

ISSAMBA NEWS



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"I have never experienced an ISSAMBA event I didn't thoroughly enjoy. I absolutely love it here"
- Hilary

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

AACCCS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY

For 10 years, Pulcherie has been delivering on her mandate to advance awareness and understanding of the richness and diversity of African culture and traditions through the promotion of a broad range of cultural, educational, and artistic activities, events, and programs. Since 2012 we've hosted events from Africa Fest, our annual festival where we put on thrilling performances showcasing the very best of African drumming to our La Teranga food baskets where we give back to members of the community to culinary and music workshops and important conversations on thematic subjects that affect the living experiences of people of African Descent.

We are super excited about turning 10 this October and to celebrate we are hosting a week of festivities from September 25 - October 1. To open the celebration and as part of BC culture days celebration, let's take you on a culinary journey across West Africa with mouth watering, soul healing foods from the motherland in our curated African food hub:

MAMA PUT
LA CALEBASSE DU NOMADE
Victoria Public Market
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
11 AM - 5PM

As we hit this important milestone in our organization, we believe that it is important to lift others so each day of our week of celebration, we will be turning the spotlight on

black-owned businesses within BC who are contributing to the cultural landscape of this beautiful province on our social media platforms beginning **September 26. September 27**, we will take you on a trip down memory lane, sharing snippets and montages of our experiences and connections on social media through the week and in a live fireside chat with Pulcherie at ISSAMBA Center. On **September 28**, we will honour individuals who have been massively supportive of the community and the center with delectable food baskets.

As part of our ISSAMBA On stage series, we will host a concert headlined by Delphine Mounkoro, "the Diva of Bwaton," on **September 30** and finally,

OCTOBER AACCCS EVENTS

For gala tickets:
<https://www.issambacentr.ca/event-details/aaccss-10th-anniversary-fundraising-gala>

10TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA OCTOBER 1, 2022

Join us as we close out our week of celebration with a beautiful night of music, food and dancing as we celebrate turning 10 in style. Delphine Mounkoro, the internationally acclaimed Bwaton style artist and her team of drummers will put on an unforgettable show. Noedy Hechavarria, will serenade with his signature afro-cuban jazz numbers while we indulge in delicious cameroonian delicacies from Pulcherie's hearth and other West African meals prepared by authentic certified cooks. **7pm at Victoria Edelweiss Club.**

The BUILD Workshop in Review

Your Guide to Afrocentric Events in BC

This month we round up The BUILD - Black Women Mentorship & Skills Advancement Program which was designed to create avenues for Black women to build intergenerational networks through mentorship from accomplished women of African descent in BC, as well as develop in-demand skills through workshops. The BUILD started in July and participants took part in a range of workshops from Ecommerce to UX Research. August workshop topics included Grant and Proposal Writing by Nerrisa Allen, UX research by Abena Edugyan, Entrepreneurship by Agnes Nkundabagenzi, Ecommerce by Aboubakar Idriss and Marketing & Communication by Kara Randall holding in September. Each participant had the opportunity to be mentored by two accomplished women of African Descent who are leaders in their various fields. The mentors run the gamut from professors to retired military personnel to Financial Consultants to Senior Provincial Officers. Our line up of mentors include Agnes Nkundabagenzi, Annie Djioisa, Dr. Dzifa Dordunoo, Wilma Clarke and Edith Kambere

September 2-4
Ahfomad Festival
 featuring arts, music, and dance from the African Canadian perspective
 Organized by African Heritage Festival of Music and Dance
<https://www.festivalafrica.org/>

September 27
Omah Lay on tour
 Commodore Ballroom
<https://www.ticketsales.com/omah-lay-19-event-tickets-commodore-ballroom/event/3997134>

November 26
Colourful Business Conference
 Victoria Conference Centre; promoting Indigenous, racialized and new immigrant businesses and enterprises in Victoria
 Organized by Kulea Culture Society
<https://kuleaculturesociety.org/event/colourful-business/>



AACCCS History & Founder



Pulchérie Mboussi was born in Cameroon, in the beautiful continent of Africa and immigrated to Canada in the mid-1980s. Pulcherie quickly earned a reputation as a strong community leader and an advocate of promoting and celebrating the rich and diverse cultures of Africa and the Caribbean. After moving from Montreal Canada to Victoria, BC in 2010, she developed her life-long commitment as an

Ambassador of African and Caribbean culture into the African Art & Cultural Community Contributor CCC. Inc. (AACCCS), founded October 19, 2012. AACCCS is a social enterprise that manages projects that increase the scope and impact of action that promotes the development of Black Communities in BC. In 2021, AACCCS was mandated to act as the Community Convener for people of African Descent living in British Columbia through the BC Resilience Project.

Since its inception, AACCCS has hosted a broad range of cultural, educational, and artistic activities, events, and programs which promote community development and cultural heritage.

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