



2009 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series



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RONALD H. BROWN AFRICAN AFFAIRS SERIES
Friday, September 18 – Saturday, September 26, 2009
Washington, D.C.

“Issues, Opportunities and Strategies for Building a Constituency for Africa in the United States”

This year the Constituency for Africa (CFA) will partner with the African Union Mission in Washington, D.C. in order to organize and present the Ronald H. Brown (RHB) African Affairs Series. The 2009 RHB Series will focus on how Americans of African Decent can participate and support the Obama Administration’s foreign policy towards Africa. Accordingly, the following provides an overview of the proposed schedule of activities and events to be considered for the 2009 RHB African Affairs Series.

The Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series is planned and organized by the Constituency for Africa (CFA) each year in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s (CBCF) Legislative Conference. The purpose of the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series is to: (1) educate, inform and engage the American public on critical challenges, issues and concerns facing Africa; (2) to help link Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and their staff to African challenges, issues and concerns; and (3) to promote a pro-active and sustainable U.S.-Africa foreign policy agenda.

In addition, the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series, which was named after the late Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown, acknowledges the significant contributions made by this champion for forging U.S. ties with Africa. Ron Brown opened the doors of recognition on the importance of a U.S.-Africa relationship, highlighting trade and investment opportunities, traveling to Africa and supporting organizations seeking to educate, advocate and build ties with Africa. Both Americans and Africans owe a deep debt of gratitude for his visionary efforts.

The Constituency for Africa (CFA), a 19-year old African Advocacy-focused non-profit 501(c)3 organization, presents the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series each year in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s (CBCF) Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information about the 2009 Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series please contact David J. Saunders, CFA’s Program Director at telephone: (202) 371-0588; facsimile: (202) 371-9017; and/or E-mail address at: intern_cfa@yahoo.com.

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**CONFIRMED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR
2009 RONALD H. BROWN AFRICAN AFFAIRS SERIES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

Friday, September 18:

African-American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Stakeholders' Luncheon (12noon-2:00pm) BY INVITATION ONLY	
Theme:	<i>Briefing and Conversation on the Current State of Affairs in Nigeria</i>
Venue:	Africare House (located at 440 R Street, N.W., Wash., D.C.).
Speaker:	The Honorable Robin Renee Sanders, U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria.
Moderator:	Jeannine B. Scott (Senior Vice President of Africare and Coordinator, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Program:	This will be an "off-the-record" briefing and conversation with the U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria and a group of key stakeholders within the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) who are keenly aware of "on-the-ground" developments in Nigeria. Ambassador Sanders will provide candid remarks on a number of issues, including the impact of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's recent visit to Nigeria, issues concerning the 2011 presidential elections, efforts by the Nigerian government to address corruption, and efforts to address ongoing tensions in the Niger Delta Region.
Coordinator:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Secretariat.

Monday, September 21:

African-American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Legacy Forum (9:00am-11:30am) BY INVITATION ONLY AND RSVP REQUIRED AT INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>"Issues, Opportunities and Strategies for Building a Constituency for Africa in the United States"</i>
Venue:	Howard University's Ralph J. Bunche International Center (located on the campus of Howard University at 2218 Sixth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.).
Speaker:	To Be Announced.
Moderator:	Jeannine B. Scott (Senior Vice President of Africare and Coordinator, African

	American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Coordinators:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Secretariat and Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center.

African Diaspora “Next Generation” Leadership Luncheon (12noon-1:30pm) BY INVITATION ONLY AND RSVP REQUIRED AT INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>“The Role and Responsibility for Today’s Youth in Africa’s Future”</i>
Venue:	Howard University’s Ralph J. Bunche International Center (located on the campus of Howard University at 2218 Sixth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.).
Speakers:	Julian Kiganda (Co-Founder, African Diaspora for Change (ADC)) and Semhar Araia (Founder, Diaspora African Women’s Network (DAWN)).
Moderators:	Co-Chairs of the AAUC Next Generation Committee: Angelique “Cindy” Mutombo (Black Professionals in International Affairs) and Adryan Wallace (Rutgers University’s Global Village Africana House).
Coordinators:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Next Generation Committee and Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center.

