

**DRAFT: (AS OF 11 19 2024) ALL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC., (WCM) /**

**HISTORIC BLACK TOWNS AND  
SETTLEMENTS ALLIANCE INC., (HB TSA) /  
NATIONAL ALLIANCE, FOR BLACK BUSINESS, INC., (NABB):  
(National Business League, Inc./ National Black Chamber of Commerce/  
The World Conference of Mayors, Inc.)**

**OFFICIAL INVITATION AND AGENDA  
TO  
THE 2025 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 2025 and beyond.”**

**January 29-February 1, 2025  
(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, ASSOCIATION/  
FRIENDS OF THE AFRICAN UNION, INC. /  
A DRUG FREE WORLD (AMERICA'S CHAPTER)/  
TAIPAI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE , MIAMI, FL/  
ASSOCIATION TO PRESERVE THE EATONVILLE COMMUNITY, INC. ,  
(THE ZORA FESTIVAL)/  
THE NATIONAL POLICY ALLIANCE OF CANADA/  
AFRICATOWN USA, PRICARD, ALABAMA/  
BLACKBIRD/RNT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
MAINSTREAM DEVELOPMENT EDUCATIONAL GROUP, LLC  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

**CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS  
WCM MAJOR SPONSOR**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025 (Location: Doubletree Hotel)**

**Travel. Arrival . Preconference Registration.**

**Pre- Conference Training for Elected and Appointed Officials**  
Coordinated by The Honorable NY Nathiri, Ex. Director, the ZORA Festival  
and The Honorable Samuel Ings, Director of the John Smith WCM Training Institute  
**(Exact time and location to be announced in upcoming final Draft Agenda)**

**7:00 p.m. WCM/WELCOMING RECEPTION**

**(Location: Host Hotel)**

**Greetings: The Honorable Buddy Dyer, (Invited) Mayor, Orlando, FL**

**Thursday, January 30, 2025 (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 Founder/CEO, and HBTSA Founding President/CEO

**Welcome, Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance (in Unison):**

The Honorable Reverend Jerrold Smith, Church Administrator/Host,

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

**Greetings from The Honorable Angie Gardner,**

Mayor, Eatonville, FL

**Greetings from The WCM President: The Honorable Jimmie Gardner,**

Mayor, Prichard, Alabama

**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

**Greetings from The Honorable Ron Leverett, Mayor, Prairie View, TX,**

Founding Member of

The National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

and The WCM

**Greetings from The Honorable Ed Jones, Former Mayor, Grambling, LA**

Former WCM President,

President, Grambling Economic Development Corporation

Founding Vice Chair, HBTSA

**Greetings from The Honorable NY Nathiri,**

General Manager, ZORA Festival

Founding Vice President Cultural Heritage Tourism, HBTSA

**Greetings from The Honorable Darryl Johnson: Former Mayor Mound Bayou, MS**

Vice President, Technology, HBTSA

**Greetings from Host Committee Chair: The Honorable Samuel Ings**

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

**Greetings from The Honorable Phyllis Dickerson: Executive Director,**

African American Mayors Association, Inc., (AAMA)

**Greetings from The Honorable Steven Reed (Invited)**

Mayor of Montgomery, AL,  
President, African American Mayors Association

**Greetings from The Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harris:**

President, The National Business League, Convenor,  
The National Alliance of Black Business, 125<sup>th</sup> National Black Business Conference

**Greetings from The Honorable Charles DeBow:**

President, National Black Chamber of Commerce  
Co-Convenor,

The National Alliance of Black Business, 125<sup>th</sup> National Black Business Conference

**Greetings from The Honorable John McGowan:** Count Commissioner, Bullock County, AL

Former Mayor, Union Spring, AL  
One of the original Founders of The WCM and the HBTSA  
WCM and HBTSA, CFO

**Greetings from The Honorable Emile Gros Ramond Nakombo , (virtual):**

Mayor Banqui, Central African Republic  
President, united Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGAfrica)

