

**DRAFT: (AS OF 12 10 2023) ALL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC. /  
HISTORIC BLACK TOWNS AND  
SETTLEMENTS ALLIANCE INC. /  
NATIONAL ALLIANCE, FOR BLACK BUSINESS, INC.:  
(National Business League, Inc. & National Black Chamber of Commerce)

## **2024 COLLABORATION/TRAINING CONFERENCE**

**“Mayors, other public officials, and business leaders, training and collaborating to face the challenges in the cities and towns of the world in 2024 and beyond.”**

**January 24-28, 2024  
(All times indicated are EST)**

**Location: Eatonville/Orange County/Orlando, FL  
In-Person and Virtual**

**Host Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Orlando Downtown, 601 Ivanhoe Street, Orlando, FL**

### **COLLABORATING PARTNERS (CO- CONVENERS)**

NATIONAL POLICY ALLIANCE/  
AFRICA’S BRAIN BANK, INC. /  
INTERNATIONAL BLACK BROADCASTERS, ASSOCOATION/  
FRIENDS OF THE AFRICAN UNION, INC. /  
A DRUG FREE WORLD (AMERICA’S CHAPTER)/  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
(ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE)/  
TAIPAI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE , MIAMI, FL/  
ASSOCIATION TO PRESERVE THE EATONVILLE COOMUNITY, INC. ,  
(THE ZORA FESTIVAL)/  
COMMERCIAL OFFICER OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
CONSULLATE GENERAL OF HAITI /  
THE NATIONAL POLICY ALLIANCE OF CANADA/  
AFRICATOWN USA, PRICARD, ALABAMA/  
BLACKBIRD/RNT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024 (Location: Doubletree Hotel)**

**Travel. Arrival . Preconference Registration.**

**7:00 p.m. WCM/BLACKBIRD, RNT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
JOINT RECEPTION, Hosted by The Honorable Teresa Rule**

**Thursday, January 25, 2024 (Location: Eatonville)**

**8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Registration Continues  
(Location: Macedonia Baptist Church, Eatonville, FL)**

**9:00 a.m. CONFERENCE CONVENING SESSION  
(Location: Macedonia Baptist Church, Eatonville, FL)**

**Call to Order: The Honorable Johnny Ford,**

Former Mayor, now Councilman, Tuskegee, AL  
WCM President/CEO/Founder, and HBTSA Founding President/CEO,

**Greetings on behalf of HBTSA: The Honorable Alberta McCroy,** Mayor, Hobson City, AL,  
President, Historic Black Towns And Settlements Alliance, Inc.  
WCM Vice President for Training

**Opening Prayer: The Honorable Samuel Ings**

Former Commissioner & Mayor Pro Tem, Orlando, FL  
Chair, Conference Host Committee  
WCM Vice President for Trust

**Greetings from The Honorable Angie Gardner,**  
Mayor, Eatonville, FL

**Greetings from the WCM Vice President: The Honorable Jimmie Gardner,**  
Mayor, Prichard, Alabama

**Greetings from former President of WCM: The Honorable Ed Jones,** Grambling LA  
President, Grambling Economic Development Corporation

**Conference kickoff speaker: The Honorable Dr. William Bell (Invited),**  
President/CEO, Casey Family Programs  
**WCM Major Sponsor**

**10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Introduction:  
AFRICAN &AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMENS' CONFERENCE  
The Honorable N.Y. Nathiri,** Eatonville, FL, Executive Director,  
**Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc.**  
**(P.E.C.) Zora Festival**

**Greetings: The Honorable Jerry Demings (Representative),** Mayor, Orange County, FL  
**Greetings: The Honorable Buddy Dyer,** (Representative) Mayor, Orlando, FL  
**Greetings: The Honorable Mayor of Maitland**  
**Greetings: The Honorable Regina Hill,** Commissioner, Orlando, FL

**Speakers from the AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**11:30 a.m. Press Conference and Official Photo**

