

Ethiopian Community Development Council

Eighteenth Annual National Conference

African Refugee and Immigrant Lives: Conflict, Consequences, and Contributions

Conference Presentations

Thursday, May 3, 2012

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch**

Film – *Entrepreneurship in the Camp: How we Live*

(Filmed in Kakuma by Filmaid International Participatory Video Project (PVP) Club, 8 minutes, English and subtitles, 2010)

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Identification and Processing: Current Issues in Admission to the U.S.**

Vincent Cochetel, *Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Larry Bartlett, *Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Populations Refugees, and Migration, Department of State*

Barbara Strack, *Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

Vicky Knight, *Deputy Director of Programs, Immigration and Refugee Program, Church World Service*

MODERATOR: Mark Hetfield, *Senior Vice President for Policy and Programs, Hebrew Immigration Aid Society*

Power Point: [Vicky Knight](#)
[UNHCR](#)

Friday, May 4, 2012

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

A. Educating Ourselves and Educating Others

Sanja Bebic, *Director, Cultural Orientation Resource Center*

Ann-Marie McGranahan, *Associate Resettlement Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Power Point: [Sanja Bebic](#)

B1. The African Women's Empowerment Project

Lindsay Harris, *Tahirih Justice Center*

B2. Project Refuge: An Innovative Comprehensive Program for Asylees

Ahmed Sahid, *Somali Family Services*

Power Point: [Ahmed Sahid](#)

B2. Weaving Refugees Youth Leadership

Quin'Tara White, *Resettlement Program Director, Pan-African Community Association*

Paulette Bangura, *Faculty Associate and Director, School of Continuing Education Center for Urban Community Development, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

Power Point: [Weaving African Youth Leadership](#)

C1. Transition Framework

Djimet Dogo, *Manager, Africa House*

C2. Supporting Highly-Skilled Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylees

Katherine Gebremedhin, *Program Manager, World Education Services (WES), Global Talent Bridge Initiative*

Paul Feltman, *Director, World Education Services (WES), Global Talent Bridge Initiative*

Power Point: [Supporting Highly-Skilled Immigrants, Refugees & Asylees](#)

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Immigrant Lives: The African Diaspora's Contributions to Home and Host Country

Thomas Debass, *Regional Director, Global Partnership Initiative, Secretary of State*

Dilip Ratha, *Director, Migrations and Remittances Unite, World Bank* [Substituted by **Sonia Plaza**,
Senior Economist Development, Economic, Prospects Group, World Bank]

Alie Kabba, *Executive Director, United African Organization*

MODERATOR: Kathleen Newman, *Co-Founder, Migration Policy Institute*

Power Point: [Diaspora Panel](#)

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session

A. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Recognition and Accreditation for your Program

Michelle Sardone, *Field Support Coordinator, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.*

B1. Caring for African Refugees through an Innovative Partnership between an Academic Medical Center, Public Health Department, and refugee Resettlement Agency

Fern Hauck, MD, *University of Virginia Department of Medicine*

Kelly Corr, MD, *University of North Carolina*

B2. Protection against Chronic Hepatitis B: A Leading Cause of Liver Cancer

Tedla Anbessie, MD

Power Point: [Tedla Anbessie](#)

C. Community Orientation: Promising Practices in Content and Delivery

Sanja Bebic, *Director, Cultural Orientation Resources Center*

Collen Mahar-Piersma, *Associate Director, Cultural Orientation Resource Center*