

Conference Program

6:00 – 7: 30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Special Session

“Strengthening Bridges, Building Consensus: Engaging Communities and Encouraging Partnerships among African Diasporas”

Earl Johnson, *Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Emira Woods, *Co-Director, Foreign Policy in Focus, Institute for Policy Studies*

Ahmed Moen, *Associate Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Health Management, Howard University*

Julian B. Kiganda, *President, African Diaspora for Change*

Melvin Foote, *President and CEO, Constituency for Africa*

Thursday, May 16, 2013

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and Coffee

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Tsehaye Teferra, *President, Ethiopian Community Development Council*

8:45 – 9:15a.m.

Keynote Address

H.E. Amina Salum Ali, *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, African Union*

9:15 – 9:45a.m.

U.S. Policy and Response to Recent Humanitarian Crises in Africa

Anne C. Richard, *Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U. S. Department of State*

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Issues in African Refugee Protection: Recent Trends and Challenges

Shelly Pitterman, *Regional Director, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Mark Yarnell, *Advocate, Refugees International*
Mark Hetfield, *President, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society*

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

A. Addressing Medical Needs through Partnership

Gretchen Wendel, *Refugee Health Coordinator, Nationalities Services Center*

Jessica Lee, *Bryn Mawr University/Refugee Health Intern, Nationalities Services Center*

Jaret Beaudoin, *Philadelphia Health Corps/Refugee Health Associate, Nationalities Services Center*

Power point: [Addressing Medical Needs through Partnership](#)

B. Savvy & Conscious: A New Generation of African Youth Leaders

Andrena Sawyer, *President, P.E.R.K. (Passion. Experience. Relevance. Knowledge) Consulting*

Power point: [Savvy and Conscious](#)

C. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 101 Overview

Dubis Correal, *Outreach and Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Financial Education, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*

D. Resources & Tools for Supporting Skilled Immigrant and Refugees

Katherine Gebremedihn, *Program Manager, World Education Services, Global Talent Bridge*

Power point: [Resource and Tools](#)

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

Guest Speaker: Lavinia Limón, *President and Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

U. S. Refugee Resettlement: Federal Program Updates

Eskinder Negash, *Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement*

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

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

Power point: [US Refugee Resettlement ORR presentation](#)
[US Refugee Resettlement USIS presentation](#)
[US Refugee Resettlement PRM presentation](#)

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Integration and Education: African Diaspora Youth in the U.S.

Michael Fix, *Senior Vice President and Director of Studies, Migration Policy Institute*

Randy Capps, *Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute*

Dylan Patricia Conger, *George Washington University School of Public Policy and Public Administration*

Power point: [Integration and Education Migration Policy Institute](#)
[Integration and Education Dylan Conger](#)

6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

ECDC's 30th Anniversary Banquet

Mistress of Ceremonies

Maureen Bunyan, *Lead Co-Anchor, ABC7/WJLA-TV*

Keynote Speaker

Dinaw Mengestu, *acclaimed author and journalist, winner of MacArthur 'genius' Award 2012*

Live music by **Cheick Hamala's Griot Street Band** led by Malian *griot* and master 'ngoni' musician, Cheick Hamala

Honor awards, silent auction, and raffle ticket draw!

Friday, May 17, 2013

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and Coffee

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

From Resettlement to Integration: Challenges and Potential in Advocacy, Policy Reform, and Political Capital

Jen Smyers, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Refugee and Immigration Program, Church World Service

Maryamu Aminu, Assistant Director, U.S. Government Relations, One Action

Power point: [From Resettlement to Integration Jen Smyers](#)
[From Resettlement to Integration Maryamu Aminu](#)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

A. Cultural Gaps in Women’s Healthcare in Immigrant Populations

Leslie Nwoke, MD and Director, the Ruby Project

B. Open for Business: Immigrants Business Owners, the Fairfax County Example

Safiya M. Khalid, Executive Director, George Mason University, Institute for Immigration Research

Jessica Emami, Ph.D. Candidate George Mason University, Institute for Immigration Research

C. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs and Employment Services for Refugees

Louisa Jones, Senior Project Manager, ICF International

Bill Brumfield, Fellow, ICF International

Ben Miller, Principal, ICF International

Marla Burton, Training Coordinator, Training Futures, Northern Virginia Family Services

D. The Affordable Care Act: The Role of Individuals and Organizations in Health Reform

Essey Workie, *Director, Division of Refugee Health, Office of Refugee Resettlement*

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Asylum in the U.S.: Challenges in Policy and Practice

Annie Sovcik, *Director of the Washington Office, Center for Victims of Torture*

Kristen Uhler-McKeown, *Director, Washington DC/Baltimore, Tahirih Justice Center*

Vanessa Allyn, *Managing Attorney, Refugee Protection Program, Human Rights First*

Power point: [Asylum in the US](#)

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch Guest Speaker

“Effective Public Donations in Support of Disaster Relief”

Barlin H. Ali, *Program Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development Center for International Disaster Information*

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

A. Youth Diaspora Dialogue: Reflecting on ways to Engage Diaspora Youth in the United States

Ferdaouis Bagga, *Contractor U.S. Institute of Peace*

Brittany Jacoby, *Contractor, U.S. Institute of Peace*

B. Tax Literacy and Other Financial Services: Impact on Immigrant Empowerment

Roman Corpuz, *Clinic Director, Ethiopian Community Development Council-Enterprise Development Group Tax Program*

Mary Eure, *Program Manager, Volunteer Income Tax Program, Fairfax County Department of Family Services*

Carolyn Spohrer, *Director, Virginia Community Action Partnership*

Ellen Evans, *Senior Manager, Intuit Financial Freedom Foundation*

Power point: [Tax Literacy](#)

C. Strategies for Naturalizing Vulnerable African and Other Refugees and Immigrants

Amy Bliss Tenney, Senior Attorney, Legal Support Center for Immigrant Legal Services, World Relief

Laura Burdick, Field Support Coordinator/Project Coordinator, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

Michelle Sardonne, Field Support Coordinator, Center for Citizenship and Immigrant Communities, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

Courtney Tudi, Capacity Building Attorney Specialist, World Relief

Power point: [Strategies for Naturalizing World Relief](#)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Conference Wrap-Up