

October 25-27, 2023
MIAMI, FLORIDA USA



Wednesday, October 25, 2023

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration Booth Assignments	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Roundtable Discussion On the Special Purpose Investment Fund for Africa (by Invitation Only)</i>	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<i>Welcome Reception</i>	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel North Ballroom

Thursday, October 26, 2023

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
7:00 pm	Exhibits Close	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Networking	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p><i>Opening Session</i></p> <p>Fred Oladeinde, President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) and Chair, AGOA Civil Society Organization (CSO) Network Secretariat</p> <p>Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman, Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners, and Commissioner District 1</p> <p>Honorable Dennis C. Moss, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (Retired)</p> <p>Connie W. Kinnard, Senior Vice President, Multicultural Tourism and Development, Greater Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau (GMCVB)</p> <p>Abdoulaye Dieye, CEO, Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD)</p> <p>Basil A. Binns II, Deputy Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Miami International Airport (MIA)</p> <p>Honorable Angela Ellard, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization</p>	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom



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10:10 am – 11:10 am

Panel I: US – Africa Trade, Investment and Development Finance

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Moderator: Rodrick Miller, President and CEO
Miami-Dade Beacon Council

H.E. Hilda Suka Mafudze, African Union
Ambassador the U.S.A.

Honorable Kevin Marino Cabrera, Commissioner
District 6, Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners

Carlos Guerra, Manager, International Investment and Logistics, Select Florida

Elena Méndez, Regional Director, Eastern Region
Small Business Group, Export-Import Bank of the United States

11:20 am – 12:30 pm

Panel II: Miami-Dade Gateway Initiative

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom

Moderator: Sudeshna Chatterjee, Global Engagement Officer of the African Region, International Trade Consortium (ITC), Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners

Dimitrios “Jimmy” Nares, Section Chief, Aviation Marketing, Miami-Dade Aviation Department

Richard de Villers, Chief of Staff to the Director
PortMiami

Daniel Cardona, Vice President, Florida Export Finance Corporation (FEFC)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Lunch

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel The Palm





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<p>2:00 pm – 3:15 pm</p>	<p><i>Panel III: Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Fred Oladeinde</i>, President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa</p> <p>Dr. Reverend Milenge Mwenelweta, Vice Chair, AGOA Civil Society Organization Network, Democratic Republic of Congo</p> <p>Dave Peterson, Senior Director, Africa, National Endowment for Democracy (NED)</p> <p>Jeffrey Lozama, Philanthropist, and Owner, CMS International</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>
<p>3:30 pm – 4:45 pm</p>	<p><i>Panel IV: Micro, Small, & Medium Enterprise Development, E-Commerce & Branding</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Danielle St. Luce</i>, Program Director Small Business XCEerator, Miami-Dade Beacon Council</p> <p>Gary T. Hartfield, Director, Office of Small Business Development, Miami-Dade County</p> <p>Marie Gill, Operator/Executive Director, Minority Business Development Agency Programs, Florida, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgins Islands</p> <p>Thomas T. Osobu, Founder and Executive Chairman Jott Industries Nigeria Limited</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>

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<p>8:30 am – 9:00 am</p> <p>4:00 pm</p>	<p>Continental Breakfast and Networking</p> <p>Exhibits Close</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>
<p>9:00 am – 11:10 am</p>	<p>Panel V: Technological Innovation Manufacturing and Industrialization</p> <p>Moderator: Madeline Mesa, International Economic Development Director Miami-Dade Beacon Council</p> <p>Miguel Olivares, Senior International Trade Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service</p> <p>Manuel Pila, Economic Developer, City of Doral</p> <p>Mohamed Habiboulah Fall, Aerocity Project Manager, Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD)</p> <p>Dr. Gloria McCutcheon, Chair and Professor of Biology/Biotechnology, Claflin University</p> <p>Nicholas Panasik, Associate Professor, Claflin University</p> <p>Maria Dreyfus -Ulvert, Assistant Director for Economic Development, Office of Innovation and Economic Development (OIED), Miami-Dade County</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>
<p>11:20 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Panel VI: Ethics, Elections, and Good Governance</p> <p>Moderator: Jose Arrojo, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust</p> <p>Honorable Chiaka Ihekweba, County Court Judge North Dade Justice Center</p> <p>Radia Turay, Advocate, Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust</p> <p>Dr. Akwasi Opong-Fosu, President, African Growth Solutions</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>



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Panel VII: Diaspora Town Hall – The Future is Now for Diaspora Investment and Engagement

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Moderator: Stanley Riguard, Vice President, Economic Development, Miami-Dade Beacon Council

Opening Prayer: Bishop Allen Smith, Founder of Prayer Command Center Network and Director of Operations Shepherd to Shepherd Network

Dr. Malcolm Beech, President, Diaspora Business Roundtable

Dr. Bill Jong-Ebot, Associate Professor, Journalism & Mass Communication, Coordinator, Communication Florida Memorial University

Fred Oladeinde, President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa

Philippe Carré, Artist

Andres Galvan Yanez, Artist

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

AfrICANDO Gala/Awards Dinner

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom

Mistress of Ceremony: Stichiz, Radio Personality Lyricist, Songwriter and Actress

Musical Performance : Reina Sang, Pianist Composer and Educator

Honorees:

Dr. Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor and Secretary of State of the United States under President George W. Bush

Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., Founder and Past President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

His Excellency Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South African High Commission

Ambassador John Shinkaiye, President Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN) and Chairman, JKS & Associates Ltd.

