In recognition of community leaders' selfless dedication and service to the immigrant community of New York City and continued support to the New York City Police Department, 27 community leaders from different immigrants groups received a recognition award from NYPD on April 22, 2013.
An appreciation day by NYPD to Community leaders whose services are dedicated to the immigrant communities. 27 community leaders from different community groups received an award of recognition for selfless dedication of work toward the immigrant communities in New York City. Among the 27 community leaders, 4 of them were African Leaders. This include Bakary Tandia, from the African Services Committee, Inc. Clarisse Mefotso Fall from African Hope Committee, Imam Souleymane Konate from The Masjid Aqsa and Papa Sette Drame from the Association of the Senegalese in America. This proves that African immigrants’ visibilities have came out of the shadow and through this recognition, the African community and its community members will feel very appreciated, they will begin to build trust and feel safe. It is a great honor for African Hope Committee to be part of this history moment. African Hope committee, Inc is a non -for -profit created in 2004 whose mission is to empower African immigrants and other ethnic groups in New York City thru health education programs, immigration services and social services support. Our vision is to serve and improve the overall quality of life here and abroad, African immigrant populations and other immigrant groups. AHC thanks the NYPD for this recognition. This is already making a big difference in our community. The community is extremely honor for the recognition.

Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested
(African Proverb)