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**THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC
(The United Nations of Cities)**

**HONORABLE JOHNNY FORD, FOUNDER, 1984
SECRETARY GENERAL, CEO
Former Mayor, now Councilman
Tuskegee, Alabama, USA**

**OFFICIAL INVITATION
TO ATTEND, PARTICIPATE IN, AND SPONSOR:
THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC
(40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION)**

**124th NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS CONFERENCE
AUGUST 21-24, 2024
HILTON ATLANTA HOTEL**

Dear Mayors and Elected Officials,

The World Conference of Mayors, in partnership with the National Alliance for Black Business and its co-founders, the National Business League and the National Black Chamber of Commerce, extends a personal invitation to attend the 124th National Black Business Conference. This event marks the "40th Anniversary Celebration" of the World Conference of Mayors and will be held from August 21-24, 2024, at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA.

This global conference will focus on the training and development of mayors and other elected and appointed policymakers, enhancing their capacity to lead and serve both the public and private sectors in communities worldwide.

In 2023, the conference attracted over 2,000 business, professional, and government attendees from around the globe, and this year promises to increase global participation even further. Consequently, this year in 2024 President Joe Biden and top administration officials, along with representatives from various U.S. government departments and agencies, have been invited to share crucial capital and federal resources beneficial for cities and towns across America and the world.

We have also invited top corporate officials from both the public and private sectors who have the authority to commit to doing business with Black businesses in the U.S. and throughout the Pan-African Diaspora. Additionally, global leaders from countries such as South Korea, Taiwan, South Africa, and 32 other nations have also been invited to explore investment opportunities in U.S. cities and towns.

To make your reservations, please visit the NABB webpage at www.nationalblackbusinessconference.com.

Please confirm your participation with the Honorable Johnny Ford. Look forward to seeing you for this historic occasion marking the 40th Anniversary of the World Conference of Mayors.

Sincerely,

Johnny Ford

Honorable Johnny Ford,
DeBow, III
Founder/CEO
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DR. Kenneth Harris

Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harris,
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