



Updated Progress Report Includes data from IDLI Summer Project 2024

Presented During 79th Session UNGA 5th Anniversary

Side Event Theme:

“Mobilizing Africa’s 6th Region: Helping Educate & Skill Africa for the 21st Century”

Venue: UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (UNDP-RPA), One UN Plaza, NYC

Date: Monday - September 23, 2024

Time: 1:00PM – 2:30PM EST

AGENDA

- ✓ Vision and Mission OHBCUD – Diaspora for Development
- ✓ OHBCUD Establishes MoU with UNDP Africa & USAID
- ✓ Overview IDLI Program 2021 – 2024
- ✓ Future of the Distance Education Program

**Region 6 of the African Union
Uniting the Power of the African Diaspora
170 Million Strong**



Report Filed with UNHRC 2015 & Mission OHBCUD

✓ The **International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)**, a UN/NGO having Consultative Status with ECOSOC – Submitted an Alternative Report to **US UPR** during the **28th Session** of the **U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** Geneva, Switzerland 15 June – 3 July 2015.

✓ By invitation from the **US Department of State/US Department of Education**, a subsequent intervention was made in WDC July 20, 2015 in response to **UNHRC** recommendations resulting from the **US-Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of 2015**

✓ On these occasions a formal intervention was made to call for the creation of an independent and non-profit organization that would champion the unique legacy, mission and preservation of **HBCUs** and other **MSIs** of higher Education.

✓ Thus, the **Office of HBCU Development & International Cooperation (OHBCUD)** was incorporated 2016 as a non-profit tax exempt (501c3) organization in the State of Illinois. It was founded by a national group of HBCU/MSI administrators, deans, attorneys and human rights activists.

UNDP Africa - OHBCUD Sign Historic MoU During 74th Session UNGA 2019

- ✓ Signed 23 September 2019, MoU calls for Annual UNDP Africa - OHBCUD events to be held at margins of each UN General Assembly (UNGA)
- ✓ Identifies 10 key areas of cooperation including the creation of the International Distance Learning Initiative (IDLI) program
- ✓ Supports UN Agenda 2030 (SDGs), and creates think-tanks for development financing for Africa and people of African descent
- ✓ Jointly consider ways and means to sustain support for ongoing implementation of activities throughout the African Diaspora



USAID – OHBCUD Sign Historic MoU in Washington, DC May 4, 2023

Goals & Objectives of MoU Include:

- ✓ Promote connectivity across domestic and international communities, particularly as impacts persons and communities of African descent
- ✓ Provide platform for students and faculty from HBCUs/MSIs to engage in research activities, professional development, sponsored programs, educational and employment opportunities
- ✓ Establish new relationships and strengthen existing ones across USAID's and OHBCUD's networks



PROFILE OF PROJECT STUDENTS

2021-2024

Total 280

Gender

Male – 176 (63%) Female – 104 (37%)

Level of Education

Bachelors – 140 (50%)

Masters – 118 (42%)

Doctorate – 14 (5%)

Law Degree – 7 (3%)

Medical Degree – 1 (00.3%)



AFRICAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN IDLI PROGRAM 2021-2024
Totaling 280 African Based Students
26 Countries

