

PROGRAM UPDATE

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AFRICANS IN AMERICA



**ECDC/ARN
ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 13-15, 2005
MARRIOTT CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**



MONDAY, June 13

7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE [Potomac Ballroom Foyer]

8:30 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS [Potomac Ballroom]

Tsehay Teferra, President, ECDC

8:45 a.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS [Potomac Ballroom]

Howard Dodson, *Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture*

9:30 a.m. AMERICA’S RESPONSE TO AFRICAN REFUGEES [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Ralston Deffenbaugh, Jr., *President, LIRS*

Presenters Margaret McKelvey, *Director, Office of Assistance to Africa, BPRM, Department of State*
Joseph Cuddihy, *Asylum and Refugee Affairs Operations, USCIS, DHS*
Nguyen Van Hanh, *Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF, DHHS*

11:00 a.m. BREAK [Potomac Ballroom Foyer]

11:15 a.m. ONENESS? RECONCILING CULTURES, COLORS, CREEDS, CREDENTIALS [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Salih Booker, *Executive Director, Africa Action*

Presenters Salih Omar Eissa, *Author, Diversity and Transformation: African American and African Immigration to the United States*
TBA

1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON PRESENTATION [Potomac Ballroom]

2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. GRANTSMANSHIP: CREATING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS [Monticello A]

Presenter Bob Klotz, *Vice President, Research and Program Development, Liberty Lutheran Services*

B. IN THEIR OWN VOICES: THE RESETTLEMENT EXPERIENCE OF THE SOMALI BANTUS [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Daniel Van Lehman, *Deputy Director, Program for Somali Bantu Studies, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University*

Presenters Abdi A. Abdi, *Tucson, AZ*
Abdi Salam Hassan Osman, *Milwaukee, WI*
Ali Hussein Sheikh, *Portland, OR*
Fatuma Osman Bulle, *Burlington, VT*
Hassan Nur, *Chicago, IL*
Rasulo M. Rasulo, *Denver, CO*

C. WELL-BEING: THE DELIVERY OF REFUGEE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES [Monticello B]

Moderator/Presenter Yeshashwork Kibour, *Program Officer, Refugee Family Enrichment Project, ECDC*

Presenters Gennene Mengistu, *Program Director, Health Promotion and Education, ECDC*
David McGraw Schuchman, *Mental Health Supervisor, Community University Health Care Center*
Sahra Noor, *Registered Nurse, Community University Health Care Center*

[* Invited]



MONDAY, June 13 (continued)

D. "STREETS OF GOLD?": THE REALITIES OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND STRATEGIES FOR ECONOMIC ADAPTATION

[Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Peter H. Gebre, Author, *Making it in America*

Presenters Haile Sadik, *President & CEO, Autorent, Inc.*
Adem Araro, *President, Stop 4 All FoodMart*

4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:15 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION: REFUGEE CULTURAL ORIENTATION

[Monticello A]

Presenters Pindie Stephen, *Regional Cultural Orientation Coordinator, IOM Nairobi*
Miriam Burt, *CAL Cultural Orientation Resource Center*

B. IDENTIFYING AND ASSISTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TORTURE

[Monticello B]

Moderator/Presenter Sheila Neville, *Attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles*

Presenters Carolina Sheinfeld, *Coordinator, Torture Survivors Project, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles*
Antoinette Aqvi, *Program Specialist, Office of Refugee Resettlement*
Qimmah Najeullah, *Case Manager, Break the Chain Campaign*

C. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: RESETTLING THE SOMALI BANTUS

[Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator Joseph Moseray, *Program Officer, National Refugee Resettlement Division, ECDC*

Presenters Kay Bellor, *Senior National Resettlement Director, International Rescue Committee*
Rachel O'Hara, *Program Officer, Somali Bantu Program, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants*
Zeinab A. Alisalih, *Case Manager, World Relief*
Jennifer Gueddiche, *Program Officer, ECDC African Community Center*

D. LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND HEALTH ACCESS ISSUES OF THE BLACK IMMIGRANTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT

[Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Walter Lam, *President & CEO, Alliance for African Assistance*

