Africa and the Global African Diaspora: International Summit of Colleges, Universities, and Ministers of Education

Theme: Advancing Quality Education for all Persons of African Descent

Agenda

9:00–9:45  Collection of Security Passes
9:45–10:00  Arrival of Speakers, Panelists and Special Guests
10:00–10:35  Official Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremony:

Opening

• Welcome Remark: Hon. Mr. Hary Okello Oryen, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, The Republic of Uganda–5 min
• Opening Remark: Dr. Farid Muhammad, Coordinator, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) – 5 min
• Goodwill Messages:
  o Honourable Jackson Mthembu, Minister in the Presidency Republic of South Africa – 5 min
  o Dr. Clarence Jones, Director, Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice, University of San Francisco-5 min

Keynote Address

• Ms Ahunna Eziakonwa, Regional Director for UNDP Africa and Assistant Secretary General – 15 min

• Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Ayodele Odusola, Resident Representative, UNDP South Africa.

10:35–11:30  Panel Discussion 1: Challenges, Opportunities and Future of Higher Education in Africa and African Descent

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• Moderator: Dr. Ayodele Odusola, Resident Representative, UNDP South Africa.

1. Challenges of achieving quality Higher Education in Africa by Prof. Pauline Riak, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Rumbek University of Science and Technology, South Sudan.

2. Harnessing Opportunities in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in America for quality education in Africa and African Descent by Prof. Rudolph Crew, President, Medgar Evers College City University of New York, USA

3. Harnessing Africa’s Diaspora for enhancing quality of Education in Africa and African Descent by
   a. Dr. Brian C. Mushimba (MP and Minister of Higher Education, Zambia)
   b. Prof. Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe (Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria).

4. Leveraging Innovation and Technology to re-orientate the changing nature and focus of higher education by Mr. Ntoi Rapapa, Minister of Education and Training, Kingdom of Lesotho

5. Capacity Building Requirement for Enhancing Quality Education in Africa by Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation.

Discussions, Q&A
Panel Discussion 2: Facilitating an enduring partnership between African universities and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in America

- Moderator: Dr. Clarence Jones, Director, Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice, University of San Francisco.

11:30 – 12:00
1. Re-imaging African Higher Education through African Diaspora and Descents by Dr. Djibril Diallo, President and CEO of African Renaissance and Diaspora Network

12:00 – 12:30
2. Promoting collaborative research and technology transfers between African Universities and HBCU by Mr. Yacob Astatke Asst. V-P International Affairs, Computer Engineering Morgan State University, USA

3. Promoting international student exchanges, mentorship, and sabbaticals between African Universities and HBCU by Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe, Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos

4. Deepening curriculum development and joint courses (including African culture and studies) for graduate students between African Universities and HBCU by Dr. Melissa Ifill, University of Guyana

5. Developing a consortium of African Diaspora Fellowship Programme by Prof. Leslie Pollard, President, Oakwood University Huntsville, Alabama

Discussions, Q&A

12:30 – 12:35
Signing of the memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and between UNDP and HBCU

- Mrs Ahunna Eziakonwa, Regional Director for UNDP Africa and Assistant Secretary General
- Dr. Farid Muhammad, Chairman, CPG-OHBCUD

12:35
Vote of thanks