BENIN

BOSTWANA *

ESWATINI

BURUNDI

CHAD

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONGO

ETHIOPIA

GAMBIA

GHANA *

KENYA

LESOTHO

LIBERIA

MADAGASCAR

MALAWI

MAURITIUS

NAMIBIA

NIGER

NIGERIA *

SAO TOME-PRINCIPE

SIERRA LEONE

SOUTH AFRICA *

SWAZILAND

TANZANIA

TOGO

ZAMBIA *

ZIMBABWE

***Countries with highest rates of participation**

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES IDLI PROGRAM

2021 – 2024

17 Universities

Alabama A & M University

Central State University

Clark Atlanta University

Fisk University

Hampton University

Howard University

Jarvis Christian University

University of Guyana

Langston University

Medgar Evers College

Morris Brown College

Shaw University

Stillman College

Texas Southern University

University District of Columbia

Chicago Partners – USAID/OHBCUD

American Islamic College

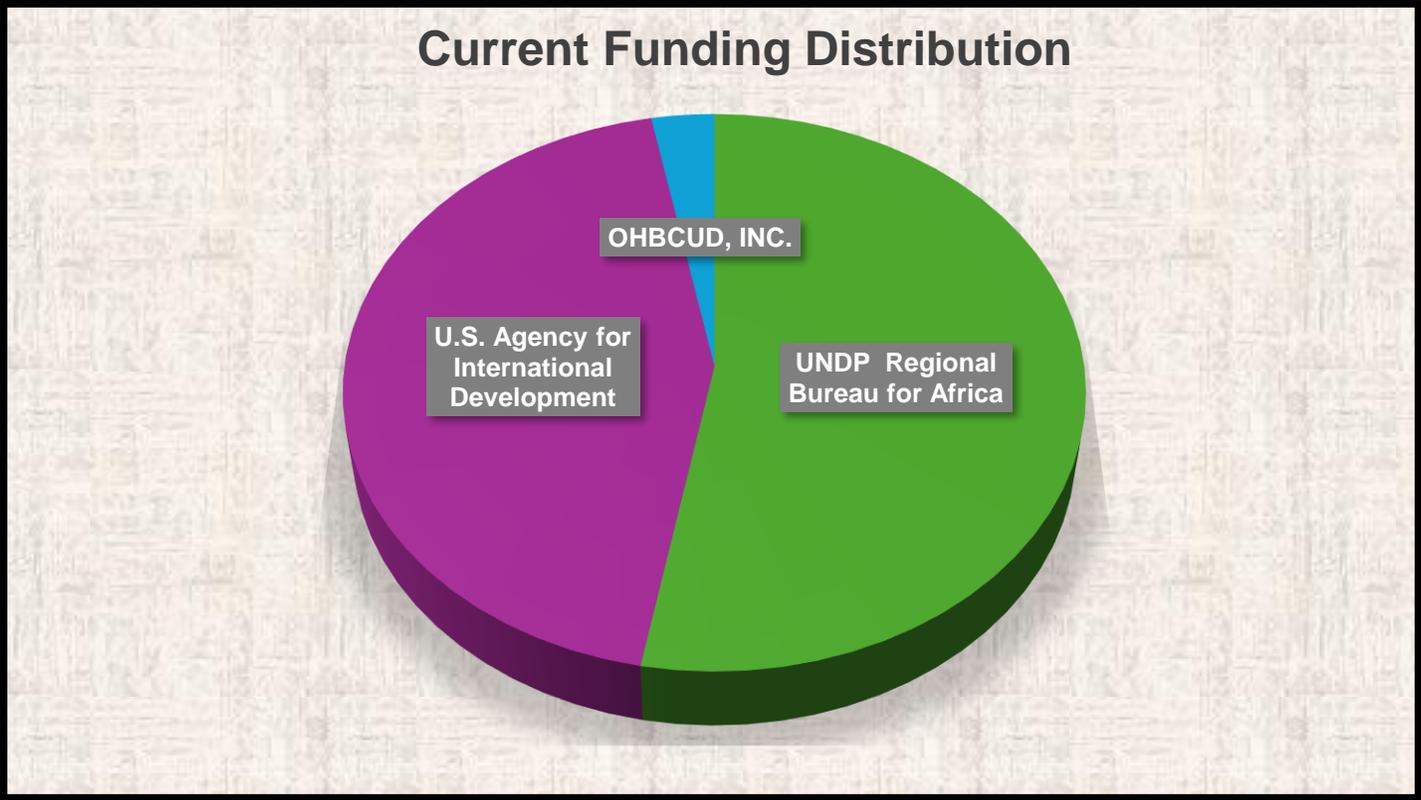
Olive Harvey College

Austin African American Business Networking Association (AAABNA – *Soul City Corridor*)



PROFILE OF INAUGURAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IDLI PROJECT

2021-2024 Total Operational Budget



Donor Agencies

UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa	\$120,000.00 (52.9%)
U.S. Agency of International Development	\$100,000.00 (44.1%)
OHBCUD, Inc.	\$7,000.00 (3.0%)
Total	\$227,000.00 (USD)



FUTURE SUPPORT OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

UNDP South Africa – Africa Finance Sector Hub

SDG Financing

The ***Africa Finance Sector Hub (AFSH)***, based in Pretoria, provides opportunities for dialogue and collaboration regarding innovative finance and private sector finance, such as Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs). In partnership with the European Union (EU) and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), UNDP is currently taking a technical lead in supporting more than 30 countries in Africa through its country offices to put in place INFFs, which include enhancing both public and private finance from domestic and international sources for a transition to stronger, more resilient and inclusive sustainable development that supports the COVID-19 recovery and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) achievement.

- ✓ Consistent with our MoUs currently established with UNDP Africa & USAID, the Office of HBCU Development & International Cooperation, Inc (OHBCUD) remains fully partnered with the ***Africa Finance Sector Hub (AFSH)*** and committed to its global 17 SDG goals.
- ✓ All public or private financing, exceeding \$1K and earmarked to support our MoU activities, especially our hallmark International Distance Learning Initiative (IDLI) project, is exclusively routed through the ***Africa Finance Sector Hub (AFSH)***.
- ✓ Public or private donors of \$1K or more shall be provided with a project designated ***AFSH Donor Form***. Full transparency and internationally monitored fiscal oversight of project donations are well secured.
- ✓ Therefore, review and final payment of tuition invoices for all Africa based IDLI project students and related expenses are made directly by ***AFSH*** to our now expanding network of participating **HBCUs**.

FUTURE PROGRAM GOALS

- ✓ Serve 200 African Based students
Summer 2025
- ✓ Increase by 100 per year 2026-2030
- ✓ Raise resources to meet program needs
- ✓ Expand participation of HBCUs
- ✓ Form partnerships with African
Universities

