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Richard I. Stephenson joins former Congresswoman, Ambassador Diane Watson, Former Congressman, Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally and Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr. to host a visit from the Deputy Minister of Health from South Sudan, Dr. Yatta Lori Lugor on March 6, 2012.

- *The delegation will include South Sudan's Deputy Minister of Health, the Undersecretary of Health, and the Director General, Community and Public Health.*
- *The Deputy Health Minister is seeking volunteers for healthcare professionals, medical equipment and resources against malaria.*

BURBANK CA – February 27, 2012– CEO Richard I. Stephenson, will jointly host the delegation's visit with Dr. Yatta Lori Lugor, the Deputy Minister of Health from South Sudan along with former Congresswoman, Ambassador Diane Watson, Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally and Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr.. Stephenson recently returned from an international conference on public and private partnerships held in Juba, the capitol of the new nation of South Sudan on January 26, 2012.

The Juba conference, organized by the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, organized workshops that brought international business experts into first contact with South Sudan's new government ministries in the areas of finance, infrastructure and industry.

Said Stephenson: "South Sudan is a nation where the average life expectancy is still only 40 years. We are hoping to rally support for Dr. Lugor from healthcare professionals and business executives. In addition, we will be discussing ways that the government of



South Sudan and entrepreneurs might combine to use modern technologies to leapfrog over conventional systems to deploy and deliver effective healthcare. The eyes of the world are on South Sudan and it is an extraordinary privilege and honor to host the Deputy Minister and his delegation.”

During his visit to the U.S., Dr. Lugor will recruit professional healthcare volunteers willing to work in South Sudan in all fields of medicine, medical technology and IT equipment. He will also seek out additional resources for South Sudan’s healthcare teaching clinics. Malaria is the number one killer in this country. Dr. Lugor hopes to gain international support for a nationwide indoor residual spray program against mosquito populations which carry the disease.

Dr. Lugor currently holds the post of Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of South Sudan. He previously served as Director General for Curative Medicine in the Ministry of Health for the Government of South Sudan and Director General of Juba Teaching Hospital.

At conferences scheduled for Atlanta and Los Angeles, the Deputy Minister will discuss potential economic business opportunities involved in expanding industries such as oil, agriculture, transportation infrastructure, housing, mining, cement and the development of healthcare facilities.

Diane Watson

During her term as Congresswoman from 1978 to 1998, Watson served as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and on the subcommittee for Africa and Global Health. Watson also served as the U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia from 1999 to 2000. Watson has a much admired history of rallying support for critical causes across Africa. During her tenure in government service, she hosted numerous events and town hall meetings to foster meaningful U.S. and African partnerships.

Mervyn Dymally

Former Congressman Dymally is one of the most distinguished figures in California’s political history. He, like Diane Watson, has been on the forefront of social issues for the state, the nation and internationally. He served in Congress from 1981 to 1992.



During that time, he served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and on the subcommittee of International Relations.

Congressman Dymally's consistently firm stance on human and immigrant rights has deep roots to his own Trinidadian immigrant past. He has been a reliable proponent of human rights in Africa and as a result of his efforts there, he was given the honor to receive a peace award in Brazil on behalf of Nelson Mandela while Mandela was still a political prisoner in South Africa.

Bishop Kirkland

Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr., President of the General Board of the Worldwide A.M.E. Church has ministered over 40 years to congregations throughout United States and Africa. Bishop Kirkland was elected and consecrated as the one hundred and fourteenth Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1996.

Bishop Kirkland has first-hand experience with the needs of Africa. His first ministry from 1996 to 2000 was in the Seventeenth Episcopal District which included Zaire, Zambia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Richard I. Stephenson

Richard Stephenson is the founder and President of RISARC. Mr. Stephenson comes from an illustrious educational and professional background that encompasses 20 plus years of healthcare consulting experience.

Often described as "visionary," Mr. Stephenson founded RISARC, a healthcare consulting and software solutions firm in 1990. His vision and leadership coupled with the high quality of services offered has led to the growth of RISARC from a small consulting firm to one of the most established international healthcare consulting firms today.

As Mr. Stephenson continues to anticipate industry needs and trends, RISARC's product and services list continues to grow. RISARC's signature 360° service offers high-quality consulting products and technology solutions to help the healthcare industry's business operations run more efficiently.

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