



# AFRICAN ACADEMIC DIASPORA VIRTUAL HOMECOMING 2020



## Conference Program

Monday, September 28, 2020

Time	Topic	Session Description
15.00 – 15.10 hrs	<b>Guests arrival</b>	
<b>Opening Session: Welcome Remarks &amp; Official Opening</b>		
15.10 – 16.00	<p><b>Secretary General introduces the Chair.</b></p> <p><b>Session Chair: Prof. Orlando Antonio Quilambo (AAU President)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Arikana Chihombori Quao (Former African Union Ambassador to the USA)</li> <li>• HE Sarah Anyang Mbi Agbor (Comm. HRST African Union Mission)</li> <li>• HE Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo (President Republic of Ghana)</li> </ul>	<p>Secretary General introduces the Chairman. Chairman gives remarks, then presides over this session. Brevity should be encouraged. Conference officially opened by HE Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo</p>



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<b>Parallel Session 1: Role of the Diaspora in Higher Education and Innovation in Africa</b>		
16.00 – 18.00	<b>Session Moderator: Prof. Osei Darkwa (University of Illinois)</b>	
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Keynote:</b> Dr David Wilson: President Morgan State University</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Olusola Oyewole: Former President AAU</li> <li>• Prof Nkem Khumbah: University of Michigan</li> <li>• Dr Norman Fortenberry American Society for Engineering Education ASEE</li> <li>• Prof Jose Jackson-Malete: Alliance for African Partnership; Michigan State University</li> </ul>	<p>Keynote should be about 15-20 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p> <p>Panelists should be allocated about 10 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p>
17.30 – 18.00	<b>Group Discussion</b>	This is a feedback session where participants interact with panelists



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<b>Parallel Session 2: Strengthening relationships between US Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and African universities</b>		<b>Session Description</b>
16.00 – 18.00	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Dr Lezli Baskerville (President NAFEO)	
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Keynote:</b> Prof. Molefi Kete Asante: Temple University US</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Ezraha Aharone: Center for Global Africa – Delaware State University</li> <li>• Prof. Mohamed Camara: Chair Dept of African Studies Howard University</li> <li>• Prof. Kojo Yankah: Founder and past President of AUCC – Ghana</li> <li>• Dr Aurora Vergara-Figueroa Director, Afrodiasporic Studies Center, ICESI University, Colombia</li> </ul>	<p>Keynote should be about 15-20 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p> <p>Panelists should be allocated about 10 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p>
17.30 – 18.00	<b>Group Discussion</b>	



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Parallel Session 3: Women of African Descent in Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities		Session Description
16.00 – 18.00	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Dr Beatrice Khamati Njenga	
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Keynote:</b> Prof. Jane Naana Opoku-Agyemang (Former Vice Chancellor and Minister of Education, Day 1 Vice Presidential Candidate Republic of Ghana)</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr Nah Dove: Temple University, Day 2</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Faye Williams: National Congress of Black Women</li> <li>• Prof. Carole Boyce Davies PhD, Professor Of English &amp; Africana Studies, Cornell Univ, Ithaca NY</li> <li>• Martha Muhwezi: Executive Director Federation of African Women Educationists</li> <li>• Prof Akosua Adomako-Ampofo, PhD (Professor of Gender Studies &amp; African Studies, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon)</li> <li>• Dr Kehbama Langmia, Chair, Dept of Strategic, Legal &amp; Management Communication, Howard Univ, Washington D</li> </ul>	<p>Keynote should be about 15-20 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p> <p>Panelists should be allocated about 10 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p>
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Parallel Session 4: Higher Education: A Panacea to Racism and Promoting Social Justice		Session Description
16.00 – 18-00	Session Moderators: Dr Gary Bledsoe	
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Keynote: Dr Joseph Silver of Silver and Associates, Former President, Alabama State University (Day 1)</p> <p>Derrick Johnson – NAACP</p> <p>Prof Cornel West: Prof Emeritus – Princeton University (Day 2)</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willie Gary JD: Gary, Williams, Parenti, Watson and Gary PLLC</li> <li>• Prof Verene A. Shepherd, PhD Professor of Social History, University of West Indies @ Mona Jamaica</li> <li>• Dr Akwasi Osei: Assoc Dean, College of Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences, Delaware State University</li> <li>• Prof Bertrade Ngo -Ngijol Banoum ,PhD Chair, Dept of Africana Studies, Lehman College - City University of New York</li> <li>• COP David Nenyi Ampah-Bennin: Rep. of Ghana</li> </ul>	<p>Keynote should be about 15-20 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p> <p>Panelists should be allocated about 10 minutes. Can be extended by Moderator but should not unduly affect other sessions</p>
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Time	Topic	Session Description
15.00 – 15.10 hrs	<b>Guests arrival</b>	
<b>Continuation of Group Discussions for Thematic Areas</b>		
15.10 – 16.30	<b>Session Moderators: Various Session Moderators from previous day.</b>	Group discussions will continue on the four sub-themes.
<b>Side Meetings, Business Sessions, Exhibitions</b>		
16.30 – 18.00	Coordinating Moderator: Arthurine Walker Sessions Moderators: TBA	We encourage diasporan groups to network and showcase their activities. Organizers will send a brief concept to the AAU in advance.
18.00 – 18.05	<b>End of day proceedings</b>	



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Time	Topic	Session Description
15.00 – 15.10 hrs	<b>Guests arrival</b>	
<b>Report of Rapporteurs to Plenary</b>		
15.10 – 17.00	Session Chair: Prof Nicholas Nsowah Nuamah – AAU Vice President	Rapporteurs from parallel sessions will report proceedings to the main plenary
<b>Closing Ceremony</b>		
17.00 – 17.50	Session Chair: HE Arikana Chihombori Quao <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farewell Speeches</li> </ul>	Brief farewell wishes from stakeholders' present
17.50 – 18.00	<b>Close: Hon Minister of Education Republic of Ghana</b>	The Hon Minister of Education officially closes the conference