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APPLICATION FOR SUBVENTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU)



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Accra, 8 November 1983

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUBVENTION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1984 - 1985

Your Excellency,

The Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and has the honour to submit, as usual, a request for subvention for an amount of US\$270,200.00 for the Financial Year 1984 - 1985.

Needless to say that the Organization of African Trade Union Unity which comprises all the Trade Unions of the fifty (50) independent African States and those of Liberation Movements recognized by the OAU endeavours essentially to co-ordinate trade union activities throughout the whole continent. It enjoys an OAU Observer Status and since it was established in Addis Ababa in April 1973, it has made sure that its doctrine, policy and philosophy are in line with the Charter of the OAU.

OATUU, an independent trade union organization, from the international trade union organizations, faces an intense campaign of destabilization led by organizations which, jealous of its independence and even increasing continental and international popularity, continue to carry out a major, costly campaign of disparagement so as to tarnish its image and finally bring the African working class to a state of subjection.

Despite this campaign supported by some pressure groups in Europe and elsewhere, the OATUU continues to score victories since its inception. Thus at present, OATUU enjoys an observer status with the OAU and other international organizations of the United Nations family such as, FAO, UNCTAD, UNESCO, ILO etc...

During the past years OATUU has played an important role in the consideration of African Unity; it has tried, within its means, to educate and mobilize African workers so that they take an active part in the struggle for development and progress. It had undertaken the following activities:

- a) It organized symposia, seminars, conferences;
- b) It helped several national trade unions to unite;
- c) It organized meetings of solidarity with the trade union organizations of Liberation Movements;
- d) It organized meetings with immigrant African workers in Europe to discuss their problems and living conditions in the host countries;
- e) It intervened with some African political authorities and governments for the restoration of trade union rights;
- f) It recently organized its Tenth Anniversary celebration in Addis Ababa.

Given the scope of its task, it is obvious to each and everyone that for the OATUU to further consolidate its actions, it needs the moral, political, financial and material support of African governments, regional and international organizations. OAU has a major role to play in this direction. It is, however, encouraging to note that OAU gives a particular attention to our activities as evidenced by the moral, political and financial support it accorded our Organization. We fully appreciate the assistance OAU gave us during the activities marking our Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

Our greatest desire is that OAU should continue, despite its limited resources, to help the OATUU and place at its disposal the necessary and adequate means to accomplish its noble mission in order to strengthen African Unity and block the way to birds of ill omen which try by every means, even through the most unpleasant ones, to create tension on the Continent.

Hoping that the OAU will be convinced of the reason for the existence of the OATUU, impact and scope of its programme of action at the continental level, we hereby wish to submit this request for a subvention of US\$270,200.00 under the 1984/85 Financial Year, to finance some of our activities during the above-mentioned period.

I) Symposium on Immigrant African Workers in Europe

Considering the importance of this question which is a topical question, we are planning to organize, in the first half of 1984 a symposium to discuss this problem. In order to better alert the world opinion to this issue during

this symposium, we intend inviting the leaders of trade unions of European countries (France, Great Britain, Germany, etc.). This Symposium will witness the participation of 30 persons and may take place in one of these countries:

a) Board and Lodging (30 x 5 x 8)	US\$ 12,000.00
b) Air Tickets (5 x 1500)	7,500.00
c) Local Transportation	700.00
d) Secretarial and Stationery Costs	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u><u>US\$ 22,200.00</u></u>

II) Conference of Solidarity with the South African, Palestinian and Namibian Peoples

Scheduled to be held during the second half of 1984, this Conference will bring together trade union leaders of independent countries of Africa, those of Liberation Movements and three representatives from international trade union organizations.

To ensure a large participation at this important meeting, OATUU proposes sending air tickets to African trade unionists. The Conference should be held in one of the Frontline States.

a) Board and Lodging (70 x 5 x 80)	US\$ 28,000.00
b) Air tickets (60 x 1500)	90,000.00
c) Local Transportation	2,000.00
d) Secretarial and Stationery Costs	<u>3,000.00</u>
	<u><u>US\$123,000.00</u></u>

III) Seminar on Trade Union Finances

As a follow up to those we had organized in July 1979 in BAMAKO and in September 1982 in CONAKRY, we envisage organizing a seminar on Trade Union Finances for 23 participants. This Seminar will be held in one of the Central African States.

Considering the importance of the trade union finances, we attach great interest to the holding of this Seminar:

a) Board and Lodging (30 x 5 x 80)	US\$ 12,000.00
b) Air tickets (round trip) (30 x 1500)	45,000.00
c) Local Transportation	1,000.00
d) Secretarial and Stationery Costs	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>US\$ 59,000.00</u>

IV Sub-Regional Seminars

We intend organizing, with the assistance of the OAU, three sub-regional seminars, aimed at inculcating in the workers and their leaders the notion of development and the role of trade unions in the mobilization of savings; we shall try to define, during those seminars, the rights and responsibilities of trade unions in an organized society. These seminars will help the trade union leaders to broaden their knowledge and exchange their experiences.

Expenses for one Seminar:

a) Board and Lodging (15 x 5 x 80)	US\$ 6,000.00
b) Air tickets (round trip)	15,000.00
c) Local Transportation	500.00
d) Secretariat and Stationery costs	<u>500.00</u>
that is for one Seminar =	US\$ 22,000.00
For 3 Seminars = 22,000 x 3	<u>US\$ 66,000.00</u>

Other activities included in our programme will be financed either from our own resources or jointly or wholly by our partners on some specific projects.

We hope a favourable consideration will be given to this request.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed)

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