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Gullah Geechee Woman Recognized as Chief and Queen of the African Diaspora for the Bateke Tribe of the Congo

Brazzaville, Republic of Congo – On September 10, 2025, Priestess and Holistic Wellness Coach Janiqwa “Nqwamary” Nganga was recognized as Chief and Queen of the African Diaspora for the Bateke Tribe and completed her first of several ceremonial rites of installation. This marked an unprecedented moment in the ethnic group’s history, creating a powerful bridge between Africa and the Diaspora.

The Bateke Kingdom, one of the oldest traditional monarchies in Central Africa, is led by the Makoko, the King over all chiefs and other kings/queens within the tribe. As Queen of the African Diaspora, Janiqwa “Nqwamary” Nganga has been granted recognition and authority to serve as a chieftess and recognized as a queen, carrying the responsibility of strengthening ties between the Bateke homeland and people of African descent across the globe. She will complete the remainder of her ceremonial rites during her return to Congo in 2026.



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The first installation rites took place alongside chiefs and kings of the Bateke tribe, affirming Janiqwa's new role as both cultural and spiritual leader. This recognition amplifies her ongoing work through Isis Moon, her holistic wellness brand that serves as a hub for self-care, ancestral veneration, and cultural reconnection for Black and Brown communities across the Diaspora.



About Queen Janiqwa "Nqwamary" Nganga

Janiqwa Nganga is a High Priestess, Chief and Queen of the African Diaspora for the Bateke Tribe, and founder of Isis Moon, a holistic wellness brand that bridges spirituality, self-care, and African cultural traditions. Through retreats, programs, and international cultural exchange, she empowers individuals to heal, reconnect, and rise in alignment with their higher selves and ancestral power.

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