

Kenya Goodwill Ambassador, Maasai Warrior, Chief and Healer Comes to the US

Berkeley, California

Salaton Ole Ntutu, Maasai chief, shaman and community leader, will visit the San Francisco Bay Area in February to forge a link between his tribal community in Kenya and ours in the US by sharing his wisdom and life stories. He is coming to generate awareness and support for his community's health and education projects, and efforts to preserve culture and nature while developing a self-sustaining community in changing times. During his visit, Salaton will engage groups and individuals in presentations and conversations about his traditional Maasai life from childhood, through warriorship, into his present role as a visionary leader bridging world cultures.



Trained in the age-old Maasai tradition, Salaton became a skilled warrior who can survive among wild animals in the harsh and challenging African Savanna. He spent seven years in the African bush, from the age of 14, surviving with little more than a blanket and a spear. He is now a leader on social and economic issues pertaining to his tribe, helping his community navigate the challenges of retaining their culture and protecting nature in the face of threats to their traditional lifestyle and environment. He champions education, health and sanitation projects, and is establishing a heritage and botanical conservancy to protect culture, land, wildlife, and native holy and healing plants. Through his tremendous knowledge of African wildlife, Salaton has contributed significantly to Kenya's tourist industry as a way to develop self-sustaining communities. He is also leading culture change in harmful practices, such as eliminating the common, but illegal, practice of female genital mutilation (FGM), by building a rescue shelter and obtaining boarding school scholarships for girls' protection, and promoting alternative rites of passage.

Salaton has traveled to India with the Vedika Global Ayurveda school in California, to learn more about India's traditional, natural system of medicine that has been practiced for more than 5,000 years and to explore cultural and environmental preservation being led by others in the world. He gained valuable insights and perspectives on the efforts of Tibetan refugees striving to preserve their culture under the leadership of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, he learned of people from different cultures who are also trying to preserve holy and medicinal plants to heal the world at the World Ayurveda Congress, and connected with traditional tribal leaders and others from around the globe who are of his same heart in serving as a leader and a healer of the people.

Scheduling is currently underway for Salaton presentations at house parties, corporate gatherings, public venues such as schools and museums in February. He is an engaging speaker for any audience, tailoring his message for children, armchair travelers or those interested in visiting Kenya, and corporate leaders. He has shared his visionary leadership messages with managers and executives at Genentech, SAP, Rotary, US Department of Education and other venues, discussing the core values for leading through influence, and managing change while retaining culture. His eloquent presentation sparks engaging dialog on correlations between leading from a tribal perspective and in the corporate setting. He has also spoken to diverse audiences on the value of nature and ancestors in guiding our lives, the importance of preserving indigenous cultures and native healing, providing a glimpse into the Maasai way of life, and his views on how the world is coming together for our common benefit.

If you would like to schedule an event or personal session with Salaton while he is here from February 1-26, or would like to be on the mailing list for public engagements as they are scheduled, please contact Susan Olofson, Salaton's US business partner, at susanolofson@gmail.com or 925-518-3686. For more information on Salaton, his community, and tourism work, visit www.majimoto.org, and www.susanolofson.com/who.htm