Tuesday, September 22:

AAUC Next Generation Leadership Forum at The Millennium Challenge Corporation (9:30am-11:30am) BY INVITATION ONLY AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: SEE NOTE BELOW	
Theme:	<i>“Discussion of Diversity Recruitment Initiatives in US Government Agencies”</i>
Venue:	Millennium Challenge Corporation (The Bowen Building located at 875 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Wash., D.C. (Second Floor Room 2B).
Speakers:	Representatives from Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), US Peace Corps, and US Agency for International Development (USAID).
Moderator:	Deidra Fair (MCC Country Director for Malawi and Member of AAUC Next Generation Committee).
Coordinators:	Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and AAUC Secretariat.

For security purposes please RSVP at <http://www.mcc.gov/mcc/press/events/rsvp-constituency-for-africa-usg-career-panel.shtml>

Corporate Social Responsibility in Africa Roundtable (2:00pm-5:00pm) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: YYANG@NAPAWASH.ORG	
Theme:	<i>“Strategies for Corporate Social Responsibility and Africa”</i>
Venue:	The National Academy of Public Administrators (NAPA) (located at 900 Seventh Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C.).
Keynote Speaker:	David Goldwyn, Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, U.S. Department of State and former Validator for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.
Panelists:	Professor Sy Murray, Chairman, NAPA Africa Working Group; Tam Nguyen,

	Chevron; Wenran Jiang, University of Alberta; Sharon B. Freeman, All-American Small Business Exporters Association; and Nicole Lee, TransAfrica Forum.
Program Overview:	This roundtable is being organized by the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation (LHSF), a member organization of the African American Unity Caucus, and is being held in collaboration with the National Academy of Public Administrators' Africa Working Group (NAPA-AWG). A special report in African Business magazine last year labeled corporate social responsibility "the first principle of survival" for businesses operating internationally. This roundtable will feature an address by David Goldwyn, Coordinator for International Energy Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and a subsequent roundtable of experts will examine the growing importance of corporate social responsibility, business and government accountability and transparency in commercial transaction to doing business in Africa and promoting African socio-economic development.
Moderator:	Witney Schneidman (The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation (LHSF)).
Coordinators:	The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation (LHSF), Constituency for Africa (CFA), National Academy for Public Administrators (NAPA), Africa Working Group, and AAUC Secretariat.

African Diaspora "Next Generation" Leadership Reception (6:30pm-8:30pm) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>"Building on the Legacy of Competent African Leadership"</i>
Venue:	Embassy of Botswana (located at 1531-1533 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.).
Speaker:	The Honorable Michael Brown, DC Council Member At-Large.
Honorees:	Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins; Hon. Jack Kemp (<i>posthumous</i>); H.E. Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Executive Governor of Oshun State, Nigeria; and Dr. Gebisa Ejeta (<i>2009 Laureate of the World Food Prize</i>).
Program Overview:	This reception at the Embassy of Botswana will bring together a broad cross-section of the African support group, including African Diplomats, US Government Administration Officials, Members of Congress and their staffs, NGO leaders, private sector representatives and AAUC next generation leaders. The reception will feature a speaker, honored guests from Africa participating in the RHB Series and CBC Legislative Conference as well as several CFA award honorees as follows: Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins cited for her outstanding commitment to the AAUC's viability and sustainability; Hon. Jack Kemp (<i>posthumous</i>) former Vice Chairman of the CFA Board of Directors cited for his exemplary commitment to improving trade and investment opportunities between the United States and Africa; H.E. Olagunsoye Oyinlola cited for his outstanding commitment to the improvement of educational and cultural exchanges between Nigeria and United States; and Dr. Gebisa Ejeta

	cited as the 2009 Laureate of the World Food Prize for his development of sorghum hybrids resistant to drought and dramatically increased production of availability of the world's five principal grains and enhanced food supplies in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Coordinators:	Constituency for Africa (CFA), Embassy of Botswana, the Coca Cola Company, African Union Mission in Washington, D.C. and the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series Executive Steering Committee.

