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Hemp has been one of the most significant crops for mankind and was one of the earliest plants cultivated for textile fiber. Archaeologists found a remnant of hemp cloth in ancient Mesopotamia (currently Iran and Iraq) which dates back to 8,000 BC. Hemp is also believed to be the oldest example of human industry.

In Ancient KMT (Egypt), it is said that cannabis was used as a pain-reliever rather than a cure and that traces of it were found in the remains of several mummies. It is a well-established fact



that the African continent is a land of diverse ancient cultures where cannabis was grown and commonly used in religious rituals as part of the cultural and medicinal practices. According to "Ancient Origins", Seshat, the goddess of wisdom, was often depicted with a leaf of the cannabis plant above her head in paintings from thousands of years ago. Bastet, the feline goddess of war, was also related to the use of cannabis in the region.

Although Hemp was said to have been in use in the American colonies as early as 1606, its first recorded use was in 1632, when the Virginia Assembly mandated "that every planter as soone as he may, provide seede of flaxe and hempe and sowe the same." With courts in Connecticut and Massachusetts passing similar hemp requirements in the 17th and 18th centuries, farmers were encouraged throughout the American colonies to grow the plant and process it for further use. It was later exported to England where it was used for clothing, shoes, maps, books, ship's rigging, parachute webbing, baggage, sails, and tents, and was even considered a legal tender that could be used to pay taxes for over 200 years. Hemp was also used later on in products

for ground and naval troops as the relationship between Britain and the colonies turned contentious.

Historians have stated that by the time the United States earned its independence from Great Britain in the late 18th century, cannabis was not only grown by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson on their plantations, but the plant also remained a staple for early Americans. Benjamin Franklin even started one of America's first paper mills with hemp as the source material, with some historians indicating that the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written on hemp paper.

Hemp eventually began to face a global stone wall around the late 1930's when the United States in its infinite greed and bullying began to spread disinformation campaigns, promoted

under the lobbying influence of synthetic textile companies (like DuPont) and several other powerful groups that saw hemp as a big threat to their businesses. They proposed prohibitive tax laws and levied occupational excise taxes upon hemp dealers. Subsequently, the plant was outlawed through prohibition in 1937, by way of the "Marihuana Tax Act". Later that year hemp production was banned altogether. The Canadian government, following the lead of the U.S. its closest neighbor and trading partner prohibited production in Canada under the Opium and Narcotics Act on August 1, 1938.



Hemp has been determined to be a highly viable product that can be used in a variety of ways. It can produce everything from clothing to paper and fuel, easily, cheaply, and most of all, in an environmentally friendly way. It can also be used

as a source of sustainable fuel that can wean us off fossil fuel dependence. Hemp is completely renewable as an energy source and it grows fast, too, so it is easily replenished.

Hemp is also a fantastic source of raw, organic protein. Its fibers can be woven into any type of clothing that cotton fibers can be, without using the massive natural resources cotton

production does. The fiber is longer, stronger, more absorbent, and more isolative than cotton fiber. Oilseed and fiber varieties of hemp are not psychoactive and cannot be grown as a drug-producing crop. Industrial hemp has many uses, including paper, textiles, biodegradable plastics, health food, and fuel.



Hemp grows almost anywhere and requires no pesticides or fertiliser. The plant is good both for the soil and the atmosphere. Its potential is vast - including sustainable biomass that can be used as a source of power and bio-diesel fuel. Hemp is also an excellent source of textile and paper. The fibers are long and extraordinarily strong, making the most beautiful fabric and paper.



The United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) in its 2007 overview reported there was an estimated 10,000 tons of cannabis produced annually on the continent of Africa, a figure that has certainly only increased. The Hemp Association of Africa (HAA) is fully aware of all the great wonders of Hemp and is equally alert and concerned with how the natural resources in Africa will be managed to benefit the poor and oppressed masses first and foremost.

