International Leadership Institute

Fact Finding Trip to Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil
August 16 – 26, 2015
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Vitoria, capital city of the state of Espirito Santo
Vitoria, ES
Pre-Meeting with NGO ELIMU Board Directors
INSTITUTO

ELIMU
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• ELIMU: Swahili word meaning knowledge, science, wisdom and instruction

• Swahili is a language in the Bantu complex socio, linguistic, political and cultural world among the people in the Quilombo dos Palmares and Southeastern region of Brazil

• An institution of teaching, research, and extension

• Promoting the construction of the Racial Ethnic Positive Imagination of the African descendant people of Espirito Santo

• Board members are professionals, activists, engaged in civil society who work for the promotion of racial, ethnic equity and social justice
ELIMU - Mission

To promote the social, economic and educational development of people of African descent and its descendents in the state of Espirito Santo utilizing teaching, research and extension activities.

The Institute’s philosophy is one of constructive interaction, based upon action-reflection-action with the aim to transform society and open to diversity of religious creed, ethnicities, political parties and identities that prime the construction of a non-exclusionary society.
Objectives of ELIMU

• To build the capacity of the community to act in the public and private institutions, and active social movements
• Promote a positive racial identity and high self-concept
• To fight for the implementation of affirmative action legislation that assures racial equity
• To permanently eliminate racism, prejudice and discrimination and
• Committing to equity within diversity
Hoped for activities:

• Promote collaborative ventures and partnerships with public, private, and philanthropic institutions
• Promote political-cultural events that contribute to the construction of positive racial and ethnic identity and high self-concept
• To collaborate, lead and execute projects in the fields of education, culture, health, research among others
• To create a cultural space with a library with materials and scientific products promoting people of African descent
Site Selection: Serra Retreat Center
First evening reception with ELIMU Members
ELIMU, cont’d
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At the Museum of Black Capixabas, Vitoria
Museum
Visit to ruins of church where a massacre of enslaved Africans took place - Serra
Promises not kept Queimados Church
Visit to Serra City council
Visit to Serra Prefecture (Mayor’s Office)
Visit with community group maintaining African rooted music and instrument making
Visit to port of entry for enslaved Africans: on the banks of the Cricaré River: Quilombola leaders
Guriri Beach – along northern coast of state
Quilombola visit: economic resource - manioc
root processing: farinha, biscuits (gluten free)
University Radio Station, visit with U president and vice-president
Two Ethels!
Hotel LaResidence  Beachside lunch
Sunday: Baptist Church
Praia de Camburi, Camburi Beach
Flowers at the farmer’s market
Fruits and vegetables at the farmer’s market