Presenters Paul B. Simms, *President & CEO, Simms Technologies, Inc.*
Ruth Perot, *Executive Director of Summit Health Institute for Research & Education*

5:45 p.m. NETWORKING/HILL VISIT PREPARATION

7:00 p.m. TOWN HALL MEETING:
BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE: BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEWCOMER AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS & AFRICAN AMERICANS

[Potomac Ballroom or Crystal Forum]

Moderator TBA

Presenters Tsehaye Teferra, *President, ECDC*
Salih Booker, *Executive Director, Africa Action*
Sulayman Nyang, *Professor, African American Studies, Howard University*
Rev. Garland Hagler, *Plymouth Congregational Church, Washington, DC*
Angelique Hofar, *Host, "Africa Meets Africa," WPFW-FM*

[* Invited]



TUESDAY, June 14

7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE [Potomac Ballroom Foyer]

8:30 a.m. 21ST CENTURY AFRICA: THE ROLE OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, AFRICAN UNION AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Michael C. Nwanze, *Professor, Department of Political Science, Howard University*

Presenters Kolude Doherty, *Regional Representative to the U.S. and the Caribbean, UNHCR*
Demeke Atnafu, *Counselor for Community Affairs, Embassy of Ethiopia*
His Excellency Professor George A. Obiozor, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**
Her Excellency Barbara Joyce Masekela, *Ambassador, Embassy of South Africa**

10:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. CRIME-STOPPERS: PREVENTING AND DEALING WITH CRIME IN REFUGEE COMMUNITIES [Monticello A]

Presenter Tessie Ajala, *Training Coordinator, National Crime Prevention Council, Outreach*

B. VOICE FOR THE FORGOTTEN: ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF VULNERABLE REFUGEE POPULATIONS [Monticello B]

Moderator/Presenter Sasha Chanoff, *Executive Director, Mapendo International*

Presenters Robin Dunn Marco, *Director, IRC Phoenix*
Martin Ford, *Associate Director, Maryland Office for New Americans*

C. ROLE PLAYERS: RESETTLEMENT AND POST-RESETTLEMENT EXPERIENCES [Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Julie Gilbert Rosicky, *Director of Multicultural Services, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees*

Presenters Ioana D. Balint, *Director of Refugee Services, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees*
Reed Coughlan, *Principal Investigator, Empire State College*
Abdirahman A. Yusuf, *Executive Director, Somali Development Center*
Jennifer Abbott, *Youth Services Program Coordinator, Somali Development Center*

11:30 a.m. BREAK

11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. REFUGEE PROCESSING UPDATE: FROM STATUS DETERMINATION TO RESETTLEMENT [Monticello A]

Moderator Joseph Moseray, *Program Officer, National Refugee Resettlement Division, ECDC*

Presenters Anne-Marie McGranaghan, *Associate Resettlement Officer, UNHCR*
James E Lassiter, *Program Officer for East Africa and Moscow, Office of Refugee Operations, USCIS, DHS**
Geraldine Owens, *Coordinator, International Programs, Church World Service**
Lorie Seymour, *International Organization for Migration*

B. REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS: STRENGTHENING OLD RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILDING NEW ONES [Monticello B]

Presenter Cheryl Hamilton, *Consultant, RefugeeWorks, LIRS*

[* Invited]



TUESDAY, June 14 (continued)

C. AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM TO INFLUENCE U.S. POLICIES TOWARD AFRICA [Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Salih Booker, *Executive Director, Africa Action*

Presenters Emira Woods, *Co-Director, Foreign Policy in Focus, Institute for Policy Studies*
Omer Ismail, *Darfur Peace and Development*

1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

2:30 p.m. CAPITOL HILL CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

7:00 p.m. DINNER BANQUET — *25 years of African Refugee Resettlement*

WEDNESDAY, June 15

7:30 a.m. COFFEE [Potomac Ballroom Foyer]

8:30 a.m. NEVER AGAIN? DARFUR: TEN YEARS AFTER RWANDA [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter John Prendergast, *Special Advisor to the President, Crisis Group*