Wednesday, September 23

CFA African Education Roundtable (9:00am-12noon) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: karelle@leadershipafricausa.org	
Theme:	<i>"Challenges Are Opportunities for Change: Summit on Investing in Education in Africa"</i>
Venue:	Historical Society of Washington, D.C. (located at 801 K Street at Mount Vernon Square – Meeting in the 1 st Floor Theater).
Program Overview:	This roundtable is being organized by CFA, the AAUC Education Working Group and Leadership Africa USA. Education is recognized as a critical vehicle to economic freedom – it brings hope, possibility and opportunity. Addressing access to and delivery of quality education in Africa is key to unleashing sustainable economic growth and development in the continent. The Education for Development in Africa Summit will provide for high-level dialogue around issues, concerns and challenges affecting the development and delivery of quality education opportunities in Africa. It will also generate a set of necessary strategies targeting both African countries and international donors such as the United States on improving education outcomes from the primary to tertiary levels in Africa.
Speakers:	Dr. Sarah Moten, Director, Africa Education Initiative (AEI); Dr. Hilary Inyang, President, African University Science and Technology; Dr. Julie Sullivan, President & CEO, International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH); and Charlie Feezel, Education Program Director, World Cocoa Foundation. Attendees will include Representatives from NEPAD's Education Office, African Development Bank, Civil Society (NGOs) and the Private Sector. In addition, Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) has been invited to discuss the role of the U.S. congressional legislation affecting education in Africa.
Moderator(s):	Walker Williams (President, Leadership Africa-USA and Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) and Stan Straughter (Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) and Member, CFA Board of Directors)).
Coordinators:	International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), Leadership Africa-USA, Constituency for Africa (CFA), African Union Mission in

Washington, D.C. and AAUC Secretariat.
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Sanctuary of Moses Project Luncheon on Capitol Hill (12noon-2:00pm) INVITATION ONLY AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: rsvp@thecarawaygroup.com	
Theme:	<i>“Effective Partnerships To Combat Child Trafficking in Africa”</i>
Venue:	U.S. Capitol Room H-137.
Speakers:	Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, former US Ambassador to Benin and Ghana; Jeff Krilla, Partner, Sonnenschein’s Public Law and Policy Strategies Practice; Kaitlyn Summerill, Documentary Filmmaker of “Unseen Stories”; and Veronica Zeitlin, US Department of State for West Africa.
Program Overview:	The Sanctuary of Moses (SOM) Project based in Miami, Florida will host a luncheon on Capitol Hill to discuss issues, ideas and strategies for addressing child labor abuses in West Africa. Members of Congress and their staffers, Members of the African Diplomatic Corps, NGO and advocacy group leaders, private sector agriculture producing companies, faith-based organizations and media representatives are expected to attend this luncheon. During the luncheon, the Sanctuary of Moses will launch the Randall Robinson Advocate for Africa Award which is given to an individual who works selflessly and tirelessly to uplift and enrich the lives of those living on the African Continent. This year’s recipient is Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater. In addition, the Carrie P. Meek Community Pillar Award will be presented to Omar Arouna of Goodworks International and Rev. Marcia L. Dyson. The Pillar Award recognizes an individual from Africa and an individual from the United States who works in the local community to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The Sanctuary of Moses (SOM) is a 501(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping children rescued from traffickers and slavery in West Africa. SOM’s goal is to provide homes, schools and hope to more than 500 children in Benin who suffer the scourges of slavery and have no hope for tomorrow. SOM also works to curtail trafficking by empowering families through micro-loans so mothers can establish enterprises and help support their families.
Moderator:	Rev. Marcia L. Dyson.
Coordinators:	Sanctuary of Moses Project, Constituency for Africa (CFA), and African Union Mission in Washington, D.C.

Symposium on the “Future Direction of Aid to Africa” (2:00pm-5:00pm) RSVP REQUIRED TO: INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Venue:	African Union Mission in Washington, D.C. located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 7001.
Program Overview:	This symposium is being organized by the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC). It will feature a lively discussion about the book “Dead Aid” written by Dambisa Moyo who is proposing a radical change in how aid is provided

	by a group of panelist who will provide remarks on a continuation and expansion of the current aid paradigm in Africa. A cross-section of the Africa-focused community will be invited to hear a stimulating discussion on the best ways to promote and sustain economic development in Africa.
Speakers:	Honorable Constance Newman, Principal, The Carmen Group; Dr. Badi Foster, President, Phelps Stokes Foundation, Erin Thornton, ONE Campaign; and Katrin Kuhlmann, Global Works Foundation/ German Marshall Fund.
Moderator:	Gregory Simpkins (Vice President, Leon H. Sullivan Foundation (LHSF) and Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Coordinator:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC).

African-American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Stakeholders' Dinner (6:30pm-8:30pm) BY INVITATION ONLY	
Theme:	<i>Briefing and Conversation with African Development Bank (AfDB)</i>
Venue:	Africare House (located at 440 R Street, N.W., Wash., D.C.).
Speaker:	Representing the African Development Bank: Engr. Dr. Sule Yakubu Bassi, Director General, Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Federal Republic of Nigeria.
Moderator:	Jeannine B. Scott (Senior Vice President of Africare and Coordinator, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Program:	This will be an opportunity for a briefing and conversation with a high level representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and members of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC). The purpose of the briefing will be gain a better understanding of the mandate and programs of the African Development Bank and its partner organizations and institutions such as the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (DTCA) and the Nigerian Technical Cooperation Fund (NTCF). This will also be an opportunity for the AAUC to gain insight and direction towards better cooperation and support of institutions like the AfDB on the African Continent.
Coordinators:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Secretariat and Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series Executive Steering Committee.

