**Young African ConneXions Annual Summit 2015**

**In partnership with the Mandela Washington Fellows**

***African Youth Leadership and Linkages***

**Agenda**

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Registration**

4:00pm – 4:20pm **Welcome from Mayor’s Office on African Affairs (MOAA)**

**Heran Sereke-Brhan, Ph.D.,** Deputy Director

**Special Address**
**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton,** Delegate to the United States Congress representing the District of Columbia **Anthony K. Wutoh,** **Ph.D.,** Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University

 **Naomi Ferguson,** Mandela Washington Fellow, Howard University: Reflection on Youth Leadership, Public Service and Advocacy

4:20pm – 4:30pm **Keynote Address
H. E.** **Mninwa Mahlangu, Ambassador, Republic of South Africa**

 **Delivered by Nowetu Luti, Deputy Chief of Mission, RSA**

­­­­­­­4:30pm – 5:30pm ***Panel I:******Youth Leadership: Public Service, Community Advocacy, and Entrepreneurship***

**Jeannine Scott,** President, U.S. – Angola Chamber of Commerce

**Greg Carr, Ph.D.,** Professor and Chair, Department of Afro-American Studies, Howard University

**Menna Demessie,** **Ph.D.,** Vice President of Policy and Research, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

**Nangamso Koza,** Mandela Washington Fellow, Howard University

**Moderator: Krista Johnson**, **Ph.D.,** Professor of African Studies, Howard University

5:30pm – 5:45pm **Break**

5:45pm – 6:00pm **Performance** by **Simunye Dance Group**, Washington, DC

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­6:00pm – 6:20pm **Guest Speaker**

**Pape Samb,** Chairman and CEO, Global Youth Innovation Network

6:20pm – 7:20pm ***Panel II: Strengthening Inter-African Linkages:***

***Technology, Knowledge, and Information Exchange***

**Nina Oduro,** Founder and President, AfricanDevJobs.com

**Semhar Araia,** CEO, Semai Consulting, LLC.

**Tegene Baharu,** Chief Technology Officer, DC Office of Chief Technology Officer

**Amadou Daffe,** CEO andCo-founder, Coders4Africa

**Moderator:** **Emira Woods,** Director of Global Impact, ThoughtWorks

7:20pm – 7:30pm **Closing Remarks**

**Mamadou Samba**, Executive Director, DC Mayor’s Office on African Affairs