

Symbol Meanings

Woforo Dua Pa A= "When you climb a good tree. A symbol of support for good causes."

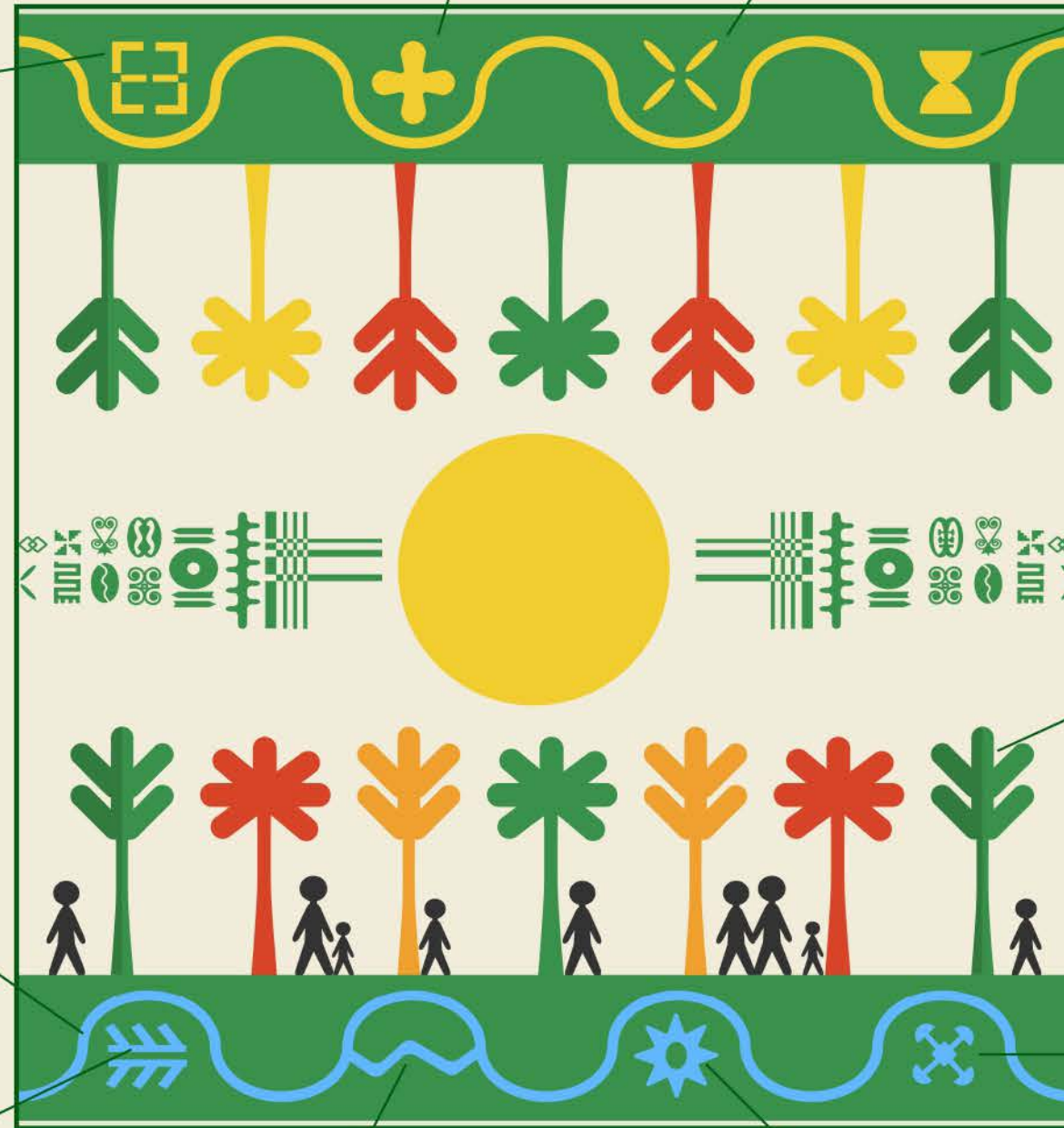
Tabono= "Paddle or oar. A symbol of strength, confidence, and persistence. These attributes are derived from the qualities required of one who paddles a boat." (Kwabena, 2020)

Mmusuyidee: that which removes bad luck, symbol for good fortune and sanctity. (Adinkra Symbols of West Africa: Mmusuyidee, n.d.)

Also known as , "Krapa means "good soul" (Kwabena, 2020)

Donkolo= Representing the talking drum used by warriors. (Bogolan Mud Cloth, n.d.)

Donkokolo: A drum that calls warriors to battle. (Malian Bogolan, n.d.)



Trees. There are many trees involved as this is important symbolism for the Caribbean and West Africa of resourcefulness, and self-sufficiency. "Abe Dua Palm tree. A symbol of wealth, resourcefulness, and self-sufficiency." (Kwabena, 2020)

The Caribbean also wouldn't feel like itself without the abundance of nature, also trees have been of large importance to indigenous Caribbean cultures too. "For the enslaved people of Jamaica, the lacebark tree was a valuable natural resource and a means of asserting one's dignity." (Halley, 2022) Trees witness the history and were and are sacred. "The trees were considered sacred by the Taíno... Because of their size and longevity, Silk Cotton trees stand as silent, giant witnesses to centuries of history and serve as landmarks that provide shelter and shade." (Archive, 2014)

Waves of Life. Adire patterns. "Wave away any troubles." (Inside the Yoruba Textile Art of Adire With Chief Nike Davies-Okundaye, 2017)

Nsibidi script for Journey.

"NSIBIDI SCRIPT. Nsibidi is the ideographic writing system of the Ejagham people of Nigeria. One sees it on tombstones, secret-society buildings, costumes, ritual fans, headdresses, textiles, and in gestures and body and ground painting. Based on information in books by P. Amaury Talbot." (Wahlman, 2001)

Iguana's elbow= "A very common pattern. This may represent good fortune as an iguana can lead a hunter to water. The iguana is also symbolic of African born people in warfare with foreign powers." (The Meaning of Mudcloth | Africa Imports, n.d.)

Nsoromma = Star (literally, "child of the heavens"). A symbol of faith and the belief in patronage and dependency on a supreme being (Kwabena, 2020)

Akoma Ntoaso= "means "the joining of hearts." It could also mean "united hearts." It is a symbol of agreement, togetherness and unity or a charter; an amplification of the concept of Akoma." (Kwabena, 2020)