

Africa Ambassadors Economic Forum WASHINGTON DC, USA 2025

An Initiative of Hope Edge International and Global Initiative for Africa (GIAA)



Order of Program



18 - 20
July, 2025



Africa House,
Washington DC, USA

Day 1: Summit Event

Date: 18th July, 2025

Venue: AFRICA HOUSE, Washington DC

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Registration and Networking

Doors open for registration; attendees network over coffee and tea.

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Address by [Host/Organizer]

Introduction of the Forum Theme

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Keynote Address 1

Speaker: His Excellency, Joseph Boakai, President of the Republic of Liberia

Topic: Beyond Aid: Leveraging Trade and innovation to strengthen Africa - USA relations

10:30 AM - 10:40 AM

Goodwill Message 1

Speaker: We Propose that the mayor will speak here on any of the Topics below; "Bridging Continents: Cultivating Sustainable Economic Partnerships with Africa"

Or

"Innovative Collaborations: Strengthening Economic Ties Between New York and African Nations" please choose any one you like for the mayor.

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM

Keynote Address 2

Speaker: H.E Hilda Suka-Mafudze, African Union Ambassador to the United States.

Topic: Strengthening Democratic institutions and governance across Africa

11:00 AM - 11:10 AM

Goodwill Message 2

Speaker: Amb. Mpho Churchill O. Mophuting Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the USA (Botswana)

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM

Keynote Address 3

Speaker: Prof. PLO Lumumba (Law Professor and former Director of Kenyan Anti-

corruption commission

Topic: Addressing Regional Conflicts and promoting stability across Africa through Strategic partnerships

11:30 AM - 11:40 AM

Goodwill Message 3

Speaker: Amb. Abubakar Jida Consul General of Nigeria, New York (NIGERIA)

11:40 AM - 12:05 PM

Expert Presentation 1

Speaker: Prof. Emmanuel Emenyonu Professor and Director, Center for International Business Education and Research, School of Business, Southern Connecticut State University, USA

Topic: Harnessing Global Business Education for Africa's Economic Transformation: Strategies for Building Competitive Industries and Fostering Sustainable Growth

12:05 PM - 12:30 PM

Lunch Break

Attendees are invited to enjoy lunch and network.

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Panel Discussion 1

Topic: Empowering Youth and women for leadership

Moderator: Dr. Utchay Odims (President/Co-Founder, Global initiative for the Advancement of Africa)

Panelists:

1. Hon. Imaan Suleman-Ibrahim, Minister of Women Affairs Nigeria (Nigeria)
2. H.E Ambassador Alistair Soyode – CEO BENTV London (Nigeria)
3. Ambassador Dr Arikana Chihombori Quao - Former African Union Ambassador to the United States & Founder, African Diaspora Development Institute (ADDI) USA (Zimbabwe)
4. H.E Dr. Jewel Tylor – Former Vice President of Liberia (Liberia)

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Panel Discussion 2

Topic: Cultural Diplomacy and Diaspora Engagement

Moderator: Mr. Kayode Akintemi (Veteran Journalist and CEO of News Central TV)

Panelists:

1. Commissioner Spencer Chiimbwe Honorable Commissioner for Human Rights, Rockland County, New York
2. Ambassador Martin Kimani, CEO of The Africa Center New York

3. Hon. Amb. Toga Macintosh former Minister & former Vice President of ECOWAS
4. Dr. Nelson Aluya MD, MBBS, Founder & President, Hope Edge international (HEI)

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel Discussion 3

Topic: Funding infrastructure needs for regional connectivity to boost trade and integration

Moderator: Dr. Ed illechukwu, Co-Founder, Global initiative for the advancement of Africa

Panelists:

1. Hon. Amb. Toga Macintosh, former Minister & former Vice President of ECOWAS (Liberia).
2. Dr. Benaisha Lewis, Founder & CEO, Prime One Home Loans (USA)
3. MPE Petr. Bystron, Member of European Parliament (German Czech)
4. Hon. Magdalene Ellen Dagoseh, Honorable. Minister of Trade and investment Liberia
5. Dr. Omai Kofi, Co-Chair Organizing Committee African ambassador's economic forum & Founder and CEO Board of Literacy inc.

4:50 PM - 5:00 PM

Goodwill Message 3

Speaker: MPE Petr. Bystron, Member of European Parliament (German Czech)

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Speaker: Dr. David James Egwu, Bsc. MBA. PhD, co-founder, Global initiative for the Advancement for Africa

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Entertainment/Networking Session

Opportunity for attendees to connect and discuss.