

## ATIGS 2018 VISA PREPARATIONS

Important preparations to facilitate your U.S visa

### **1: Insuring Right Travel Documents – Important**

- Official Invitation letter from event organizers
- Registration document for the event
- Hotel reservation document for length of stay in U.SA
- Prepare right travel documents such as passport, identification card, business operation letters or activities in their home country e.t.c
- Evidence of your previous visits to other countries and of your intended return trip to your home country
- Have bank statement of funds, professional position document, home ownership, marriage license, e.t.c

### **2: Obtain Letter of Support from International Trade Council (ITC) – Optional**

- Delegates may apply for Visa support letter from ITC ( <http://thetradecouncil.com/apply/> ) which can be mail directly to them or to their embassy/consulate office.

### **3. Ask Consulate Officers in U.S.A for Support Letters – Optional**

- ATIGS plan on inviting ambassadors from several African consulates in Washington D.C. Information about ATIGS have been sent to all African Embassies in the U.S. You may contact your Consulate in U.S and request for support letter.

### **4: Ask Official TPO's and IPA's to Issue Support Letter – Optional**

- Trade promotional organizations (TPOs) and investment promotion agencies (IPA are very respected bodies in each country and travel often to reputable international events to drive trade and investment in their various localities. In most cases, TPO's and IPA's recruit companies to join their international delegations. You may contact the TPO's and IPA's in your country and inform them about your participation at ATIGS 2018, and request a support letter. If the TPO's and IPA's are not yet confirmed to attend ATIGS, you may seize the opportunity to inform them about the event.