



**Dear Friends,**

We have witnessed the unsettling and tragic murder of George Floyd which has sparked national protests. In some places, the peaceful demonstrations have turned to violent outbursts of fires, looting and destruction. Sadly, the response to these developments has been mixed. The use of force to stop the right of the American people to demonstrate and protest creates more conflict.

Many Americans are hurting and grieving the senseless murder of Mr. Floyd, as well as the deaths of so many other African Americans, because this nation has not equally protected its citizens. The Consortium for International Management, Policy and Development (CIMPAD) calls for a constructive national dialogue with a mission that will remove barriers that separate us as American people and promote unity and peace for mutual good.

For more than 25 years, CIMPAD has worked to promote collaborative relationships throughout Africa, the USA and the diaspora. As a global organization we have sought to understand differences and promoted mutually beneficial partnerships. Our work in promoting collaborative relationships is premised on the notion that synergy grows out of diversity.

CIMPAD will continue to work collectively with others to promote good will, understanding of our bond of humanity, peace and cooperation based on mutual respect of all peoples. In so doing, we hope to make our world a better place for all humanity.

**Sincerely,**

**Peggy Valentine**

*General Chair and President*