



# Africa and the Global African Diaspora

## *Innovative Finance Strategies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for all Persons of African Descent*

### Agenda

*Master of Ceremony: Ayodele Odusola*

**9:00-9:30**

#### **Official Opening Ceremony**

- **Welcome Remark:** **Mr. Leslie N. Pollard**, *President, Oakwood University* – 5 min
- **Opening Remark:** **Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa**, *Assistant Secretary General and Director of Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP* – 5 min
- **Goodwill Messages:**
  - o **H.E. Mr. Xolisa Mabhougu**, *Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations*
  - o **H.E. Ms. Joyce Banda**, *Fmr. President, Republic of Malawi*

**9:30–10:15**

#### **Panel Discussion 1: Leveraging international finance and unlocking private investment**

*Moderator: Mr. Raymond Gilpin, Chief Economist, UNDP Africa.*

**Mr. Njuguna Ndung'u**, *Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium* – 9 mins

**Mr. William E. Spriggs**, *Prof Emeritus Economics, Howard University* – 9 mins

**Ms. Constance Hamilton**, *Assistant, United States Office of Trade* – 9 mins

**Mr. Hilary Beckles**, *Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies* – 9 mins

**Ms. Sola Yomi-Ajayi**, *CEO, United Bank for Africa (UBA) America* – 9 mins

**10:15-10:40**

#### **Question & Answer**

**10:40 - 11:25**

#### **Panel Discussion 2: The Role of Digital Finance and Innovation**

*Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Phillips Lewis, Division Chair for the Humanities, Associate Professor of History, Spelman College*

**Ms. Jo Ann Rolle**, *Dean, School of Business Medgar Evers College* – 9 mins

**Mr. Tawana Kupe** *Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria, South Africa* – 9 mins

**Mr. Dare Okoudjou**, *CEO, MFS Africa* – 9 mins

**Mr. George T. French, Jr.** *President, Clark Atlanta University* – 9 mins

**Mr. Edem Adzogenu** *Chairperson, AfroChampions* – 9 mins

**11:25–11:50**

#### **Question & Answer**

**11:50–12:00**

**Closing Remarks:** **Mr. Farid Muhmmad**, *Chairman, Core Planning Group - Office of HBCU Development and International Cooperation*