**12:00 Noon -2:00 p.m. INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON**  
**Sponsored by TECO**

**Keynote Speaker: His Excellency, Director Charles C.Y. Chou,** TECO, Miami, FL

**Presentation by The Honorable Johnny Ford:**  
**2024 WCM Resolution to His Excellency, Director General Amino C. Y. Chi**

**Introduction of the Diplomatic Corp, Presiding:**  
**The Honorable Frank Jackson,**  
WCM VP for International Affairs, **and**

**The Honorable Dr. Abdoulaye Mbengue,** WCM VP for Africa,  
Executive Director for the Mayor John Smith Executive  
Leadership Institute & the WCM African Office:

**The Honorable Allister Coward,**

Executive Director, National Policy Alliance, Canada

**The Honorable Mayor Darrin Canniff,** Mayor, Chatham /Kent, Ontario

**The Honorable Jude Edouard Pierre,** WCM VP for Haiti and  
President, Haitian National Association of Mayors

**The Honorable Patrick Almonor,** Assessor Mayor of Cap-Haitian,  
President of the Board of Directors of PROPUBLIC SAM

**The Honorable Reverend Dr. Pam Fomunung,** CEO Africa's Brain Bank

**The Honorable Queen Mother, Dr. Delores Blakely,** Community Mayor,  
Harlem, NY, and United Nations Representative

**The Honorable Francis Bertrand,**

WCM VP Trinidad-Caribbean & WCM Past President

**The Honorable Hershel Daniels,** Chairman, Friends of the African Union

**The Honorable Bobby Hunter,** Former Harlem Globe Trotter,  
and International Goodwill Ambassador

**The Honorable Dr. Bernard Fialkoff,**

International "Drug Free World Foundation"

**The Honorable Dr. David Ehrenkrantz,** WCM VP for Health  
"Health Implications for People of African Descent"

**The Honorable Frank Arlia,** CEO/Founder

Harvest Harmonic Revolutionary Agricultural Technology,

**During Lunch: Presentation of Video from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, in Miami, FL.**

**2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.: Joint WCM HBTSA Board meeting**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: “A DRUG FREE WORLD CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME & RECEPTION”:**

**Sponsored by Dr. Bernard Fialkoff)**

(Location: Joe R. Lee Boys and Girls Club,  
400 Ruffel St, Eatonville, FL 32751-6710)

**(The Honorable Bobby Hunter, & Former Harlem Globe Trotters,  
VS. The World Conference of Mayors )**

**6:00 p.m.: RECEPTION in Maitland, FL**

## **FRIDAY, January 26, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. : NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK BUSINESS,  
WCM/HBTSA BREAKFAST AND  
PRESS CONFERENCE**

**(Location: St. Lawrence Church, Eatonville)**

**Guest Speakers:**

**The Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harris,**

President/CEO, National Business League and

**The Honorable Charles DeBow III,**

President National Black Chamber of Commerce

**SUBJECT: “Black Business Enterprise Scorecard,  
and the Global Support of Black Businesses”**

**10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Phyllis Dickerson, African American Mayors Association**

**10:30 a.m. 11:00a.m.: The Honorable Allister Coward,**

Executive Director, National Policy Alliance, Canada

**The Honorable Mayor Darrin Canniff,**

Mayor, Chatham /Kent, Ontario

**11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.: The Honorable Arturo Menefee, Ph.D.**

Office if Economic Development, U of Alabama:

“Economic development for small Towns”

**12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.: DRUG FREE WORLD LUNCHEON**

**(Sponsored by The Honorable Dr. Bernard Fialkoff)**

**Prayer: The Honorable Queen Mother Dr. Delores Blakely**

WCM/ UN Representative

**Greetings: The Honorable Dr. E. Faye Williams**

WCM /UN Peace Ambassador

**1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**(AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE0**

**The Honorable Mayor Frank Jackson, convener**

WCM VP/ International Affairs

**The Honorable Dr. Abdoulaye Mbengue**, WCM VP for Africa,

Executive Director for the Mayor John Smith Executive

Leadership Institute & the WCM African Office:

