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DISTRICT 1



THE HONORABLE
Oliver Gilbert

Dear Participants,

As the Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the International Trade Consortium (ITC), I am thrilled to welcome you to the 24th Annual AfrICANDO 2023.

Since 1996, the Foundation for Democracy in Africa in partnership with Miami-Dade County has organized the AfrICANDO Conference, an arena where small businesses from Sub-Saharan Africa can collaborate and develop trade opportunities with firms from the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

This year, the conference is focusing on “The Diaspora: Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation.” As members of the African Diaspora living in the United States, we implicitly understand the value of trade between the U.S. and Africa. For this reason, we are the perfect ambassadors to promote stronger trading ties with the continent.

I urge you to fully maximize your participation at the conference by connecting with companies, exchanging insights during the B2B sessions, and attending seminars to develop potential business ventures. Also, please take some time to explore Miami-Dade County’s beautiful scenery, including the beaches, historical and cultural destinations, and all of the other amenities we offer.

Best wishes to all the participants!

Sincerely,

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ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 10

September 2023

Dear Participants,

As the Vice Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, it's a pleasure to welcome you to the 24th Annual AfrICANDO 2023, scheduled for October 25-27 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center.

AfrICANDO serves as a remarkable gathering point for small- and medium-sized businesses to explore collaboration and growth opportunities. I commend The Foundation for Democracy in Africa for crafting such a comprehensive program filled with B2B interactions and networking sessions. The panel discussions promise relevance and will undoubtedly provide immense value to participants. A wonderful platform bolstering US-Africa commercial relations.

Join us in this endeavor at AfrICANDO 2023. Wishing the organizers and participants a successful event.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Rodriguez
Vice Chairman
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
District 10



**Commissioner Marleine Bastien
Miami-Dade County, District 2**

October 27, 2023

Greetings Distinguished Guests of AfriCando 2023!

I want to extend a sincere welcome on behalf of Miami-Dade County District 2 to everyone in attendance. This 24th installation of the Annual AfriCando Conference by the Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is another opportunity for Miami-Dade County to strengthen its relationship with the African Diaspora through trade, investment, and technological innovation.

FDA efforts continue reinforcing Miami-Dade County's position as the Gateway to the Americas. This conference serves as a template for how bilateral trade can benefit nations that embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion within their borders.

I am proud to support FDA efforts as it continues to promote the ideas and practices of building a foundation of economic opportunity through the theme of Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation.

Once again, it is my honor to welcome conference participants to this beautiful event, and I wish you all much success at AfriCando 2023!

Sincerely,

Marleine Bastien

Marleine Bastien, MSW, LCSW
Commissioner
Miami-Dade County Commission, District 2



Miami-Dade County District 2
915 NE 125th Street
North Miami, FL 33161



WELCOME TO

AFRICANDO 2023

October 25, 2023

Greetings,

It is an honor to join The Foundation for Democracy in Africa in celebrating this year's AfriCANDO U.S.-Africa Trade & Investment Conference/Expo.

As the Chairman of the Airports and Economic Development Committee, I applaud this great event that continues to connect different Miami-Dade County businesses, small and medium-sized, with the African Diaspora. Your efforts are fundamental to our shared goal of economic prosperity and peace among us.

As you explore our great economic diversity, I encourage you to take advantage of all opportunities at your disposal.

I hope you enjoy your time in our County, and I wish you much success with all your future endeavors.

Best regards,

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Keon Hardemon, Esq.
Commissioner, District 3





Commissioner
Eileen Higgins
District 5

October 25, 2023

Dear attendees and friends,

What a great honor it is to join The Foundation for Democracy in Africa in celebrating the kickoff of AfrICANDO 2023!

As we gather for AfrICANDO 2023, I am reminded of the immense potential that lies within our collective efforts. Let us use this occasion to not only discuss trade and investment but to foster friendships and collaborations that will echo far beyond these few days.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Foundation for Democracy in Africa for their steadfast commitment to fostering trade relations and strengthening economic ties. Miami-Dade County proudly serves as The Global Gateway, and events like AfrICANDO play a pivotal role in reinforcing our position as a hub for international cooperation.

Thank you for your dedication to our communities and your commitment to fostering growth and partnership. Let us make AfrICANDO 2023 a resounding success that paves the way for a prosperous future.

Best regards,

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Eileen Higgins
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 5



KEVIN MARINO CABRERA
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 6

September 28, 2023



Greetings!

