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## Publisher's Note

We are very pleased to present this, the second issue of Chimera™. The inaugural issue was well received and we have worked diligently to produce another issue worthy of your perusal. From the very beginning, Chimera™ was designed to stimulate thought and dialogue. In that regard, we believe that we have exceeded all expectations. Now, we must focus on harvesting the energy generated by the thoughts and discussion.

With much of the world's attention focused on the "war on terror" and the Middle East peace process, the end to these conflicts in this strategic region of the world remains unknown. Undoubtedly, the values we hold and the choices we make today as countries, as individuals, as scholars and as business people in this global village can have an enormous impact on our neighbors near and far. People of African descent all over the world have an opportunity to determine how Africa will develop. Nations will review their relationships with other nations to determine the best pathways in the New World Order and develop the institutions to cope with the changes that will result.

Whether it is the internal disposition and control of epidemic viral outbreaks like SARS in Asia; the threat of nuclear proliferation in North Korea; the guarded optimism about benefits of free trade agreements in the Americas or unification objectives in Europe, at the end of the day, Africans will directly or indirectly feel an impact in this age of globalization.

In this issue, you will see a compilation of subject matter which, in our opinion, is brilliant and engaging. We are honored to feature the writings of

Dr. Gwendolyn Mikell who focuses on prioritizing the foreign policy dialogue among nations within the continent and with the United States. There is also a comprehensive piece by Dr. Ali A. Mazrui, in which he explores three very distinct waves of "democratization" and its overall impact on Africa.

Our core area discussion would not be complete without an in-depth review of trends in the health and technology sectors. Dr. Udo Schuklenk and Jason Lott share their views regarding embryonic stem cell research and the development of this nascent industry; Dr. Manny C. Aniebonam delivers a thought provoking piece on information and communications technology. He highlights Africa's IT standing and actions it must undertake to effectively compete in the global economy.

From a historical perspective, Dr. Wa'Njogu J. Kiarie directs our attention on a fundamental component of human existence calling upon linguistic diversity to define that which unites individuals and nations. And finally, the significance of unified financial systems as debated by Dr. Kenneth Mwenda is featured in this issue.

The people of Africa and the Diaspora all over the world have a unique opportunity to learn from these developments and transmit their knowledge back to Africa for the betterment of the continent. Our ability to establish institutions that effectively manage global changes is paramount. Focused and committed leadership is necessary for the ideas to have positive consequences in both regions.