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### **Mayor's Office to Host Workplace Rights Workshop for African Refugees** *Presentations are part of Anti-Discrimination Campaign*

SALT LAKE CITY – The Salt Lake City Mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights is partnering with United Africans of Utah to host an employment anti-discrimination workshop and back-to-school drive on Saturday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Sorenson Unity Center, 1383 S. 900 West in Salt Lake City.

"As part of the Mayor's Anti-Discrimination Campaign, we're delighted to partner with United Africans of Utah to educate adults about their rights in the workplace," said Yolanda Francisco-Nez, coordinator for Mayor Ralph Becker's Office of Diversity and Human Rights. "With an estimated 25,000 refugees resettled in Utah, we hope to assist Somali, Sudanese, Sierra Leone and other African communities to increase their understanding of the workplace in this new country. "

The public is invited to attend presentations focusing on immigration law, minimum wage requirements and workplace safety. Workshop partners include the Utah Workers Compensation Fund, the Utah Labor Commission and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Utah. A Swahili interpreter will be present for translation services. **Complimentary school supplies provided by OfficeMax will be distributed to families as part of a back-to-school drive.**

The mission of the Mayor's Anti-Discrimination Campaign is to support the basic human rights of all Salt Lake City residents by working towards freedom, justice and equality. Next month, on September 27, 2011, "Basics of Sexual Harassment, Race Discrimination, and Immigration Law in the Workplace" will be addressed at the Utah State Bar Association, 645 S. 200 East, at 9 a.m. The seminar is geared toward small business owners, attorneys, and community leaders.

For more information regarding Saturday's workshop and other events, or to host an Anti-Discrimination Campaign workshop, visit [www.slcgov.com/mayor/divHR/AD/](http://www.slcgov.com/mayor/divHR/AD/).

**WHO:** Dan Singer, Utah Labor Commission Public Relations Director  
Esperanza Granados, ACLU of Utah Immigration Attorney  
Erick Plummer, Utah Workers Compensation Fund

**WHAT:** Employment Anti-Discrimination Workshop

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 27, 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sorenson Unity Center  
1383 S. 900 West, Salt Lake City

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