I am thrilled to welcome everyone to the 24th Annual AfrICANDO 2023, the U.S – Africa Trade and Investment Conference and Trade Show.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the AfrICANDO Planning Committee, volunteers, sponsors, and contributors for making this event possible. Your dedication to promoting the exchange of culture and business from multiple nations is truly commendable.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the diverse exhibitions, performances, and activities this event has to offer. Let's embrace this opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate together.

Enjoy every moment of AfrICANDO 2023, and may it leave you with great memories and lasting connections.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Marino Cabrera
Commissioner
Vice Chairman of the International Trade Consortium



RAQUEL A. REGALADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 7

8/30/23

Greetings!

Welcome to the 24th Annual AfriCANDO 2023, the U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Conference and Trade Show.

AfriCANDO 2023 is organized to provide an opportunity for businesses -and small businesses- from Sub-Saharan Africa, The United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Latin America to meet, interact, and build strategic alliances with their counterparts here in Miami-Dade County, home to people from more than 150 countries who communicate in more than 60 languages.

The theme of this year's Conference and Trade Show is *The Diaspora: Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation*. Here in Miami-Dade County we gain strength from our multifaceted culture and thanks to our diversity. Our ties with Africa are further strengthened through multiple trade missions to and from Africa. We are proud to be a Gateway to the Americas and the World.

If you are visiting, I encourage you to take advantage of our world-class beaches, hotels, restaurants, shopping, attractions, arts and culture, sports, and recreation.

I wish all the organizers and attendees a successful event and enriching experience.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Raquel Regalado

Miami-Dade County, District 7

Board of County Commissioners



MICKY STEINBERG
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 4

October 25, 2023

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Welcome to the 24th Annual AfrICANDO 2023, the U.S. - Africa Trade and Investment Conference and Trade Show. AfrICANDO 2023 is organized to provide an opportunity for businesses from Sub-Saharan Africa, the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America to meet, interact and form strategic alliances.

Miami-Dade County is home to people from more than 150 countries who communicate in 60 plus languages. Diversity is one of the hallmarks that define us. Our ties with Africa are strong. We have taken and received multiple trade missions to Africa, are Sister Cities with Cape Town and Dakar, and are Sister Seaports with 14 ports in 8 countries in the continent.

This event is a wonderful addition to our multifaceted culture and reinforces our County as The Gateway to the Americas/The Global Gateway. If you are visiting, I encourage you to take advantage of our world-class beaches, hotels, restaurants, shopping, attractions, arts and culture, sports, and recreation.

I wish all the organizers and attendees a successful event and an enriching experience.

Sincerely,

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Micky Steinberg
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 4



Kionne L. McGhee
Miami-Dade County Commissioner

October 2, 2023

Greetings,

Welcome to the 24th Annual AfrICANDO 2023, the U.S. – Africa Trade and Investment Conference and Trade Show.

I am delighted to support the mission of this conference of establishing and solidifying Miami Dade County as a trade hub and getaway to Africa and I am honored to serve as a Champion of AfrICANDO 2023.

I extend my congratulations to The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) for envisaging the concept of the event, creating relevant content for the panel discussions, and providing opportunities for small business to network and seek strategic alliances to expand their business.

Africa is a focus area for us and Our County has strong economic and cultural ties with the region as demonstrated by the diaspora. AfrICANDO 2023 will strengthen these ties and I look forward to working closely with the FDA on trade-related issues that affect our business communities.

I wish FDA and the attendees a very successful event.

Humbly and respectfully,

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Kionne L. McGhee
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 9



Board of County Commissioners

JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ

COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT 12

September 28th, 2023

Warm greetings to everyone attending the 24th Annual AfrICANDO Trade and Investment Conference/Trade Show, a pivotal convention that isn't just about commerce, but about the intertwining of our shared destinies. AfrICANDO 2023 is more than just a business gathering—it's an affirmation of our belief that when diverse cultures and economies converge, they birth new possibilities.

Miami-Dade County is committed to the idea that humanity thrives in diversity. With inhabitants from over 150 nations, conversing in a kaleidoscope of 60 languages, we are a living philosophy, showcasing that unity in diversity is more than just a phrase—it's a lived reality. Our ties with Africa, profound and multifaceted, remind us of the ancient African Ubuntu philosophy: "I am because we are." We've not just traded goods, but exchanged stories, ideas, and dreams with Africa. Our sister-city bonds with Cape Town and Dakar, and harbor affiliations across the continent, are symbols of our shared journey.

