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Dr. Khazriel Ben Yehuda (a.k.a. Derrick Jackson), is Minister of Cabinet for the Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem and CEO for them Middle East African Diaspora Unity Council (MEADUC), a non-profit organization established in Israel. Established under the auspices of the African Union's Sixth Region Policy for the African Diaspora, MEADUC's contribution to the Sixth Region Diaspora will provide a one of a kind unique experience relative to the historical lands which we represent. The Middle East is recognized for its "spirituality." Human phenomena such as Moses and the Torah, Jesus (Yeshua) and the Bible and The Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an were all residence of the Middle East. MEADUC will share the ideas of integrity, wholeness and peace as we move forward in our vision. The mission statement for MEADUC recognizes our work as part of the "NEW VOICES AND VISIONARIES FOR PEACE." As representative for MEADUC, Dr. Khazriel represented the Middle East African Diaspora at the 2009 Durban Review Conference, U.N. Geneva, Switzerland. As a close colleague and supporter of Dr. Barry Biekman (The Netherlands), he has followed the trajectory of African Diaspora forums and conferences affiliated with the African Union's Sixth Policy for the African Diaspora and the Durban World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

MEADUC is also working for the success of the U.N. initiative for the "International Decade for the People of African Descent" (IDPAD). We have attended several UN forums in Geneva where IDPAD was advanced as a major undertaking. Our platform in this cause is predominately "human rights."

As Director of MEADUC in Israel, Dr. Khazriel has convened scores of national forums to lift the African Diaspora communities' awareness of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action (DDPA) and IDPAD. These gatherings have included Afro-Palestinians in the Palestinian Authority, the Afro-Bedouins in Israel, Ethiopian and Eritrean communities in Israel and African Asylum Seekers in Israel. He has also introduced the DDPA and the IDPAD to the African Diaspora community of the Kingdom of Jordan, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

As an internationally active organization, MEADUC has worked extensively with other African Diaspora NGO's and civil society organizations. We have extensions of MEADUC in the U.K. and the United States. During the post-years of the Durban WCAR, (2002-2014), Dr. Khazriel, as CEO for MEADUC, has worked extensively with Dr. Barry Biekman to facilitate DDPA "Working Group of Experts" sessions in Barbados, Suriname, Switzerland, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Paris, the U.K., Ethiopia, the U.S.A, Palestinian Authority and Israel. Each event was convened to promote both the DDPA and IDPAD. It is with this experience, our passionate love for our continent and the faith in our ability that MEADUC will help guarantee the success of all our endeavors.

Born in Detroit Michigan, United States of America, in 1956. Moved to Dimona, Israel, (Northeastern Africa) in 1974. The purpose of this move was to reclaim a national heritage and identity, Hebrew Israelite (African Jew). As a member of the "Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem," founded in 1969, they are the largest repatriate community in African American history. Their faith is predicated on the fact that the majority of the Africans forcefully removed from the West coast of Africa and transported into the Americas during the infamous "Trans-Atlantic Slave System" (13<sup>th</sup> - 17th centuries) are direct descendants of the indigenous tribes of ancient Israel, Northeastern Africa.

The Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem is a "**wholistic**" community. They are legally organized as an "Urban Kibbutz" (cooperation) which specializes in holistic healthcare, vegan foods production, community building and the propagation of an extraordinarily unique intellectual idea and educational process referred to as, "**Truth-literacy!**" Dr. Khazriel is married and has 16 children and four grandchildren.