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#### A Note of Welcome



On behalf of the Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA) and Mayor Muriel Bowser, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the second annual **Young African ConneXions Annual Summit**. As part of our Youth Engagement Program, we have worked closely with President Obama's Mandela Washington Fellows (Howard University and Wagner College) to build on last year's success and create a platform for the exchange of opinions and ideas on important topics facing our youth, locally and globally

Themed Impact through Leadership, Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship, the second Young African ConneXions Summit will stimulate dialogue,

encourage collaborations, and foster community engagement in the District and abroad. Following the Summit, we will commemorate Nelson Mandela's iconic leadership by joining DC Government agency and private partners, community leaders and residents, as well as Mandela Washington Fellows, for 67 minutes of community service at the historic Anacostia River Park. The Mandela Day of Service is a global call to community service launched in 2008 to mark the former South African leader's birthday on July 18, 1918.

In light of MOAA's 10th Anniversary celebrations, we are excited to conduct programs that celebrate our decade-long service to the African Diaspora community. Our recent accomplishments include: successfully establishing an African Liaison Unit for Public Safety within the Metropolitan Police Department; finalizing an important demographic survey and report on the District's African Diaspora in partnership with George Mason University (forthcoming); showcasing the rich variety and diversity of African residents in the District through our *Diaspora in Dialogue* film series, produced and broadcast in partnership with DC Cable Television; and launching EKO | African Diaspora Coding Academy , which provides free year-long introductory training in web coding and mobile application for African residents of the District. Last year, we also launched our Young African ConneXions Summit and the first District-wide Mandela Day of Service and we're happy to report that both programs have expanded to include more partners and participants this year.

Finally, I invite you to volunteer for our Mandela Day of Service tomorrow and encourage you to remain an active part of our community, working side-by-side with our team and others who are devoted to the success of the African immigrant community. I guarantee that you will find your involvement and participation to be rewarding and memorable!

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## The Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA)

The Mayor's Office on African Affairs, (MOAA) was established in March 2006 by the Council of the District of Columbia's enactment of DC ACT 16-313. MOAA envisions the District of Columbia as a community that thrives on the full engagement of its culturally and linguistically diverse residents. Through its programs and services, MOAA ensures that a full range of health, education, employment, and social services are available to the African community in the District of Columbia.

MOAA's program areas include Constituent Services; Outreach and Education; Capacity Building (Business and Nonprofit Development); African Community Grant; Multicultural Awareness and Development; and Youth Engagement. MOAA also hosts a bi-weekly electronic newsletter, *African Beat*, which provides resources for individuals and organizations and relevant information on local African Diaspora activities. By serving as the liaison between the District's African community, District government agencies, and the Mayor, MOAA seeks to improve the quality of life of the District's diverse African-born constituencies, increase civic and public engagement in the District's African community, and support community development.

For more about MOAA, visit our website: www.oaa.dc.gov

# **Partners**



























## Young African ConneXions 2nd Annual Summit 2016

### **Agenda**

5:00pm – 5:30pm Registration

5:30pm— 6:00pm Welcome Remarks

Nana Ama Afari-Dwamena, Commissioner of African Affairs

Mamadou Samba, Director, Mayor's Office on African Affairs

Video Message: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

U.S. Representative, (D-TX, 18th District)

**Keynote Address** 

**Ambassador Omar Arouna** 

Ambassador of the Republic of Benin

6:00pm - 6:45pm Panel I: Cultivating Leadership, Galvanizing Volunteerism for

Community Building

Delano Hunter, Executive Director, Serve DC

Pape Samb, President and CEO, Global Youth Innovation Network Selvon M. Waldron, Executive Director, Life Pieces to Masterpieces Ntombenhle Mkhize, Howard University Mandela Washington Fellow

Moderator: Menna Demessie, Ph. D., Vice President of Policy and Research,

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

6:45pm – 6:50pm **Intermission** 

6:55pm - 7:05pm **Presentation** 

Action Moves People United, UNESCO Center for Peace

7:05pm – 7:45pm Panel II: Inter-continental Youth Dialogue, Social Entrepreneurship, &

Innovation

Rebecca Enonchong, Co-Founder, I/O Spaces

Elvis Ndansi, Wagner College Mandela Washington Fellow

Samuel Suraphel, Founder, Mansa Colabs

Guy Djoken, Executive Director, UNESCO Center for Peace

**Moderator**: Mubuso Zamchiya. Director of Global Partnership, Ashoka

7:45pm Raffle Draw: Free airline ticket to South Africa, courtesy of South African

Airways!

7:55pm Closing