



# Amadou Koundoul

My name is Amadou Koundoul. I have been living in America for 14 years. I was recruited to play prep school basketball in New Jersey (Faith Christian Academy) where I had to take one year of English so I would meet the curriculum level to be accepted into an NCAA university. The conditions I lived under during the five years prior to my graduation from college gave me a strong desire to go back in Africa and make a difference.

- 2008-2009: I went back to Africa and ran a basketball camp. I detected proper talent that can succeed on the basketball court and in school. I also collected clothes and shoes to donate to athletes whose only dreams were to get a better life and help their families.
- 2009-2010: I realized there is more of a promise in athletes from Africa than there is in athletes recruited out of other countries to America. During this year, I brought 12 players to USA. Seven of them were Top 20 Big Men on ESPN's ranking. Three of them have NBA potential. One of them is sure to be drafted out of UC Irvine in CA.
- 2010 – Present: I observed much younger prospects than I had ever noticed! Under that notification, the NBA went to Africa and opened a new basketball office projected to provide even more NBA prospects. Since 2010, I have hosted 5 camps in Senegal and have brought an additional 15 players (both men and women) to America as student athletes.
- I have been a NCAA men's basketball coach for 6 years (Centenary College, UC Irvine, Duquesne and Seattle). If I can recruit NBA potential in less than 4 years, I believe with the help of building an academy with a gymnasium we will produce more.

## Our Goals

- Build indoor facilities with 1 main NBA court with 2 NCAA courts.
- Have 4 classrooms of 20 students (Qualified English Teachers).
- Hire knowledgeable basketball coaches.
- Produce NBA prospects every 1 – 2 years out of Africa or drafted out of college in the USA.

## Who are we targeting?

- NIKE, ADIDAS, UNDER ARMOUR, REEBOK, EASTBAY, MICROSOFT, APPLE ETC....
- Our goals are to make the academy attractive so we can recruit players from the continent.
- Establish a headquarters that will recruit and intern African prospects for pre-draft and pre-training.
- Partnership and cultural exchange between countries to compare and evaluate our talent level prior to NBA

## Visions

- In 3 years have a legitimate list of NBA prospects in USA
- After 5 to 6 years find diamond players every year from Africa to enter the NBA draft.
- 50 out of 60 draft players are from the USA. Africa will be a larger source giving the same opportunity.
- Establish a better nutritional system for athletes from Africa so they can extend their career.