**The Honorable Hershel Daniels**, Chairman, Friends of the African Union

**The Honorable Dr. David Ehrenkrantz**, WCM VP for Health

"Health Implications for People of African Descent"

**The Honorable Dr. John Armand**, Commercial Officer

Consulate General of Haiti, Chicago, Illinois

**2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: (WCB/HBTSA) RESOLUTIONS to be considered and passed:**

1. Resolution giving priority support of the Biden Administration effort to conquer COVID-19 domestically and globally
2. Resolution in support of The John Lewis Voting Rights Legislation
3. Resolution in support for The Rosa Parks Federal National Holiday
4. Resolution in support of the Biden Build Back Better Infrastructure Legislation
5. Resolution supporting the recognition of, and a call for action to address, Climate Change
6. Resolution issuing a renewed clarion call for an end to any form of racism nationally and globally
7. Resolution of appreciation for the Congressional Committee, led by former Mayor Benny Thompson, former Mayor and member of our National Conference of Black Mayors, investigating the Jan. 6 treasonous assault on the US Capitol National Conference of Black Mayors, investigating the Jan. treasonous assault on the US Capitol
8. Resolution in support of taking down Confederate statues representing slavery and supporting the erection of statues representing African American heroes and sheroes
9. Resolution calling for more support for Historic Black Colleges and Universities and Black towns
10. Resolution thanking Orange County, Orlando, Eatonville, Zora and citizens of Orange County for hosting our conference.
11. Resolution setting the date for next WCM/HBTSA Memorial Day weekend conference for Tuskegee, AL and Black Wall Street in Tulsa.
12. Resolution in support of the Nation of Ukraine
13. Resolution in support of Women's right to Choose
14. Resolution in support of fight against gun violence
15. Resolution in support of the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA)
16. Resolution in support of Relationship between the United States and Cuba
17. Resolution in support of National and World Foster Care

**OTHERS**

**3:00 p.m. WCM/HBTSA SWEARING IN Officer's Board and members  
Administering of the Oath of Office to WCM and HBT  
Officers and Members  
The Honorable Judge Belvin Perry, Jr.(Invited)  
(Tuskegee University Graduate)**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

**BLACK TOWNS ROUNDTABLE**

**7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.: HBTSA BOARD CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST MEETING  
(Host Hotel)**

**8:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Greetings: The Honorable Alberta McCrory,  
Mayor, Hobson City, Alabama, and  
Co-Founder, Historic Black Towns And Settlements Alliance, Inc.**

**Greetings: The Honorable, Angie Gardner, Mayor, Eatonville, Florida**

**Greetings: The Honorable NY Nathiri, Ex. Director, Zora Festival**

**Greetings: The Honorable David Allen, HBTSA VP for Membership**

**Greetings: The Honorable Tanya Debose, HBTSA VP for Marketing**

**Greetings: The Honorable Dr. Michelle Robinson,  
HBTSA VP for Educational Matters**

**8:30 a. m. Keynote Speaker: (Introduction by Honorable Johnny Ford)  
The Honorable Dr. Arturo Menifee, University of AL,  
"Black Towns' Historic Trials"**

**9:30 a.m.-10:30 a. m.: The Honorable Dr. Michelle Robinson and  
The Honorable Tanya Debose  
"University and Community Collaborations"**

**11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: The Honorable Dr. David Padgett, Tennessee State University,  
"Support for HBTSA: Geo-mapping Black Towns":**

**11:30am-12:00 p.m.: Closing Remarks: The Honorable Angie Gardner, and  
The Honorable NY Nathiri**

**12:00 p.m. UNTILL: ZORA OUTDOOR FESTIVAL (Ticketed Event)**

**Sunday, January 28: TRAVEL DAY**

**The Honorable Johnny Ford  
President/Secretary General/CEO/Founder  
The World Conference of Mayors, Inc., (WCM)  
Founding President/CEO,  
Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc., (HBTSA)**

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