Our history in Ghana is not a pleasant and encouraging one. Our cocoa and gold are perfect and constant reminders of this reality. It is important to be reminded that the political policy on natural resources such as Hemp is about a complex and sometimes vicious counteraction between invaluable natural resources and dog-eat-dog partisan, political, and economic power play.

The HEMP ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA (HAA) would like to take this moment and opportunity to remind everyone not to be complacent and take this reality for granted!

The following quote raises pertinent questions that all Africans and especially heads of states on the continent should take note of!

"While we are fully aware that HEMP production is not the same as the extractive industry, the political and economic challenges are the same in character and results. We, nonetheless, must be very circumspect and vigilant to secure our children welfare and economic independence.

As one writer states, the "paradox of plenty" exists in natural resource-rich impoverished countries, where recent history has demonstrated that extractive endowments, if not well managed, can disappoint. Common problems include lopsided, poorly diversified economic structures; disruptions to local economies and communities; environmental

hazards; weakened accountability of the state to society; and even the risk of violent conflict."

The Hemp industry in Africa is no exception and must brace itself for these challenges ahead.

According to market data 32% of the world's Cannabis consumers live in Africa. It is also said that over 38,000 tons of cannabis is produced annually in Africa despite it being illegal in most states.



In the history of cultivating and consuming cannabis in Africa the western world has never recognized the tremendous valuable contribution the cannabis history of Africa has made and continues to make in the cannabis industry, locally and internationally, today.

The HEMP ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA (HAA) recognizes the enormous social, political, and economic challenges confronting Africa and issues of cannabis legalization is not exempted from these challenges that are on the doorstep of African countries today.

It is also important to note that last year the United Nations compiled another report about drug use around the world. They tried to provide data measurement of how much cannabis each country grows. However, because cannabis is still illegal in most countries, they found it difficult to tell how much is being cultivated. They came up with data of the top ten cannabis producing countries, and it is interesting to note that Africa stood out at the top with only India to compete with.

As we all know Hemp is a sustainable plant which can provide a wide range of essential products that have the potential to sustain the African Continent with its 54 economies. Hemp, realistically, can provide most of the vital products needed to ensure our daily sustenance such as food, clothes, medicine, healthcare, and shelter. They comprise the essentials that the masses need to survive, and which Africa can easily provide when we engage patriotic leadership with integrity and an understanding of how a robust economy works. Industrial Hemp can ensure environmental and economic sustainability, and employment opportunities which will lead us to a significantly higher standard of living for African citizens.









The viability of industrial Hemp, a true cash crop with outsized market potential, gives us clear insight into its value and importance in our economy. Leveraging industrial Hemp and its range

of beneficial products as necessitates a conscious, political mind think. In Hemp industrial the continent of Africa there to construct a new environmental, and which should place the vast oppressed people of this the present available a well-entrenched and

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detailed above, scientific, analytical, and moving forward with a developmental agenda for must be great effort made continental, economic framework, marginalized poor and continent first, to occupy cannabis industry spaces in secure way.

have begun seeking out cannabis and marketing it Now that the ACFTA Trade Area) provides the goods and products can be

moved among state parties that wish to benefit from these opportunities, the cannabis industry will no doubt flourish tremendously.



According to another UN survey, "more than 10,000 tons of cannabis are grown on the continent every year, which would be worth billions on the global market, and for many struggling nations on the continent, that money represents a new source of economic opportunities."

It goes without saying, any meaningful discussion of an African Hemp industry must begin with an uncompromising policy framework to be implemented that will safeguard the political/economic collective security and sovereignty of the African continent, and as a matter of priority. Today we have examples that it is highly possible to rule our destiny by safeguarding our sovereignty as highlighted in the January 2021, issue of the AFRICAN HERITAGE MAGAZINE.

"Ghana is perhaps the only African country that took a more pragmatic step amidst the furor between hemp farmers and medicinal farmers. Ghanaian legislators, through the help of the Hempire Association of Ghana (HAG), were cleverer as they first set an indigenous objective for why they want in on the new green gold the world was going crazy about.

