



PROJECT:

IBADAN HOUSE

CONFERENCE CENTER

PROPOSED PROJECT:

IBADAN HOUSE AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

LOCATION:

HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA

INITIATOR:

**IBADAN DESCENDANTS' UNION USA
(IDU, NORTH AMERICA)**

INTRODUCTION

1. WHY IBADAN IS IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD

Ibadan is the greatest African city in the tropical Africa. It is also the political headquarters of the Western Nigeria. The city is the nucleus and base of Yoruba politics. It is a cosmopolitan city and which is a great asset and which undying legacy of courage, war exploits, political sagacity and business acumen must be preserved for unending generations. Ibadan was the first and only Yoruba city which established and is still practicing republicanism in its traditional governance.

Apart from Ibadan's unmatched military exploits, the city is also a thriving and flourishing empire. The city attracts people of diverse interests and cultures to reside and seek living in it due to its strategic and central location between the hinterland and the coast. Ibadan is located on seven hills and this makes it to share geographical affinity with the iconic city of Rome which also has seven hills.

It is on record that Ibadan recorded many firsts. The cosmopolitan city is the home of the first television station in Africa (NTA, Ibadan), the first Nigerian University (University of Ibadan), the first University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria (UCH), the first sports stadium in Africa (Obafemi Awolowo Stadium), the first tallest building in Nigeria (Cocoa House) and recently, The Technical University (Tech-U) and several others. Ibadan played host to several national politicians of the 50s. The most prominent among them is Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo whose house was and is still at Oke-Bola. The city produced its own enigmatic politicians in the likes of Late Alhaji Adegoke Adelabu, Late Chief Adisa Akinloye, Late Chief Richard Akinjide (SAN) and many others. In commerce, industry and business, Ibadan has its considerable shares of these interests.

2. WHY IBADAN HOUSE IN USA?

Ibadan indigenes are scattered all over the Diaspora. But it is in the United States of America where they are mostly highly populated. These Ibadan indigenes under the aegis of Ibadan Descendants' Union, which is the umbrella body for all sons and daughters of Ibadan, continue to project good image of the city in terms of culture, tradition, virtues and values to the world.

The realization that there must be a common place of Ibadan heritage in the Diaspora birthed the idea of Ibadan House and Conference Centre. The building will be a place where Ibadan culture, tradition and virtues will be projected. It will serve as a rallying point for all Ibadan sons and daughters in the North America.

3. LOCATION

The current National Executive Committee of IDU led by Oloye Abiola Iyiola, in an unanimous decision with other chapters of IDU, has agreed to site IBADAN HOUSE project at Houston, Texas. Houston is a large metropolis in Texas. It is centrally located as it can be accessed from anywhere in the US. Also, the city hosts the largest concentration of Ibadan indigenes in the US. Houston is the most populous city in Texas and it is the fourth most populous city in the US after New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Houston is also the sixth most populous city in North America. With a weather conducive for living and survival of residents and visitors to city, it is considered a good place to site the Ibadan House which will be played host to by the Houston Chapter of IDU, USA.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED IBADAN HOUSE AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

The proposed building is designed as a two-level structure with the logo 'IBADAN HOUSE AND CONFERENCE CENTRE' inscribed on the building for a wider appeal and general business acceptance. However, for day-to-day referencing, the brand name of the project remains 'IBADAN HOUSE'.

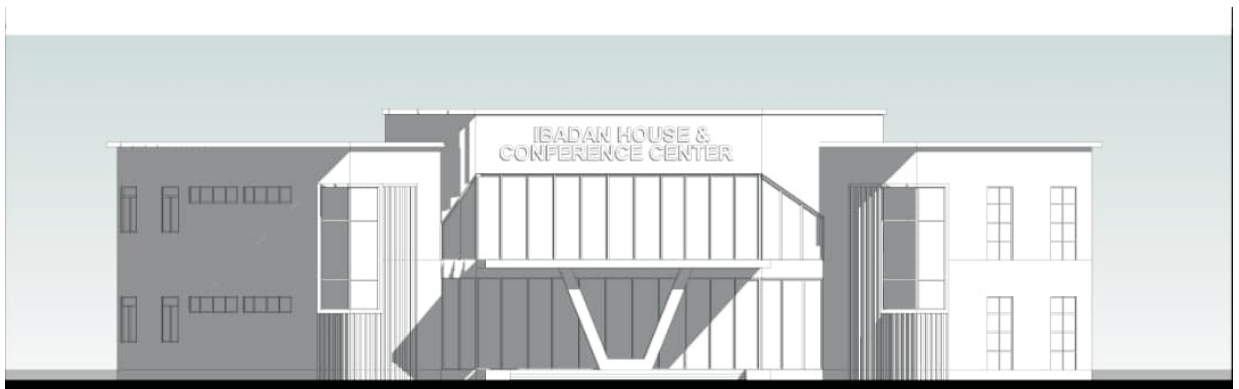
The schematic sketches for the multi-purpose two-level building include the following spaces:

- * 1 multi-purpose rental space.
- * 2 Conference Room space expandable to 1 to accommodate available audience.
- * Museum/Art Exhibition space to showcase Ibadan history, cultural relics and artifacts.
- * Administrative offices.
- * Rest rooms (Gents and Ladies).
- * Changing Rooms (2)
- * Parking lot for vehicles.
- * Library.