Thursday, September 24:

CFA African Trade and Investment Roundtable (9:00am-12noon) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>"The Jack F. Kemp African Trade and Investment Roundtable": U.S.-Africa Trade – Beyond the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA).</i>
Venue:	U.S. Capitol – Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB) Room B-318.
Program	CFA will partner with The Whitaker Group, the Trade, Aid and Security

Overview:	Coalition (TASC), the US Trade Representative Office on Africa and the African Union Mission in Washington, D.C. With the recent passing of CFA's Vice-Chair, the Honorable Jack Kemp in May 2009, CFA seeks to sustain his legacy of trade and investment opportunities between America and Africa by naming this annual roundtable in his honor. The focus of the roundtable will be to look beyond the AGOA conference which took place in Nairobi, Kenya in July 2009 in order to project a new trade relationship with Africa that builds on the successes and challenges of AGOA – but go further in offering some tangible benefits for African small and medium-sized entrepreneurs on the ground in Africa.
Speakers:	This roundtable will include: A discussion on “Policy Imperatives for the Obama Administration” regarding the status of AGOA and impact within Least Developed Countries (LDCs) featuring remarks by Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee (<i>invited</i>) and Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL) (<i>invited</i>); and follow-up remarks by Rosa Whitaker, President & CEO, The Whitaker Group; the Ambassadors from Lesotho and Bangladesh, USTR and others. In addition, a discussion on “The Next Steps for AGOA and Developing a Constituency for AGOA Reform” featuring remarks from Claude Fonhiem, Chairman, Trade, Aid and Security Coalition; Mel Foote, President & CEO, Constituency for Africa; and a representative of the AGOA Action Committee. Lastly, there will be an announcement about the re-launch of the AGOA Action Committee and an outline of policy goals.
Moderator:	(To Be Announced).
Coordinators:	Constituency for Africa (CFA); The Whitaker Group; Trade, Aid and Security Coalition (TASC); U.S. Trade Representative Office for Africa (USTR-Africa); and the AGOA Action Committee.

Science and Technology Roundtable (10:00am-2:00pm) BY INVITATION ONLY AND RSVP REQUIRED TO: HATTIE.CARWELL@ATT.NET	
Theme:	<i>“Helping Africa Move Forward: Support from Scientists in the African Diaspora”</i>
Venue:	Howard University School of Architecture Building, Room 150 Mackey Hall, 2366 Sixth Street, Washington, D.C.
Program Overview:	The purpose of this roundtable is to bring together stakeholders (particularly representatives of African American Technical Organizations and African Constituents) to dialogue on effective strategies to address collaborations on scientific and technological issues/projects on the African Continent. There will be discussions to: (a) Identify priority African technical issues/projects, (b) Begin identifying strategic methods to create collaborations on the African Continent and in the United States, and (c) Develop a Plan to move forward and foster collaborations on the African Continent and in the United States. A working lunch is also included.

Speaker(s):	Dr. Julius Garvey, invited representatives of various African American Technical Organizations, the African Union and other African Constituents.
Coordinators:	National Technology Association (NTA), and International Network for Appropriate Technology (INAT).

AAUC Africa Diaspora Meeting (2:00am-5:00pm) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT RSVP REQUIRED: INTERN_CFA @YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>"Prospects for the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) to Partner with Africans on the Continent"</i>
Venue:	Africare House (located at 440 R Street, N.W., Wash., D.C.).
Program Overview:	This will be an opportunity for Africans on the Continent who are attending the RHB Series to provide their insight and observations on how to move forward with establishing realistic and results-oriented opportunities for partnerships between the AAUC and Africans on the Continent.
Moderator:	Sylvester John, Vice President of Global Operations, Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) and Member of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) (<i>invited</i>).
Speakers:	Jalal Abdel-Latif, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Didier Acouetey, Executive President, AFRISEARCH; Dr. Sule Yakuba Bassi, Director General, Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (DCTA); Peter Andrew Sinon, African Development Bank (AfDB); and Marie-Roger Biloa, President, Africa International Media Group.
Respondents:	Dr. Claire Nelson, President, Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) and Member of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC); Dr. Lisa Aubrey, Associate Professor, Arizona State University and Member of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC); and Zakiya Uzoma-Wadada, Executive Director, Emancipation Support Committee (ESC) and Member of the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC).