**Greetings from The Honorable Frank Jackson:** Former Mayor, Prairie View, TX

WCM VP for International Affairs

**Greetings: The Honorable Jerry Demings (Invited),** Mayor, Orange County, FL

**Greetings: The Honorable John Lowndes, Mayor of Maitland, FL (Invited)**

**Greetings: The Honorable Regina Hill, (Invited)**Commissioner, Orlando, FL

**Greetings: The Honorable Denice Tyler,** Executive Director

The National Policy Alliance, NPA

#### **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

#### **CONFERENCE KICKOFF SPEAKER:**

**The Honorable Dr. William Bell (Invited),**

President/CEO, Casey Family Programs  
WCM Major Sponsor

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE AND OFFICIAL PHOTO**

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

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

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

**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 Frank Arlia,** CEO/Founder

Harvest Harmonic Revolutionary Agricultural Technology,

**2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.: WCM Public Board meeting**

**The Honorable Mayor Jimmie Gardner, Presiding**

**3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.: HB TSA Public Board Meeting**

**The Honorable Mayor Alberta McCrory Presiding**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.: "A DRUG FREE WORLD CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME ":**

**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**

**7:00 p.m.: DINNER: The Honorable Bobby Hunter , Host**

(Location: Hotel or Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Eatonville)

**FRIDAY, January 31, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.: NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK BUSINESS,  
WCM/HB TSA BREAKFAST AND**

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

**(Location: Macedonia Missionary Baptist 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 of Economic Development, U of Alabama:  
“Economic development for small Towns”

**12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m MEDPOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS LUNCHEON**

**Co Hosts:**

**The Honorable Bobby Hunter,**  
Former Globetrotter

**The Honorable Dr. Bernard Fialkoff,**  
President  
Drug Free World

**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 ROUNDTABLE)**

**The Honorable Mayor Frank Jackson, convener**  
WCM VP/ International Affairs

**The Honorable Emile Gros Ramond Nakombo,**  
Mayor Banqui, Central African Republic  
President, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGAfrica)

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

**The Honorable Dr. John Armand, Commercial Officer**  
Consulate General of Haiti, Chicago, Illinois

**The Honorable Reverend Pam Fomunung, President, Africa’s Brain Bank**

**2:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.: The Honorable William McMurray, Founder, the RAC**

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

1. Resolution in support of The John Lewis Voting Rights Legislation

2. Resolution in support for The Rosa Parks Federal National Holiday
3. Resolution supporting the recognition of, and a call for action to address, Climate Change
4. Resolution issuing a renewed clarion call for an end to any form of racism nationally and globally
5. Resolution in support of taking down Confederate statues representing slavery and supporting the erection of statues representing African American heroes and sheroes
6. Resolution calling for more support for Historic Black Colleges and Universities and Black towns
7. Resolution thanking Orange County, Orlando, Eatonville, Zora and citizens of Orange County for hosting our conference.
8. Resolution in support of the Nation of Ukraine
9. Resolution in support of Women’s right to Choose
10. Resolution in support of fight against gun violence
11. Resolution in support of the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA)
12. Resolution in support of Relationship between the United States and Cuba
13. Resolution in support of National and World Foster Care
14. Resolution in support of 125<sup>th</sup> National Black Business Conference

**OTHERS**

**6:00 p.m. Grambling Economic Development Reception  
(location, Hotel)**

**7:00 p.m. WCM Booker T./George Washington Carver Gala  
(Location, Hotel)**

**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, February 1, 2025**

**BLACK TOWNS ROUNDTABLE  
(Location: City Hall, Eatonville)**

**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 Jimmie Gardner, Mayor, Prichard, AL  
President WCM  
**Greetings: The Honorable, Angie Gardner,** Mayor, Eatonville, Florida  
**Greetings: The Honorable NY Nathiri,** Ex. Director, Zora Festival  
Greetings: The Honorable Darryl Johnson, HBTSA VP Technology

**Greetings: The Honorable Roderick Clark**, Mayor, Union Springs, AL  
**Greetings: The Honorable David Allen**, HBTSA VP for Membership  
**Greetings: The Honorable Samuel Ings**, WCM/HBTSA Conference Chair  
**Greetings: The Honorable Tanya Debose**, HBTSA VP for Marketing  
**Greetings: The Honorable Dr. Michelle Robinson**,  
HBTSA VP for Educational Matters

**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”

**10:30am-11:30 a.m.: Closing Remarks:**  
**The Honorable Ron Leverett**, Mayor of Prairie View, TX  
**The Honorable John McGowan**, Commissioner, Bullock County, AL  
**The Honorable Angie Gardner**, Mayor, Eatonville, FL  
**The Honorable NY Nathiri**, Ex Director , Zora Festival

**CLOSING CHALLENGE AND THANKS TO ALL:**  
**The Honorable Johnny Ford**,  
**Founder/CEO, WCM**  
**Founding President, HBTSA**

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

**Sunday, February 2: 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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