

# VISIONARY LEADER DOMINIC TAMIN



Dominic Tamin with Newark Mayor Ras J Baraka



Dominic Tamin and Nate Mordo Facebook Brand manager



Dominic Tamin with NJ Governor Phil Murphy



Dominic Tamin during humanitarian work at the children's hospital in Angola also meet with the First Lady.

**BY DAVID THOMAS**

2018 marks the fourth year for the African Entertainment Awards USA. The production of the awards show is the fulfillment of one of Dominic Tamin's dreams. Tamin has come a long way from his humble beginnings on a palm oil plantation in Southern Cameroon. The young entrepreneur and community leader is now living his dream, even as his dreams continue to expand and take on new dimensions.

**The AEA-USA Awards, Dream Becomes Reality**

Tamin has always been concerned with uplifting and improving the lives of African peoples as well as members of the African diaspora. In 2015, Tamin

successfully launched and produced the African Entertainment Awards USA as a vehicle for recognizing and exposing African entertainers, leaders and businesspersons to a wider mass audience. Tamin harnessed the power of social media to enable music lovers around the world to participate in selecting the winners for the various award categories.

Not knowing ahead of time whether the idea would catch on, to his delight, each year hundreds of thousands of music fans visit AEAUSA.net to cast their votes. What began as an idea in his head has now become a veritable institution. In the AEAs three-year history, the website has received over 8

million hits. In total, over 100 million persons have been engaged through social media and the international broadcasts of the ceremonies.

It takes courage and determination to pursue one's dreams, and these are two qualities that Tamin has in abundance. A former Newark veteran math teacher, Tamin never gave up on his dreams of becoming a wildly successful businessman and leader or his dreams of establishing a platform for the empowerment of people of color. Currently, Tamin is the owner and founder of Empak Corporation, a multi-faceted financial services enterprise with tax preparation and consultation services at its core. Simultaneously,

Tamin is the producer of the African Entertainment Awards USA.

**Political Organizer**

With each passing year, the AEA-USA awards have continued to grow and enjoy greater success and exposure. Concurrently, the scope of Tamin's mission and sphere of influence has continued to grow as well.

Over the past few years, Tamin's role as a community and political organizer has begun to take shape. Recognizing the fact that over 20% of New Jersey registered voters come from the African and Caribbean communities, Tamin's goal is to mobilize these communities to exercise their voting power.

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