Presenters Francis M. Deng, *Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons**
Jemera Rone, *Senior Researcher Africa Division, Human Rights Watch*
Amir H. Idris, *Assistant Professor of African Studies, Fordham University*
Mark Smith, *Director, Disaster Response, World Relief*

10:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. INTEGRATION: AFRICAN WOMEN AND YOUTH IN A NEW LAND [Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Yeshashwork Kibour, *Program Officer, Refugee Family Enrichment Project, ECDC*

Presenter Mary Kay Jou, *Refugee School Project Director, International Institute of New Jersey*
Laura Schmidt, *Sr. Consultant and Program Coordinator, BRYCS, LIRS*
Rohida Khan, *African Community Resource Center*

B. THE CONTINENT THROUGH TINTED LENSES: HOW THE MEDIA SHAPES OUR VIEW OF AFRICA [Monticello A]

Moderator/Presenter Christopher D. Cathcart, *Executive Director, One Diaspora Communication*

Presenters Gumisai Mutume, *Writer, Africa Recovery, Department of Public Information, United Nations*
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C. SPECIAL POPULATION: THE SOMALI BANTUS IN THE U.S. [Monticello B]

Moderator/Presenter Sasha Chanoff, *Executive Director, Mapendo International*

Presenters Matt Edmundson, *Somali Bantu Photography Project, The Institute for Global Leadership, Tuft University*
Tessa Neylan, *Somali Bantu Photography Project, Consultant, Mapendo International*

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WEDNESDAY, June 15 (Continued)

D. DOLLAR SIGNS: FINANCIAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND SERVICES FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

[Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Belay Embaye, *Program Director, ECDC Enterprise Development Group*
Presenters Lisa Budzilowicz, *Research Analyst, ISED Solutions*
Michelle Wilson, *Loan and Technical Assistance Manager, ECDC Enterprise Development Group*

11:30 a.m. BREAK

11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. RESETTLING LIBERIAN REFUGEES: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND & CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

[Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Lynn Morland, *Program Officer, BRYCS, MRS, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*
Presenters Robin Dunn Marcos, *Director, IRC, Phoenix, Arizona*
Martin Ford, *Associate Director, Maryland Office for New Americans*
Etalemahu Melaku Tsehay, *BRYCS, MRS, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*
Moses Kollie, *Phoenix, Arizona*

B. UNITY IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

[Monticello A]

Presenters Burna L. Dunn, *ELT/TA Project Director, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning*
Yohannes Mengistu, *Employment Training Program Coordinator, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning*

C. PRE-AND-POST ARRIVAL SERVICES FOR REFUGEES WITH HIV/AIDS

[Monticello B]

Moderator Benaiah Duku, *Program Specialist, National Refugee Resettlement, ECDC*
Presenters David Mosca, *Regional Migration Health Physician for Africa and Middle East, IOM Nairobi*
Betty Simons, *Director, Refugee Resettlement & Minority Health Promotion Center, International Institute of Rhode Island*

D. PARTNERSHIPS IN RECONNECTING FAMILIES SEPARATED BY ARMED CONFLICT AND DISASTER

[Monticello C]

Moderator/Presenter Mark Owens, *Tracing Associate, East and Central Africa, American Red Cross, National Headquarters*
Presenters Valerie Gow, *International Services, American Red Cross of King and Kitsap Counties (Seattle, WA)*
Linda Klein, *Executive Director, Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, American Red Cross, Central Maryland Chapter (Baltimore, MD)**

1:00 p.m. NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 p.m. E PLURIBUS UNUM! HONORING THE VISION IN IMMIGRATION, CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

[Potomac Ballroom]

Moderator/Presenter Mirna Torres, *Director Public Education and Advocacy, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.*
Presenters Kate Martin, *Director, Center for National Security Studies*
Christina DeConcini, *Director of Policy, National Immigration Forum*
Erin Corcoran, *Staff Attorney, Human Rights First*

3:30 p.m. SUMMATION AND ADJOURNMENT

[Potomac Ballroom]

Tsehay Teferra, *President, ECDC*

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