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# HER MAJESTY QUEENMOTHER AKUA KALIA ADAYÉ OF THE ROYAL BRONG KINGDOM

(LA REINE MÈRE AKUA KALIA ADAYÉ)  
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Strategist. Professor. Theologian. Poet. Queen. Mother.

Her Majesty Nanan Akua Kalia Adayé, is an American-born QueenMother crowned in the Royal Brong Kingdom of Côte d'Ivoire and across into the Ghana border. As QueenMother of a 13<sup>th</sup> century throne, the Brong are the first of all Akan tribes and originated in modern-day Ghana. Through trade migrations, colonial borders and impacts of slave trade, a sizeable Brong population of nearly half a million have long history rooted in Côte d'Ivoire. Nanan Akua Kalia Adayé is the first foreign woman crowned as a traditional ruler in Côte d'Ivoire and is the first known descendent to return to her ancestral village in more than 400 years.

Queen Kalia was crowned twice. First, enstooled as QueenMother of the Royal Court in Tabagne, the Northeastern Region of Côte d'Ivoire in October 2016. Then, His Majesty King Nanan Kouassi Adinkra Adjoumani, elevated QueenMother to the highest throne of the Royal Brong Kingdom encompassing nearly half a million people across two countries in January 2018.

Her Majesty is a published poet and formally has addressed the crowd with her poetic prose in the Abron language to demonstrate the significance, value and wisdom of traditional African languages. Prof. Jibrell speaks and publishes internationally, and has a published poetry collection entitled, "Plight".

Professionally as a global strategist and as QueenMother, Nanan works with regional, national and international leaders, in public and private sectors to advance development, and linkages to diaspora communities. Côte d'Ivoire is blessed with fertile ground producing top-quality cashew,

coffee, cacao, rubber, ginger, and shea butter, which Nanan is helping to formalize in her Kingdom and across Côte d'Ivoire. Her Majesty has invested to successfully organize and train 10,000+ women shea producers to form a high-quality, large volume, organic certified co-op and was instrumental in getting shea butter in the national strategies for Côte d'Ivoire. Nanan Kalia received an United Nations association award for her works.

Queen Kalia has conducted business on 5 continents in 25+ countries as a business advisor and Professor of International Business to MBA candidates. Queen Kalia has spoken at renowned institutions such as the World Bank, MIT, African National Congress, United Nations, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), Women's Business Enterprise Council, and U.S. Congressional Black Caucus.

Her Majesty is working with young Ivorian technology professionals to develop an Abron traditional language app available worldwide.

Her Majesty earned her BA in Critical Social Thought and Spanish from Mount Holyoke College; an MBA in International Business from Howard University; and pursuing a PhD (\*expected May 2020) in African Studies at Howard University where she is a Chief MKO Abiola Scholar. Queen Kalia earned her Certificate in Ministry and Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Nanan speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, and improving her French and Abron.

QueenMother plans to launch her Nanan Akua Kalia Adayé (NAKA) Foundation to further support initiatives on Community Empowerment, Gender Parity and Cultural Upliftment.

In addition to advisory services, Her Majesty is available for speaking engagements and book signings. Queen Kalia can be found on social media @NananKalia.

