



Core Planning Group - Office of
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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 Colleages 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

- 10:35–11:00**
 - Moderator: **Dr. Ayodele Odusola**, Resident Representative, UNDP South Africa.
 - 1. Challenges of achieving quality Higer Education in Africa by **Prof. Pauline Riak**, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Rumbek University of Science and Technology, South Sudan.
 - 2. Harnessing Opportunities in Historically Black Colleages 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
- 11:00–11:30**
 - 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

11:30 - 12:30 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. Jacob 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