Just like Nigeria, Ghana has had an age-old strong punitive legislation against all cannabis plants. A gram of cannabis could land an offender a 10-year jail term. However, when presented with the choice of which of the two cannabis strains to prioritise, Ghana opted for industrial hemp because of its practical industrial applications and the huge potential to radically transform the Ghanaian economy."



It is with this insight and foresight that the Hemp Association of Africa (HAA) was born and is already building a solid foundation in Ghana to represent and secure the space it now occupies. HAA is already engaging with 15 African countries to represent and build a fortress around our continent to guard and protect our sovereignty, and we are already seeing encouraging signs of what is to come.

With clear vision, we therefore see the urgent need to lead by example by building solidly among the grassroots from the ground up, with a rock-solid foundation. This no doubt will give the African continent an empowered strategic position to find African solutions, to solve African problems.











Innovation is also an essential need that will give the continent an opportunity to lead by leaps and bounds in the African Hemp industrial revolution. Therefore, the HAG, LTD. & HEMP **ASSOCIATION OF** AFRICA (HAA) are emphasizing the urgent call for a strategic continentwide alliance with creative, innovative, specialists, technocrats, expert farmers, agronomists, scientists, builders,

and developers, etc., to consolidate Africa's human and natural resources, all leading to a solid path of self-reliance and self-determination for this coming Hemp industrial revolution.

THE HEMP ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA (HAA) will continue to build strategic alliances across the length and breadth of the African continent to reach out. Engage, and demand the establishment of meaningful policy framework with institutions such as the African Union and the African Economic Community as the two prominent Inter-governmental bodies which can

advance the political/economic agenda of the Hemp Association of Africa, along with likeminded governmental African business entities throughout the continent.

THE HAA challenge is no small feat as its clarion call is one of challenging the African political elites and the business community across the continent to place Africa first. as a matter of priority, and to take this long overdue bold united initiative to usher in the African Hemp industrial revolution.

It is time we all begin to demand that our African institutions fulfill the mandate given to them, to represent most African poor people yearning for a better standard of living which can be easily provided by a prosperous robust Hemp industry.

Presently cannabis liberalization has not benefited the continent and its people but has rather enriched and empowered the prospects of many international Northern companies and shareholders active in the stock exchanges in America, Canada, Israel, and Germany. Foreign capital is being used to exploit the continent's land, water, labor, and cannabis, rather than offer meaningful opportunities for empowering Africans on the continent to be independent, wealthy, and prosperous.

The first president of Ghana Dr. Kwame Nkrumah clearly stated:

"Neo - colonialist control is exercised through economic or monetary means. [For instance,] Control over governmental policy may be secured by payments towards the cost of running the state. The result of neo-colonialism is that foreign capital is used for the exploitation rather

than for the development of the less developed parts of the world."

While HAA is clear about the importance of the infusion of capital in businesses like ours, we are equally cognizant of the exploitative nature of most of these financial institutions. It is also clear that the African territories are now up for land grabbing, again, by multinational corporations and more economically powerful countries, and obscenely rich individuals.



With foreign cannabis companies like EX

Mceuticals that claim to have more than 130,000 acres of farmlands in four African countries, is indeed a sign of the challenges the (HAA) HEMP ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA will have to contend with. It is not strange that an American highlighted the fact that "Africa is the mothership for strains that are going to be a huge factor in the future of medical cannabis". It also has implications for the way governmental agencies and officials work - for example, by rewarding agencies and officials based on the quality not just quantity of investment they attract.

The Hemp Association of Africa (HAA) as the Hemp watch lion of the African continent, is fully convinced that Hemp is an extremely versatile, economically valuable, and resilient crop that has great potential to revolutionize African economies, and will no doubt, in turn, provide great empowerment for the African continent and her disenfranchised people on a whole. Individually, many of us stand a chance to become millionaires. Likewise, we also stand to be more empowered when most of our people benefit from this industrial revolution that is about to be ignited on the continent of Africa.