This assembly isn't just an expo but a confluence of ideas, traditions, and aspirations. It reinforces Miami-Dade's role not just as The Nexus to the Americas but as a beacon where the past, present, and future of global interactions harmoniously coexist. To our esteemed visitors, beyond our scenic beaches and cultural hubs, I hope you discover the spirit of interconnectedness that Miami-Dade embodies.

To all visionaries and participants charting the course of this event, may you not just find business success but deeper insights into the shared journey of humanity. In this symposium of cultures, may you find the timeless theory that togetherness is the bedrock of progress.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Juan Carlos Bermudez
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
District 12



**FROM THE DESK OF DENNIS C. MOSS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER (RETIRED)**

Greetings To All,

Once again, we gather in beautiful Miami-Dade County to celebrate the possibilities and opportunities for people on both sides of the Atlantic to contribute to each other's growth and wellbeing. That is what Africando is all about.

Providing each of the attendees with the knowledge shared in the sessions and the networking that occurs throughout the conference, there is no better use of your time, than spending it with all of us at AFRICANDO.

So, enjoy the sessions, enjoy the city and enjoy yourself at the 2023 AFRICANDO U.S.- Africa Trade and Investment Conference.

Warmest Regards,

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Dennis C. Moss
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
(Retired)



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October 20, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to our 24th Annual U.S. -Africa Trade and Investment Conference/Expo - AfrICANDO 2023. This year's theme, The Diaspora: Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade, Investment, and Technological Innovation, highlights the significant role of the African Diaspora in catalyzing U.S.-Africa Trade, economic, and cultural engagement.

In 2002, in partnership with the African Union, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) organized the 1st African Union (AU) Western Hemisphere Africa Diaspora Conference at Howard University in Washington, DC, under the theme, The Future of Africa. This robust engagement led to a technical workshop in Port of Spain hosted by the government of Trinidad and Tobago, the AU, and the FDA on the definition of the African Diaspora and the inclusion of the African Diaspora under article 3q of the African Union Constitutive Act during the AU Heads of State Summit.

Recently, the White House announced the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement. The inaugural council of twelve is to advise President Biden and future U.S. Presidents on reinforcing cultural, social, political, and economic ties between the U.S. and Africa and promoting trade, investment, and educational exchanges between the U.S. and Africa; a welcome endorsement of Article 3q of the African Union Constitutive Act of 2003.

The African Diaspora in the U.S. is a source of strength. It encompasses African Americans, including descendants of enslaved Africans and two million African immigrants, and they are critical to advancing trade, investment, and cultural ties between the U.S. and Africa and advocacy efforts to extend and enhance the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) beyond 2025.

I invite you to join us for the Diaspora Town Hall Meeting on Friday, October 27, 2023, for a dynamic discussion entitled *The Future is Now for Diaspora Investment and Engagement in Africa*.

I congratulate our 2023 Medal of Glory Award (MOGA) Honorees. Now in its twenty-first (21st) year, MOGA is The Foundation for Democracy in Africa's (FDA) highest honor and is bestowed annually during our AfrICANDO Awards Gala Dinner to exemplary leaders for their lifetime contributions to advancing democracy, good governance, human rights, and economic, social, and cultural development in Africa and the 2023 honorees are no exception. Felicitations go to Dr. Condolezza Rice, National Security Advisor, and Secretary of State of the United States under President George W. Bush;

Please join us in celebrating our 2023 MOGA recipients during our Gala Awards Dinner on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Again, I welcome your contributions during the conference and presence here in Miami and our members joining us virtually.

Warm Regards,

Fred Oladeinde

Fred Oladeinde
President



COMMISSIONER
**DANIELLE
COHEN HIGGINS**
Miami-Dade County, District 8

Welcome to Miami-Dade County

AfriCANDO 2023



Miami-Dade County is always proud to serve as a hub for diversity and partnership. It is a privilege to once again host AfriCANDO's Annual Conference. I encourage everyone to enjoy our beautiful County. Thank you for coming, stay safe, and enjoy the conference.

@DanielleCohenHiggins






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Kionne L. McGhee

COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE
Miami-Dade County, District 9

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ABOUT AIBD SA

Since its establishment in 2006, AIBD SA has been tasked with the financing, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the new Diass airport, which was officially opened on December 7th, 2017. AIBD SA is owned by the Government of Senegal. Blaise Diagne International Airport is managed by LAS (Limak - AIBD SA - Summa), with AIBD.SA holding a 34% ownership stake, while the remaining 13 regional airports are directly overseen by AIBD SA.