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3D VIEW OF THE BUILDING



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FRONT ELEVATION OF THE BUILDING

BACK ELEVATION



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BACK ELEVATION OF THE BUILDING

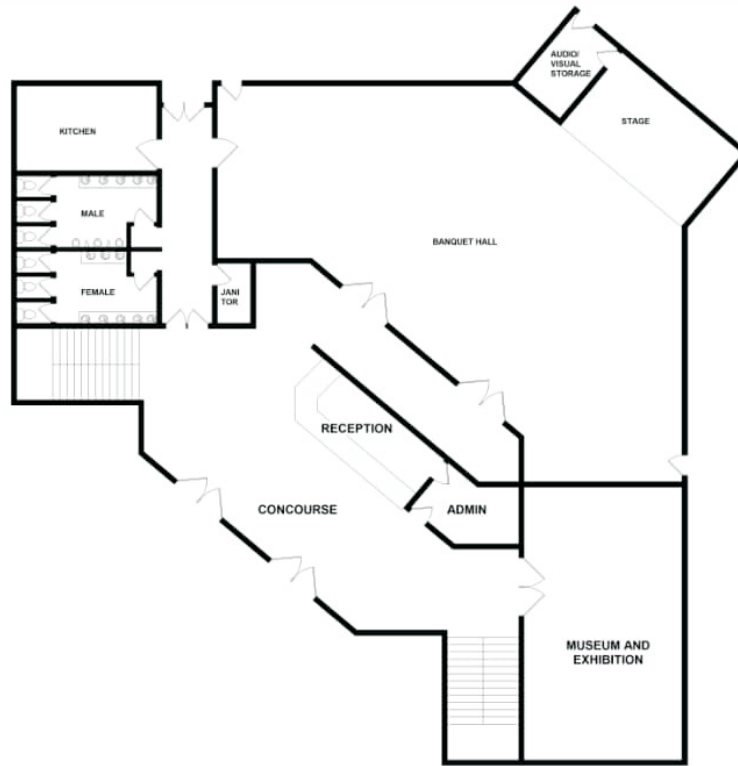
SIDE ELEVATION



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SIDE ELEVATION OF THE BUILDING

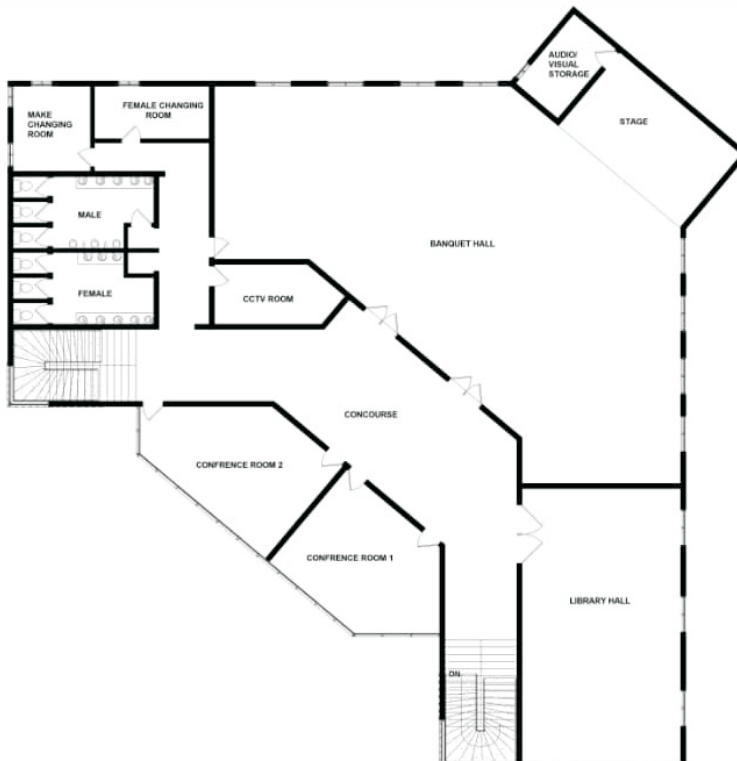
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN OF THE BUILDING

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN OF THE BUILDING



3D VIEW OF FRONT ELEVATION OF ANOTHER DESIGN



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FLOOR PLANS

Full Ballrooms

1. (3 Rooms Combined)
3780 Square feet
2. (1 Space available)
Banquet Style: 300 persons
Theatre Style: 550 persons

Section Ballrooms

1. (Rooms 114, 116, 118)
1260 Square Feet
2. (3 spaces available)
Banquet Style: 90 persons
Theatre Style: 170 persons

Function Room

1. (Room 212)
1050 Square Feet
2. (1 space available)
Banquet Style: 72 persons
Theatre Style: 100 persons

CONCLUSION

The proposed construction of IBADAN HOUSE AND CONFERENCE CENTRE is an initiation of the current National Executive Committee of Ibadan Descendants' Union, North America, led by Oloye Abiola Iyiola, who is the National President of the socio-cultural body and Jagun Olubadan of Ibadanland. It is hoped that all well-meaning sons and daughter of Ibadan and its well-wishers will pool resources together to make this iconic project a reality.