



**THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC., (WCM) /
HISTORIC BLACK TOWNS AND
SETTLEMENTS ALLIANCE INC., (HBTSA) /
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

**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**

**“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.”**

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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 COOMUNITY, 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**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 (Location: Doubletree Hotel)

TRAVEL ARRIVAL PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION

11:00 a.m.: PRESS CONFERENCE:

**The Honorable Rob Neal , President of International Black Broadcasters
(Location: Eatonville, City Hall)**

12:00 Noon.- 5:00 p.m.: WCM JOHN SMITH TRAINING INSTITUTE

“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
(Location: Eatonville, City Hall)**

**12:00 Noon: The Honorable Hershel Daniels,
Chairman WCM Friends of the African Union Committee**

**7:00 p.m. : RECEPTION BY CITY OF ORLANDO
(Location: Host Hotel)**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

**9:00 a.m.: CONFERENCE CONVENING SESSION
(Location: St. Lawrence A.M.E. 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: The Honorable Angie Gardner:
Mayor, Eatonville, FL**

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

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

**Greetings: The Honorable Ron Leverett, Mayor, Prairie View, TX
Founding Member of The National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.
and The WCM ,**

- Greetings: The Honorable Ed Jones**, Former Mayor, Grambling, LA
Former WCM President, Founding Vice Chair, HBTSA
President, Grambling Economic Development Corporation
- Greetings: The Honorable NY Nathiri**, General Manager, ZORA Festival
Founding Vice President Cultural Heritage Tourism, HBTSA
- Greetings: The Honorable Darryl Johnson**: Former Mayor Mound Bayou, MS
Vice President, Technology, HBTSA
- Greetings: The Honorable Samuel Ings**,
Former Commissioner & Mayor Pro Tem, Orlando, FL
WCM Conference Host Committee Chair
WCM Vice President for Trust
- Greetings: The Honorable Phyllis Dickerson**: Executive Director,
African American Mayors Association, Inc., (AAMA)
- Greetings: The Honorable Steven Reed (Invited)** Mayor of Montgomery, AL,
President, African American Mayors Association
- Greetings: The Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harris**:
President, The National Business League, Convenor,
The National Alliance of Black Business,
125th National Black Business Conference
- Greetings: The Honorable Charles DeBow**,
President, National Black Chamber of Commerce,
Co-Convenor, The National Alliance of Black Business,
125th National Black Business Conference
- Greetings: The Honorable John McGowan**:
County 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: The Honorable Emile Gros Ramond Nakombo , (virtual)**
Mayor Banqui, Central African Republic
President, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa ,
(UCLGAfrica)
- Greetings: 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, (Invited)** Mayor of Maitland, FL
- Greetings: The Honorable Denice Tyler**, Executive Director,
The National Policy Alliance, NPA

AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMENS' CONFERENCE

Introduction: The Honorable N.Y. Nathiri, Eatonville, FL, Executive Director,
Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc.(P.E.C.) Zora Festival

PRESS CONFERENCE AND OFFICIAL PHOTO

12:00 Noon -2:00 p. m: INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON “March to Macedonia”
(Location: Macedonia Baptist Church, 412 East Kennedy Blvd.,
Eatonville, FL.)

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

Presentation: Video from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, in Miami, FL.
Presentation by The Honorable Johnny Ford:
2025 WCM Resolution to His Excellency, Director Charles C.Y. Chou, TECO

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 (Invited)

The Honorable Jude Edouard Pierre, WCM VP for Haiti and

President, Haitian National Association of Mayors (Invited)

The Honorable Patrick Almonor, Assessor Mayor of Cap-Haitian,

President of the Board of Directors of PROPUBLIC SAM (Invited)

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 (Invited)

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
Presiding: The Honorable Mayor Jimmie Gardner

3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.: HB TSA PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
Presiding: The Honorable Mayor Alberta McCrory

6:00 p.m.: RECEPTION, Host, city of Maitland (Location: Maitland, FL)

7:00 p.m.: DINNER: The Honorable Bobby Hunter , (Location: Host Hotel , Orlando, FL)

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:

"125th National Black Business League Conference, and
the Booker T. Washington National Economic Development Conference",
Tuskegee/Atlanta, August 17-23, 2025

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: The Honorable Phyllis Dickerson, Executive Director
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, University of Alabama:
“Economic development for small Towns”

12:00 NOON: A TIME FOR TRUTH FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
(Location: Host Hotel, Orlando)

Co Hosts: The Honorable Bobby Hunter, Former Globetrotter
The Honorable Dr. Bernard Fialkoff, DDS, President, A Time for Truth Foundation
Prayer: 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

The Honorable John Moss, WCM Representative for Indigenous people

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

2:30 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 125th National Black Business Conference
- OTHERS**

6:00 p.m. GRAMBLING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECEPTION
(Location, Hotel)

**7:00 p.m. WCM BOOKER T. WASHINGTON/
 GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER GALA**
(Location, Hotel)

WCM/HBTSA SWEARING IN, BY :
THE HONORABLE JUDGE BELVIN PERRY, JR.
(Tuskegee University graduate)

The administering of the Oath of Office to WCM and HBTSA Officers and Members

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 (Invited)

Greetings: The Honorable Dr. Michelle Robinson, HBTSA

VP for Educational Matters(Invited)

Keynote Speakers: (Introduction by Honorable Johnny Ford)

**The Honorable Dr. Rolando Herts, Superintendent of the Birmingham
 Civil Rights ,National Monument, and the Freedom Riders National Monument**

The Honorable Dr. Arturo Menifee, University of AL,

Office if Economic Development, U of Alabama

“Economic Development, a Must for the Cities and Towns of the World”

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, HB TSA

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: Host: The Honorable Bobby Hunter,

Former Harlem Globe Trotter

(Location : To be announced)

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., (HB TSA)

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