THE VERSATILE MULTIPLE USE OF HEMP



The enormous value and benefits of hemp are almost unlimited and make it hard to imagine that a single plant could provide such essential basic human needs. Sativa L. or Industrial Hemp as it is also known, can clothe, house, medicate, feed livestock etc., and even replenish the poisoned and contaminated soil. It is important to note that every aspect of this wonderful plant can be utilized.

Medicinal hemp benefits:

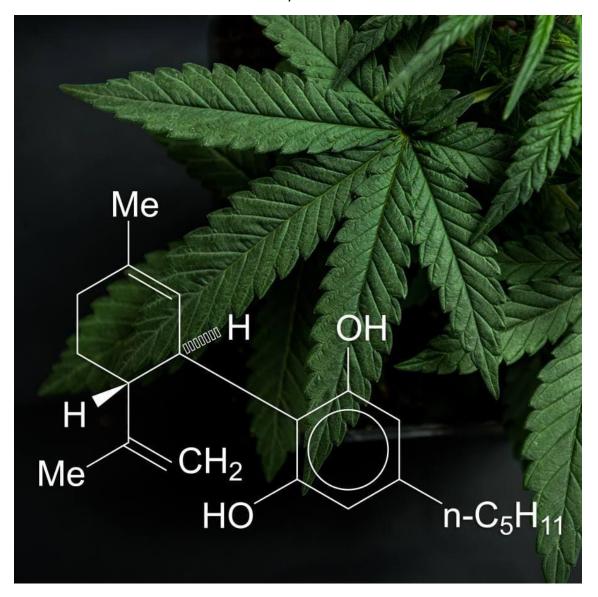
- " Anxiolytic
- " Neuro-protector
- " Anti-inflammatory
- " Painkiller
- " Antipsychotic
- " Can reduce epileptic attacks
- " May reduce chemotherapy side effects
- " Can be used to calm Parkinson's spasms



Hemp benefits in agriculture

It improves the structure of soil

- Stops ground erosion
- Oxygenates soil
- Gives your plants nutrients
- Avoids weeds growing
- It removes contaminants and heavy metals from soil



Dietary hemp benefits

There are invaluable parts of hemp plants that have been used for generations as dietary supplements due to their magnificent properties; consuming hemp seeds or hemp seed oil is incredibly nutritional. Hemp seed oil is actually considered the best oil in the world due to the amount of fatty acids and vitamins that it contains - it's highly recommended for daily intake.

Hemp seed oil has anti-inflammatory properties. Hemp seed oil is noted for these benefits: Superb moisturizer, natural anti-inflammatory, rare source of gamma-linoleic acid, protects from UV radiation and pollution, assists healing, soothes acne, prevents, and repairs hair damage, treats eczema and psoriasis, rich in antioxidants.

Hemp seed milk has full nutritional values. This milk may be combined for use with all fruits and vegetables. At a volume level of 81%, hemp oil is the richest known source of polyunsaturated essential fatty acids (the "good" fats). It's quite high in some essential amino acids, including gamma linoleic acid (GLA), and it has a very rare nutrient also found in mother's milk. While the original "gruel" was made of hemp seed meal, hemp oil and seed can be made into tasty and nutritional products.

Hemp seed is an adequate source of calcium and iron. Whole, toasted hemp seeds are also a good source of phosphorus, magnesium, zinc, copper, and manganese. Hemp seed contains no gluten and may be a healthful food for people with celiac disease.



- " Proteins
- " Vitamin E
- " Omega 6 and Omega 3
- " Detoxing

- " Strengthens the immune system
- " Improves skin health
- " Improves hair health

Hemp oil can be substituted for toxin-tainted fish oil. The plant itself is an effective forage plant for livestock. In Europe, the oil is used extensively as bird and animal feed. Hemp seed oil can also be used in cooking. Because it has a low smoke point, it should not be used for frying. It has a more intense flavour than neutral vegetable oils and may be interchangeable with olive oil. A bonus for growers is that hemp produces twice as much oil per acre as peanuts. Many European beer producers use the seeds to infuse flavour.



