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Amina Salum Ali

*Permanent Representative of the African Union
to the United States*

Ambassador Amina Salum Ali is the Permanent Representative of the African Union to the United States of America. As the African Union Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Ali speaks on behalf of the African Union and its Member States on the African Union's strategies to, accelerate socio-economic integration of the continent, promote peace and stability, build partnerships between African Governments and all segments of civil society, in particular women, youth As well as the private sector based on a common vision of a united, strong and prosperous Africa.

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Please join us for an intimate discussion with Ambassador Ali to learn more about the African Union and its role in U.S. and African relations.

A veteran Tanzanian civil servant and politician, Ambassador Ali was born and raised on the island of Zanzibar and educated in India, where in 1979 she earned a bachelor's degree in economics, and two years later a master's in business administration in marketing. She has held various Ministerial positions in the Tanzanian government, the most recent of which was minister of state in the office of the chief minister in Zanzibar and was also a long serving member of Parliament.

As the African Union's first woman ambassador, Ambassador Ali is committed to promoting women's rights and children's issues. She is also the founder of Zanzibar Women Welfare Trust, an NGO that supports the development of women and children to combat devastating health issues like HIV/AIDS. Ambassador Ali is also a member of IDB Bank eminent women panel to mainstream women development policies in the bank.

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