Presently, this publicly traded company is also responsible for the management, refurbishment, enhancement, and growth of a network comprising 13 regional airports. Its objective is to transform Senegal into the primary air transportation hub in West Africa by 2035. This will be achieved by establishing a dynamic and interconnected system of 13 modern airports, accompanied by the development of appealing business parks in their vicinity. In doing so, AIBD SA is contributing to the goals of Plan Sénégal Émergent (PSE), which aims to position Senegal as a prominent economic and cultural hub in West Africa. A team of around 800 individuals across Senegal is committed to "building the future" and turning these ambitions into reality. They are driven by a shared set of values, including a strong sense of duty, commitment to quality, innovation, precision, and solidarity.

AIBD SA embodies a vision and a mindset.

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SATURDAY

DOUBLETREE BY
HILTON HOTEL AT
MIAMI AIRPORT
CONVENTION
CENTER (MACC)

1:00 PM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION
BOOTH
ASSIGNMENTS

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION
ON THE SPECIAL
PURPOSE
INVESTMENT FUND
FOR AFRICA
(INVITATION ONLY
EVENT)

5:00PM - 7:00PM
WELCOME
RECEPTION
AND
NETWORKING

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
REGISTRATION
7:00 PM EXHIBITS
CLOSE

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST
NETWORKING

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
OPENING SESSION

10:10AM- 11:10AM
PANEL I
U.S. - AFRICA TRADE &
INVESTMENT

11:20 AM - 12:30 PM
PANEL II
MIAMI DADE
GATEWAY INITIATIVE

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM
LUNCH

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM
PANEL III
PEACE, SECURITY, &
STABILITY IN AFRICA

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
PANEL IV
MICRO, SMALL, &
MEDIUM ENTERPRISE
DEVELOPMENT,
E-COMMERCE &
BRANDING

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
REGISTRATION
4:00 PM EXHIBITS CLOSE

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST
NETWORKING

9:00 AM - 11:10 AM
OPENING SESSION
TECHNOLOGICAL
INNOVATION
MANUFACTURING, &
INDUSTRIALIZATION

11:20 AM - 12:30 PM
PANEL VI
ETHICS, ELECTIONS, &
GOOD GOVERNANCE

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM
LUNCH

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PANEL VII
DIASPORA TOWN HALL
MEETING
FUTURE IS NOW FOR
DIASPORA INVESTMENT
& ENGAGEMENT

4:00 PM - EXHIBITS
CLOSE



6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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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	Roundtable Discussion On the Special Purpose Investment Fund for Africa (by Invitation Only)	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception	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	Opening Session Fred Oladeinde , President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) and Chair, AGOA Civil Society Organization (CSO) Network Secretariat Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert, III , Chairman, Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners, and Commissioner District 1 Honorable Dennis C. Moss , Miami-Dade County Commissioner (Retired) Connie W. Kinnard , Senior Vice President, Multicultural Tourism and Development, Greater Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau (GMCVB) Abdoulaye Dieye , CEO, Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD) Basil A. Binns II , Deputy Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Miami International Airport (MIA) Honorable Angela Ellard , Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom





Thursday, October 26, 2023

10:10 am – 11:10 am

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

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom

Moderator: Roderick 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

Hydi Webb, Director and Chief Executive Officer
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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Thursday, October 26, 2023

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Panel III: Peace, Security, and Stability in Africa

**DoubleTree by
Hilton Hotel
South Ballroom**

Moderator: James Gomez, Director for
International Affairs, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Dr. Reverend Milenge Mwenelweta, Vice Chair,
AGOA Civil Society Organization Network, Democratic
Republic of Congo

Dave Peterson, Senior Director, Africa, National
Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Jeffrey Lozama, Philanthropist, and Owner, CMS
International

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

***Panel IV: Micro, Small, & Medium Enterprise
Development, E-Commerce & Branding***

**DoubleTree by
Hilton Hotel
South Ballroom**

Moderator: Danielle St. Luce, Program Director
Small Business XCEerator, Miami-Dade Beacon
Council

Honorable Catherine W. Waruguru, MP, and
Member of the County Assembly of Laikipia County
Kenya

Gary T. Hartfield, Director, Office of Small Business
Development, **Miami-Dade County**

