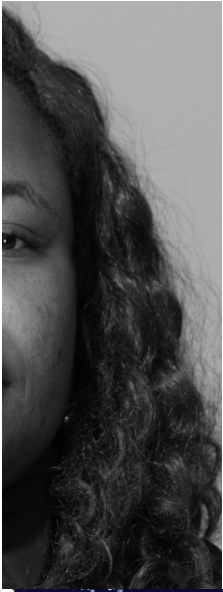
Black Women in Africa

- Seeking Education
- Family Care,
- Child Care
- Work
- Competing with other educated Black women at Work
- Competing with educated Black men at Work

Black Women are Stereotypically
called the following in North America, USA by
those unknown to them:

- Less Smart
- Challenged
- Slow
- Uneducated
- Lazy
- Too Fat to be able to complete the task
- Wicked
- Witches
- Without a Man
- Having many Kids
- Too large families
- Thieves
- Bearers of unruly children
- Loud
- Uncommitted to task at hand
- Unable to follow through
- Inability to be educated, yet educated
- Less classy
- Prostitutes





**Black Women are Stereotypically
Called the following in Africa by those
unknown to them:**

- Challenged at work
- Unable to follow through due to family obligations and traditions
- Slower than men
- Less educated than men no matter how educated they are.....
- Need to be at home, tamed by a man
- Having no business at the workplace
- Need to be home taking care of the family at all times
- Sex Symbols

the girls and young women compete within their gender and age-group based on clans. Separate the schools to and let the girls learn to take care of their home, children and husbands.....and while at it, they learn to read, write and own their own businesses, working from home, under the protection of their husbands, brothers and fathers. The workplace? We would leave that to the men. Men have often blamed educated women for their lack of employment/jobs, and often deliberately plan to demean the women at the workplace when they do get jobs. Why? Some sub-conscious need of their ego/id? It does not get any better in the western world though.....Men are all the same.....Please, surprise me!

“The Virtuous woman shall be like an adornment of necklace upon

Educate Women separately and let them work close to home.

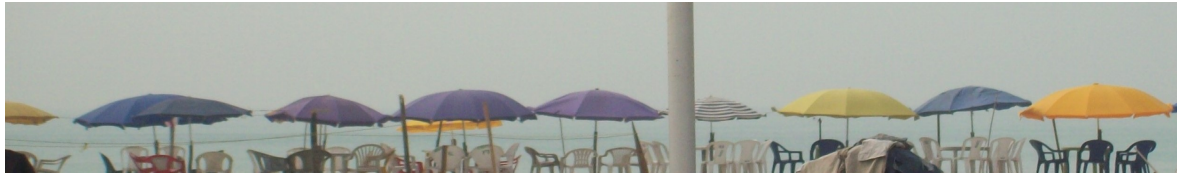
her husband’s neck. He boasts of her virtues and industriousness by the gates of the city, where he sits with other leaders in the community”the book.

Women will continue to be educated, but for the sake of the family, they choose to stay home/work close to home. Most women in Africa have already opted to work from home, owning their own business, for the sake of peace.

Women, play to the tune of the ego of the men in the community, for the safety of the children and the family life. For the sake of peace, where there is war, for the sake of life, where there is death.



References: Nasa World Map;
World Bank: The contribution of African Women to economic Growth and Development (Historical Perspective and Policy Implications), April 2012 Policy Research Working Paper 6051
http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSPContentServer/WDSP/IB/2012/04/25/000158349_20120425083258/Rendered/PDF/WPS6051.pdf



The Best of Two Worlds: Bar Beach, on the Island, Lagos Nigeria



Author: Folorunso Akintan MD MPH MBA

Published Letters to the Editor

The publisher is encouraging feedback on this issue. Please do write back and let us rub minds. You may send your feedback via:

1. Mail to the Editor (please see address below)
2. Web: "Contact Us" page at www.a-kins-analysts.com
3. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/A.Kins.Analysts.Project.Managers>
4. E-mail Editor: folo.akintan@a-kins-analysts.com

Please include "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" in the Subject line of your feedback. The editors will review each feedback and publish/respond to one by ballot.

DISCLAIMER

#Please note: Sending your comments and feedback to the editor serves as automatic permission for publication, unless otherwise stated by the candidate. If you do not want your comments or feedback to be published or you do not want your name or picture published, please state that clearly in your feedback letter by mail, web contact or e-mail. The publishers are indemnified/will not be held responsible for any charges

pertaining to publication or response thereof. All feedback and responses received will be categorized as publishable material unless otherwise stated within the documents received. No bills will therefore be incurred due to the publications of feedback or response thereof.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

For republication or reference permission, please contact:

A-Kins Analysts and Project Managers

Editor: Folorunso Akintan, MD MPH MBA

9119 HWY 6 Suite 230-232

Missouri City

Texas, U.S

Phone: 281-906-2619

Email: folo.akintan@a-kins-analysts.com

Website: www.a-kins-analysts.com

www.a-kins-analysts.com

"Successfully implementing impossible projects in impossible places"