2009 AFRIGALA RECEPTION (8:00pm-11:00pm) SALUTE TO THE "LIONS OF AFRICA" BY INVITATION ONLY	
Host:	Leadership Africa USA.
Theme:	<i>Special Recognition for "Lions of Africa"</i>
Venue:	The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. (formerly known as the City Museum) located across from the Washington Convention Center (Meeting Room (T.B.D.)).
Program Overview:	Leadership Africa USA will organize a special tribute to honor Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (D-CA) and the legacy of several individuals that have made significant contributions to the people of Africa.

	The honorees will include C. Payne Lucas, President Emeritus of Africare; Melvin P. Foote, President, Constituency for Africa, John Hope Bryant, Chair and Founder, Operation HOPE; and Minister J.L. Mahlanga, Mpumalanga Economic Development, Environment and Tourism.
Coordinators:	Leadership Africa USA and the Constituency for Africa (CFA).

Friday, September 25:

CBC African Foreign Affairs Braintrust (9:00am-2:00pm) OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC	
Host:	Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) Chairman, Africa Sub-Committee on Africa and Global Health.
Theme:	<i>“Africa in the Age of Obama: U.S. Policy, Democratization, Conflict Resolution and Weathering the Economic Storm”</i>
Venue:	CBCF Space at Washington Convention Center 801 Mount Vernon Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Meeting Room To Be Announced).
Program Overview:	The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) will host its Foreign Affairs Braintrust at the Washington Convention Center. This braintrust is the largest annual meeting that regularly occurs on Africa in the United States. Speakers will include invited African Heads of States and other senior African officials who will be coming from the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
Speakers:	Dr. Johnnetta B. Coles, Director, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art (NMAA); Mo Ibrahim, Founder, Mo Ibrahim Prize for African Leadership; Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank (AfDB); Dr. Francis Deng, UN Secretary General Special Advisor on Prevention of Genocide; and Bernadette Paolo, President & CEO, Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa.
Coordinator:	Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF).

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee’s CBC Energy Braintrust (10:30am-12noon) BY INVITATION ONLY	
Theme:	<i>“Where Do We Go From Here Expanding Our Energy Opportunities Across The Globe”.</i>
Venue:	The Washington Convention Center located at 801 Mount Vernon Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Meeting Room 209B).
Program Overview:	CFA and the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) are partnering with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) to host this Energy Braintrust. Topics of discussion will include: (a) the international aspects of green energy policy, (b) tapping into the energy potential of Africa and the

	Caribbean, (c) Creation of African-Caribbean-African American energy partnerships, (d) transforming African Americans from energy consumers into producers, distributors, and brokers, and (e) the goal of incorporating petroleum into a seamless green energy policy. A major take-away from this Energy Braintrust will be to develop an action plan for advancing the above topics of discussion.
Moderator:	Frank Stewart (President, American Association in Blacks in Energy (AABE) and Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Speakers:	Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary and COO, US Department of Energy; Rex Tillerson, CEO, Exxon-Mobil; David Owen, President, Edison Electric Institute; Ainsley Gill, managing Partner and Founder, AGA Group; Dr. Carlos R. Handy, Department of Physics Chair, TSU; Melvin P. Foote, President & CEO, Constituency for Africa (CFA); Senior Executive, Shell Oil Company; and Senior Policy Advisors, Office of the Special Envoy to the Sudan, US Department of State.
Coordinators:	Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Constituency for Africa (CFA), and American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE).

AAUC African Agriculture Roundtable (2:00pm-5:00pm) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND RSVP TO: INTERN_CFA@YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>"Sustaining Agricultural Production in Africa"</i>
Venue:	International Monetary Fund (IMF) Building (Meeting Room TBD).
Keynote Speaker:	Governor of Osun State of Nigeria, H.E. Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola.
Moderator:	Stan Straughter, (Special Assistant to the President of the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH) and Board Member, Constituency for Africa (CFA)).
Program Overview:	CFA in partnership with the African Union Mission in Washington, D.C. will organize this roundtable on agriculture in Africa. The roundtable discussion will include topics on appropriate technology advances in food production, sustainable agriculture and agriculture and the environment (green food production).
Speakers:	Cat Alston, World Cocoa Foundation (WCF); Franklin Moore, US Agency for International Development (USAID); Patricia Scheik, US Department of Agriculture; and Beldina Auma, Chairperson, The World Bank Group-IMF Africa Society.
Coordinators:	The World Bank Group-IMF Africa Society; Partnership to End Hunger in Africa; World Cocoa Foundation (WCF); International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH); Constituency for Africa (CFA); and the African Union Mission in Washington, D.C.