CBD or Cannabidiol is a non-psychoactive cannabinoid that cannabis plants produce, and it's obtained in large quantities from hemp plants. Hemp is known for producing much more CBD naturally than cannabis plants, and it turns out CBD is high in demand right now. It can be found in herbal teabags, sub-lingual oils with CBD, sweets, pomades and quite a long etc.

Benefits of hemp in textiles

One of hemp's main uses is for obtaining fibers, and it is most likely the first thing that it was used for. By simply opening the trunk you can extract the fibers. Many different cultures have

used hemp to make holsters for their weapons and other things. As time went by, they decided to start using it to make items of clothing, which turned out to be much stronger and durable than other items.



- " Clothes
- " Sturdy fabric
- " Strong rope
- " Sustainable growth
- " Organic growth

Because hemp produces the longest and strongest natural plant fibers, it has historically been used to make fine marine ropes. It has the added bonus of being resistant to rot and abrasion.

These same attributes make it a perfect choice for military uniforms, parachute webbing, and baggage.

Luxury designers have embraced hemp as a fabric. Giorgio Armani started a consortium to cultivate hemp in Italy. Other designer brands using hemp fabric include Versace, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, and Calvin Klein.



Hemp is also a very efficient source of paper pulp. A single acre of hemp produces 4 times the amount of pulp that trees will over a 20-year growing cycle. Hemp requires only approximately 4 months of growth before it is harvestable.

Alternative to Petroleum Products:

Plastic can be produced from either the fiber or oil of hemp. Because of the higher cost of producing hemp oil, the cellulose fibers are generally used. At this time, creating hemp-based plastic is both energy-intensive and expensive. There are advantages, however. Hemp plastic is durable - it is between 2.5 - 3.5 times stronger than petroleum-based plastic. It is also 5 times stiffer, heat resistant, non-toxic and pesticide free. This makes it perfect for culinary use. It is recyclable and biodegradable within 6 months. Numerous auto and airplane manufacturers, including BMW, Volvo, Mercedes, Audi, Lotus, and Porsche, have used hemp-based plastics for their interiors for over a decade.

Hemp benefits in agriculture:

- " It improves the structure of soil
- Stops ground erosion

- " Oxygenates soil
- " Gives your plants nutrients
- " Avoids weeds growing
- " It removes contaminants and heavy metals from soil

Hemp farming is great for water conservation, allowing farmers to spend less money on irrigation. On a global stage, hemp farming can help impoverished communities both nutritionally and economically. Hemp farming is a great opportunity for small farmers to benefit economically.

Hemp uses in cosmetics:

- " Pomades
- " Oils
- " Shampoos
- " Creams
- " Detoxes
- " Hydrates and rejuvenates skin
- " Regenerates scars and cuts faster
- " Can treat psoriasis
- " Can treat acne
- " Anti-inflammatory



Hemp is currently one of the most demanded materials for housing right now, especially when it comes to repairing old houses; hemp makes incredibly sturdy structures and can be used as an insulator, too.

Benefits of using hemp in building:



- " Low-contamination method
- " Less materials needed
- " Not dangerous for workers
- " Incredibly strong and durable
- " Fire-resistant
- " Insulating
- " Can be made into bricks
- " Insulation panels
- " Furniture
- " Ropes



than similar materials (1/9th the weight) and works very well as an insulation material that is airtight, yet breathable, flexible, and repels some vermin. Hemp blocks can be formed into a building material like concrete blocks. They have a high thermal mass capacity that stores energy and releases it gradually. The blocks are resistant to insects, fungi, mold, mildew, fire, rodents, and termites.

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used in building. Though it cannot be used as a load-

bearing material by itself, it is significantly lighter

As you can see, hemp can be used to make an incredible number of materials, and we have only gone over a few.

THE HAA HEMP INDUSTRAL REVOLUTION IS LIVE!!