

25TH ANNUAL WOMEN AMBASSADORS CONFERENCE



DIPLOMACY IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC
WASHINGTON DC-MARCH 25 & 26, 2021 | SCHEDULE

Thursday March 25 | Howard University | The Women Ambassadors Foundation | via ZOOM
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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

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(1) Introductory Remarks

- Dr. Marilyn Sephogle, Professor, Howard University, Convener of the Conference

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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(2) America is Back: Re-introducing Language and Cultural Competency in Diplomacy

- Joseph Mazza, Chief of Languages Services, State Department
- Kenny Wesley, Lecturer, Howard University
- Krystal Jenkins, Lecturer, Howard University

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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(3) Africa | Agenda 2063 and The African Continental Free Trade Agreement: The End of Neo-Colonialism?

- Dr. Lakeisha R. Harrison, George Washington University
- Ian Campbell, Manchester Global Solutions, Inc.
- Dr. Valentina Okaru-Bisant, Catholic University

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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(4) Perspectives on Renewed Scramble for Africa and on Africa Summits

- Dr. John Patrick Ifedj, Political Science, Howard University
- Ambassador Arikana Chihombori Quao, former Ambassador of the AU
- Dr. Ben K. Fred-Mensah, Political Science, Howard University

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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(5) Parallel Session: Moderator- Alem Hailu | Zoom Hall B

Confronting the challenges of Human Development and Security in the 21st Century: The transformative roles of women in the African World.



- Alem Hailu---Addressing the Interlinked Dimensions of Development, Security and Governance for the Globalizing World.
- Aicha Lompo---The Political Economy of NGOs and Security in Africa: Celebrating the Contributions of African Women in Advancing Sustainable Development.
- Moses O. Aseda---Differentiating and Integrating State and Human Security in Africa: Women as Advocates and Builders of Civil Society and Development.
- Andrea J. Davis--- Human Security, Civil Society and Sociopolitical Change: The Vital Role of Women in the Pan- African Movement.
- Tiffany Wheatland--- The African Diaspora, Pan-Africanism and the Quest for Human Dignity and Freedom: Honoring the Unsung Heroines of the African World.
- Melanie Holmes--- Celebrating the Past and Present of historical Achievements: The Role of women in the Continued struggle for Racial and Social Justice in the African World.

2:00 PM - 3:20 PM

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(6) African American Women Ambassadors Speak

- Dr. Anthony Wutoh, Provost
- Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal Ambassador June Carter Perry
- Ambassador Shirley Barnes Ambassador Sylvia Stanfield
- Ambassador Adrienne O'Neal Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless
- Musical Tribute: Ms. Kim Sledge, Sister Sledge

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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(7) Plenary with Women Ambassadors from various regions of the globe

- Dr. Anthony Wutoh, Provost
- Ambassador Anthony W J Phillip-Spencer, Trinidad & Tobago
- Ms. Clysree Brown, Young Ambassadors Internship Program (YAIP)
- Ambassador Rosemary Banks, New Zealand
- Ambassador Roya Rahmani, Afghanistan
- Ambassador Floreta Faber, Albania
- Ambassador Yvonne A-Baki, Ecuador
- Ambassador Milena Mayorga, El Salvador
- Ambassador Emily Haber | rep. Anja Wehler-Schoeck, Counselor, Germany
- Ambassador Dina Kavar, Jordan
- Ambassador Wafa Bughaighis, Libya
- Ambassador Thelma Phillip Browne, Saint Kitts and Nevis

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(8) Europe | America is Back: New Transatlantic beginnings with a post Brexit Europe & Black Lives Matter in Europe

- Ambassador Lone Dencker Wisborg, Denmark (*not confirmed*)
- Dr. Pierrette Herzberger Fofana, Member of the European Parliament
- Dr. Derayah Derakhshesh, Professor, World Languages and Cultures, Howard University



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(9) Asia | Asia/US/Africa: Future of Trade with Africa

- Prof. Bhagwati Prakash Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University, India
- Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwanda
- Dr. Doug Barry, Senior Director of Communications and Publications, US-China Business Council
- Ms. Jahnabi Phookan, National President, FICCI FLO, India
- Prof. Maru Etta: Panel moderator
- Prof. Anita M. Schmied: Questions moderator
- Dr. Narendra Rustagi, Ph.D. Professor, Director of the Center for Global Business Studies

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(10) Climate Change and the Paris Accords

- Ambassador Bergdis Ellertsdottir, Iceland
- Ambassador Thilmeeza Hussain, Maldives
- Dr. Marilyn Sephocle, Professor, Moderator

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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(11) Parallel sessions: Moderator- Mohamed Camara | Zoom Hall B

Peace building, sustainable Development and Sociopolitical Change in the African World: Women in Global Leadership

- Mohamed Camara--The Impact of African Women's Leadership in Global Africa: Reconceptualizing the Changing Meanings of Social Justice, Peace and Security.
- Lakeisha Harrison, NGOs, and Civil Society in Africa: The Role of Women in the Operationalization of Human Development
- Da'Vonte D. Lyons-- Peace Building, Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa: Tapping into Women's Culture of Inclusion and Tolerance.
- Melony C. Mosley--- Religion, Gender, and Freedom in Historical Perspective: Appraising Leadership from above and below in the resistance movement against the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.
- Jean C. Abeck---The Integration of Peace and Development in the Sahel: Bridging the gap between theory and Practice in confronting war and violence in Africa.
- Oluwatobi O. Osobukola---Women, NGOs and Civil Societies as Partners and Agents of Change and Continuity in Global Africa.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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(12) Social Inclusion in the Americas: Afro-Latinos and the UN Decade of Peoples of African Descent

- Ambassador Nestor Mendez, Assistant Secretary General, OAS
- Dr. Okunini Msomi Moor, Florida Memorial University
- Ms. Marian Douglas, AfroAmericas Founder
- Dr. Clement Akassi, Associate Professor, moderator, Howard University

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(13) US-Caribbean Relations and the Kamala Harris Effect

- Ambassador Thelma Phillip Browne, Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Ambassador Audrey Marks, Jamaica (*not confirmed*)
- Dr. Claire Nelson, Caribbean Studies Association



(14) Ethiopia and Eritrea: Conflict in Tigray

- Danait Tafere, Moderator
- Ambassador Fesseha Asegedom - Former Ambassador of Ethiopia to the US and other Countries
- Ambassador Sophia Tesfamariam - Eritrea to the United Nations

A c k n o w l e d g e m e n t s

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