Thomas T. Osobu, Founder and Executive Chairman
Jott Industries Nigeria Limited



Friday, October 27, 2023

<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: Mario J. Sacasa, Senior Vice President International Economic Development Programs 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>Nano Obeng-Mayaresa, President and CEO ACRES Agriculture</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>H.E. Prof. Dr. Remy-Paul Eale Bosela, National Human Rights Commissioner, Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Monsignor Kito Masimago Pax André Maire Bishop of the Old Catholic Apostolic, Congregation of the Exorcist Fathers of the White Soul of Mary, Padre Pio Mission of Africa</p> <p>Honorable Chiaka Ihekwaba, 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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Friday, October 27, 2023

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch	The Palm
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Panel VII: Diaspora Town Hall – The Future is Now for Diaspora Investment and Engagement</p> <p>Moderator: Stanley Riguard, Vice President, Economic Development, Miami-Dade Beacon Council</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Bishop Allen Smith, Founder of Prayer Command Center Network and Director of Operations Shepherd to Shepherd Network</p> <p>Dr. Malcolm Beech, President, Diaspora Business Roundtable</p> <p>Dr. Bill Jong-Ebot, Associate Professor, Journalism & Mass Communication, Coordinator, Communication Florida Memorial University</p> <p>Fred Oladeinde, President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa</p> <p>Ambassador John Shinkaiye, President Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN) and Chairman, JKS & Associates Ltd.</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<p>AfrICANDO Gala/Awards Dinner</p> <p>Mistress of Ceremony: Stichiz, Radio Personality Lyricist, Songwriter and Actress</p> <p>Musical Performance : Reina Sang, Pianist, Composer and Educator</p> <p>Honorees:</p> <p>Dr. Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor and Secretary of State of the United States under President George W. Bush</p> <p>Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., Founder and Past President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition</p> <p>His Excellency Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South African High Commission</p> <p>Ambassador John Shinkaiye, President Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN) and Chairman, JKS & Associates Ltd.</p>	<p>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel South Ballroom</p>

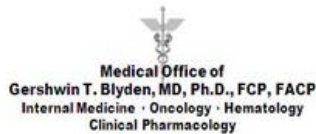


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Doing Business in Africa?

The Africa Trade Development Center (ATDC) is dedicated to facilitating and promoting bilateral trade between the regions of Africa, United States and the Americas. Its primary mission is to provide trade development services to manufacturers, and importers and exporters of goods and services from Africa and the Americas.

ATDC provides:

- Market Development Services.
- Identification of Distributors and Sale Channels.
- Training on US trade processes, and market access under AGOA.
- Determination of the Best Market to sell your products and determine what type of buyers will best fit your needs and the ability to meet the supply.
- Identification of buyers / sellers
- Use of the Trade/Market Research Library, conducts research in helping to provide trade information and access to the countries of Africa and the Americas.



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The US-Africa Air Transportation Summit has focused on identifying the barriers and solutions to air service growth between the U.S. and Africa.

The Summit will offer airports, airlines and providers of air transportation services, particular those interested in taking advantage of the emerging economies in Africa, the opportunity to build or expand their businesses. Additionally, the Summit will provide aviation contractors and suppliers of air transport-related equipment and components, an opportunity to market their services and products to qualified buyers.



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ATDC's primary mission is to provide trade development services to manufacturers, and importers and exporters of goods and services from Africa and the Americas.

ATDC provides market linkages, distribution channels, and an on-line business platform to support e-commerce transactions for Florida's businesses currently trading or interested in trading with and / or investing in Africa.

Services provided by the Africa Trade Development Center (ATDC):

- Market Development Services
- Identification of Distributors and Sales channels
- Determine the Best Market to sell your products and determine what type of buyers will best fit your needs and the ability meet the supply
- Identify buyers / sellers
- Representation for your company and your product(s) at business event / trade shows

Identify Potential distributors for U.S. made products in Africa by:

- Showcasing your product(s) in the ATDC and providing market research support for your products(s)
- Marketing and promoting MSMEs product(s) in the Americas and in Africa
- Reducing supply chain constraints for export ready MSMEs by utilizing the Free Trade Zone as a distribution hub

Benefits of Membership in the Africa Trade Development Center:


- Distribution and sales channel development support for your product(s)
- Assistance in developing advertising and promotional/trade materials for your product(s)
- Identification of consumer and end user markets and buyers for your product(s)
- Access to training on trade processes, market access and other business-related training such as "Doing Business in America Seminar" for African companies and "Doing Business in Africa Seminar" for American companies
- Minimize the barriers associated with importing African MSME's products under AGOA
- Receive timely and critical information about trade regulatory issues that may affect your doing business in Africa



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- CEIV pharma distribution hub
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