



Shaping the Future: Connecting Markets and Building Prosperity

Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, 100 Continental Drive, Newark Delaware, 19713

September 17 - 20, 2025 (Revised)

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

All Day

Arrival of Domestic and International Guests

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Morning Meditation – Tea-Coffee & Continental Breakfast Interdenominational Ministers Action Council (IMAC) Welcome
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9:00 AM	11:00AM	Opening Session Opening Remarks: Honorary Chairs & Conference Hosts Special Remarks: Al Washington, Africa-USA Official Welcome – Eugene Young, Sr. VP of External Affairs, Port of Wilmington Special Remarks: Fleur McKendall, President, State Conference NAACP Ubuntu-Sankofa Dialogue: Dr. Julius Garvey, Chairman, Marcus Garvey Institute for Human Development Professor Ezrah Aharone, Founder & Chairman, Center for Global Africa, USA
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11:00AM	11:15AM	BREAK [Closed Session B2B Meetings scheduled by appointment]
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11:15AM	11:30AM	Special Remarks: Ambassador Charles Ray, Former U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe (virtual)
11:30AM	12:45 PM	Plenary Session – Creative Industries –

		Opening Remarks: Mary Concilia Anchang Founder & President African Chamber of Commerce (ACC) and FICOTA, Partner, Onambele, Anchang & Associates Eric Trachtenburg, Executive Director, Intl. Cotton Advisory Committee Kwanwer Usman, Director, Cotton Advisory Committee Pablo Giscard Ndjogou Exec.VP, France-USA-Africa International Film & Inclusion Festival (FIF 2026) CEO-Founder AYOCA (Africa You Can) Africa-Caribbean Presentation: Tony Pu, Interim Director, US Commercial Services, Philadelphia
12:45PM	1:45PM	<i>Liberia</i> Luncheon Panel – Ambassador-at-Large for the State of Delaware Honorable Thomas Grant & Honorable James Strother, President of the Liberia Business Association
1:45PM	3:00 PM	Plenary Session – AI/Technology & Innovation Dr. M. Chris Gibbons, The Greystone Group LLC Alex Tsado, Co-Founder, Alliance4AI Ernest Beukas, Chief Executive Officer @ AirPay, Namibia (virtual)
3:00PM	3:15PM	BREAK
3:15pm	3:30PM	Special Welcome: <i>Dusty Baker</i>, Baker Family Wines, Center for Global Africa Board of Advisors
3:30PM	4:30PM	Plenary Session – Global Leadership & Global Entrepreneurship Dr. Tigist Dessu, Managing Partner, EthioAlliance, Addis Ababa Ethiopia, Capital Business School Professor Rosalea Hamilton, Honorary Consul for The Republic of Sierra Leone in Jamaica, Distinguished Scholar, PJ Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy Raoul Davis, CEO, Ascendant Group-Ascendant Global
5:30PM	8:00PM	<i>Sixth Region Welcome Reception & Awards Ceremony – Mitchell Center for African American Heritage @ Delaware History Museum</i>

Special Presentation: International
Longshoreman's Association (ILA) Delaware

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 AM 9:00 AM Morning Meditation – Tea-Coffee & Continental
Breakfast

Islamic Society of Delaware Welcome

9:00 AM 11:00AM **Opening Session**
Opening Remarks: Honorary Chairs &
Conference Hosts
Official Welcome – State of Delaware Senate &
House
Ubuntu-Sankofa High-Level Dialogue:
H.E. Minister Amara Kallon, Minister of Public
Administration & Political Affairs, The Republic
of Sierra Leone (virtual)

11:15 AM 11:30AM BREAK
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appointment]**

11:30AM 12:00PM **Special Presentation**
Dr. Wilmot Allen, VentureLift, Senior Fellow,
(virtual) Harvard University -
Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and
Government

12:00PM 2:00PM **Supply & Value Chain Luncheon Panel**
*Powering the Future: Tech, AI and Workforce
Investments Across the Supply and Value Chain*
Terrance Bowman, Managing Director, Code
Differently - Head of Education, Training, &
Employer Partnerships
Ismail Samad, Executive Director, Corbin Hill
Food Project, NYC (virtual)
Kenyatta James, Deputy Executive Director,
Economy League of Greater Philadelphia
Harry Hayman, Sr. Fellow For The Food
Economy/Policy, Economy League of Greater
Philadelphia

2:00PM 4:30 PM **Plenary Session – Global Health**
Opening Remarks: H.E. Stephen Biatcha, African
Synergies, The Republic of Cameroon (virtual)
Dr. Emmanuel Mensah, Chief Medical Officer,
Wilmington Campus-Christiana Care &
High-Level Advisory Committee Member, Africa
CDC / African Union

		Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor, Staff Interventionist, Nemours, The Nigeria Pediatric ICU (PICU) Project Dr. M. Chris Gibbons, The Greystone Group
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6:30PM	9:00PM	<i>Diaspora Legacy Reception & Celebration</i>
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		Friday, September 19, 2025
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8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Morning Meditation – Tea-Coffee & Continental Breakfast Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) of Dover Welcome
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9:00 AM	11:00AM	Opening Session – Special Greetings: Bishop Paul Kawimbe, 14 th AME Episcopal District Governor Matt Meyer Secretary of State Patibanda-Sanchez County Executive Marcus Henry Ubuntu-Sankofa High-Level Dialogue: H.E. Samuel Ablakwa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Union-APRM Focal Point, The Republic of Ghana Special Remarks: Honorable Elvis Afriye-Ankrah, Presidential Envoy for Inter-Faith and Ecumenical Relations, The Republic of Ghana
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11:15AM	12:30PM	Plenary Session - AgriBusiness – Opening Remarks: Gala Fary, CEO, Iron Currency Solutions Jimmy Kroon, Chief of Planning – DE AG Department Dr. Gail Meyers, Cultural Anthropologist, Co-Founder of Farms to Grow, Inc., USA Phillip Haynie, Haynie Farms LLC, Chairman of the National Black Growers’ Council
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12:30 PM	2:00PM	AgriBusiness Luncheon & Panel Presentation – Dr. Jamie Green, Eastern Region Director, PA Dept. Agriculture
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Ismail Samad, Director of Corbin Hill Food Project (VIRTUAL)
 Dr. Gia Grant-Rutledge, ProEval Insights LLC
 Jamila White, Principal BlakQuity, International Development Specialist

2:00PM	3:15 PM	"Diaspora Capital: The Power Within" Forum - Dr. Hippolyte Fofack, Distinguished Fellow, Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils (GFCC), Parker Fellow, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) - Virtual Jude Kearney, Managing Partner, ASAFO & CO.,
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3:15PM	3:45PM	CLOSING SESSION: REFLECTIONS
5:00PM	10:00PM	CLOSING VIP RECEPTION & Special Exhibit: Presented by: Griffith-Davis Photographs & Archives

Saturday, September 20, 2025 (WOMEN FORUM @ HILTON)

9:00AM	9:30AM	Meditation – Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	OPENING SESSION – Ms. Tumi Dlamini, G-20 Social Summit Secretariat, Founding Member of African Women in Public Policy, CGA Board of Advisors Ms. Dorothy Davis, African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Diaspora Consortium – Founding Co-Chair, Board of Advisors
10:15AM	11:30 AM	LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE Kym Wilson, Director of HR Academic Affairs, Morgan State University Dr. Tigist Dessu, Managing Partner, EthioAlliance, Addis Ababa Ethiopia Professor Rosalea Hamilton, Honorary Consul for The Republic of Sierra Leone in Jamaica, Distinguished Scholar, PJ Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy Dr. Vilicia Cade-Lyles, 2 nd VP & Founding Member, Delaware Association of Black School Educators, Former Presidential Commissioner for Advancing Education Excellence, Equity, and Economic Opportunities for Black Americans
11:30AM	1:30 PM	Luncheon Plenary Session Ubuntu-Sankofa Dialogue – ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE –

Gala Fary, Founder, IronCurrency Solutions;
 Velda Jones-Potter, Entrepreneur, Former State
 Treasurer & City of Wilmington Treasurer,
 Dr. Ky Dele, Global Strategist & Innovator,
 Nigeria

1:30PM	2:30PM	SPECIAL SESSION – HAITI Co-Hosted By: Haitian Coalition of Delaware Midline Estimble, Co-Founder Haitian Coalition of Delaware Keda Dorisca, Co-Founder Haitian Coalition of Delaware Honorable Jean Henry Céant, Consul General Haiti – General Consulate NY (invited) Mr. Robert Nicolas, Exec. Director AME-SADA (invited)
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Saturday, September 20, 2025 (YOUTH FORUM @ DTCC-Stanton)

9:00AM	9:30AM	Meditation – Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	OPENING SESSION – DIASPORA YOUTH RISING Board Representative, STARTUP Africa Shaping the African Narrative - GLOBAL LEADERSHIP Phil S. Agbeko, Co-Founder & CEO, Hilltop Global Group
10:15AM	11:30 AM	
11:30AM	12:15 PM	ROOTS RELOADED: Digital Genealogy; Ancestral & Cultural Ties to the African Continent Ms. Dena Chasten, Genealogist & DNA Specialist
12:15PM	1:45 PM	Luncheon Virtual Panel – (NEW GENERATION UNIVERSITY-Addis Ababa Ethiopia, CUTTINGTON UNIVERSITY-Monrovia, Liberia, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY-Pennsylvania, CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY-California) Youth RISE (Resilience, Identity, Solidarity, Empowerment) Closing Declarations

4:00PM	9:00PM	Center for Global Africa Film Series (3 Films) @ ScreeningRoom1313 – Downtown
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