

## PRESS RELEASE



Initiatives of Change and Saint Paul University present

### **AFRICAN SOLUTION - an important answer - April 9, 2011 from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm**

Two 40 minutes documentaries on healing and reconciliation in Nigeria & Kenya, and the possibility they bring to the world, followed by a panel discussion.

#### **The Imam and The Pastor**

**FLTfilms - For the Love of Tomorrow, Narrator** - Rageh Omaar, **Assistant Producer** – Imad Karam, **Producer/Director** - Alan Channer <http://www.fltfilms.org.uk>

*The Imam and the Pastor* is an award-winning film that depicts the astonishing reconciliation between Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye, and the peace-making initiatives which have flowed from it. The film shows that it is possible for the perpetrators of inter-religious violence to become instigators of peace. It is both a story of forgiveness and a case study of grass-root initiatives to rebuild communities torn apart by conflict.

#### **and the first screening in Ottawa of An African Answer**

**FLTfilms - Narrator** - Kathleen Openda-Mvati, **Producer** - Imad Karam, **Director** - Alan Channer

A sequel to *The Imam and The Pastor*, ***An African Answer*** documents a remarkable mediation process facilitated by Imam Ashafa and Pastor Wuye in Kenya following election violence in 2007.

***“This is a very important film. We need to learn from Imam Ashafa and Pastor James and multiply in a thousand places their experiences of healing and reconciliation”.***

*Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations*

Those participating in the event include representatives of the Nigerian and Kenyan High Commissions and the department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

**Traditional African refreshments will be served following the film screening!**

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