Congresswoman Diane E. Watson's CBC Issues Forum (2:00pm-4:00pm) BY INVITATION ONLY	
Theme:	<i>"Next Generation, New Directions – U.S. Africa Policy at the Crossroads"</i>
Venue:	The Washington Convention Center located at 801 Mount Vernon Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Meeting Room 206).
Program Overview:	CFA and the AAUC Next Generation Committee are partnering with Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (D-CA) to host this issues forum entitled "Next Generation, New Direction – US Africa Policy at the Crossroads". With the recent visit of President Obama to Ghana in West Africa, it is important to examine some of the trends and policies with a panel of subject matter experts that will be of interest in formulating strategies for the Obama administration. This issues forum will also focus attention on the role of the next generation of leadership in Africa and on those in America that are working to promote U.S.-Africa policy and relations.
Moderator:	Melvin P. Foote (Constituency for Africa, President & CEO and Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Coordinators:	Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (D-CA), Constituency for Africa (CFA), and African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Secretariat.

Saturday, September 26

Black Presidents' Roundtable Association (BPRA) Networking Brunch (9:00am-12noon) BY INVITATION ONLY	
Theme:	<i>"Doing Business on the African Continent"</i>
Venue:	Zanzibar Restaurant on the Southeast Waterfront located at 700 Water Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.
Program Overview:	The Black Presidents' Roundtable Association (BPRA) is an organization comprised of highly successful Black entrepreneurs that provide networking, mentoring and strategic partnerships amongst its membership in order to further advocate on behalf of Black entrepreneurship opportunities America as well as the global marketplace.
Speakers:	Michael Brown, At-Large Council Member of the District of Columbia (<i>invited</i>).
Moderator:	Ron Jewell, President of Jewell Enterprises and President of the Black Presidents' Roundtable Association (BPRA).
Coordinator:	Black Presidents' Roundtable Association (BPRA).

African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Cultural Event (2:00pm-5:00pm) INVITATION ONLY	
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Theme:	<i>'Tribute to the Culture of the African Diaspora'</i>
Venue:	National Museum of African Art (<i>To Be Confirmed</i>)
Program Overview:	The purpose of the AAUC Cultural Event is to mobilize a constituency of Africans in the Diaspora to share and appreciate the myriad of cultural aspects interwoven in the African experience. This will be accomplished by bringing together a sampling of cultural dance and music, spoken word sessions, African cuisine and lectures on history, geography, religion and tourism.
Special Guest:	H.E. Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Executive Governor of Oshun State in Nigeria (<i>To Be Confirmed</i>).
Moderator:	Eurika Huggins Axum (African Diaspora Ancestral Commemoration Institute (ADACI) and Member, African American Unity Caucus (AAUC)).
Coordinator:	African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) Secretariat.

Please Mark Your Calendar for Special Program on Saturday, October 3

AAUC Faith-Based Summit (9:00am-12noon) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT RSVP REQUIRED: INTERN_CFA @YAHOO.COM	
Theme:	<i>Opportunities for Faith-Based Initiatives in Africa in the 21st Century</i>
Venue:	Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church located at 1001 Old Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716. Special Note: Please visit website: www.gmnebo.org which provides very precise directions or you can call the church office at (301) 249-7545 for driving directions.
Program Overview:	The Pan African Collective and the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) will convene a Faith-Based Summit on the African Diaspora to dialogue on matters of faith for all peoples of African Descent and how these faith-based organizations can work together to improve the quality of life for African people.
Convener:	Reverend Jonathan L. Weaver, Pastor of Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church and President of the Pan African Collective.
Keynote Speaker:	Dr. Cain Hope Felder, Howard University School of Divinity.
Speakers:	Jeannine B. Scott, Senior Vice President of Africare and AAUC Coordinator; Rosa Whitaker, President and CEO of The Whitaker Group; Gregory Simpkins, Vice President, The Sullivan Foundation; Melvin P. Foote, President & CEO, Constituency for Africa; and H.E. Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, Ambassador of Zambia.