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Wednesday July 17, 2019

**Africa
Forum**



Sister Cities International
**CITIES MEAN
BUSINESS**
JULY 17-19, 2019 HOUSTON



**Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland
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Texas Southern University
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004**

July 16, 2019

- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm ▪ **SCI AFRICA SISTER CITIES WELCOME RECEPTION**
Kulture Restaurant
Across the Street from the Conference Hotel

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- 8:00 am-2:30pm ▪ **Registration (Lobby)**
- 8:00 am-9:15 am ▪ **Continental Breakfast (Lobby)**
- 9:15 am ▪ **Welcome Remarks & Greetings**
SCI/TSU/City of Houston
- 9:30 am-10:00 am ▪ **Keynote Speaker**
Amb. Dr. Arikana Chihombori Quao
Permanent Representative of the African Union US (Invited)
- 10:15 am-11:30 am ▪ **African Consuls in the U.S.:
A Resource for Development**
North Africa-TBC
West Africa-TBC
East Africa-TBC
Southern Africa-TBC
- 11:30 am-11:45 am ▪ **Coffee Break & Vendors**
- 11:45 am-1:00 pm ▪ **US Tools for Economic Development
Partnerships with Africa**
 - U.S. Commercial Service
 - State Office of International Trade
 - City of Houston, Mayor's Office of International Trade
 - African Chamber of Commerce
- 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ▪ **A Taste of Africa Luncheon (1st & 2nd Floor Lobby)**
- 2:30 pm-3:30 pm ▪ **Partners for Africa!**
 - Universities/Colleges
 - Lights, Camera, Diaspora! (Entertainment Industry)-Christian Epps
 - African Airlines Rep
- 3:30 pm-3:45 pm ▪ **Break**
- 3:45 pm-4:45 pm ▪ **SCI African Economic Development
Sister Cities Models**
 - Large City
 - Mid-Size City
 - Small City
- 4:45 pm-5:00 pm ▪ **Wrap-up & Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm ▪ **Networking/One-On-One Meetings/Vendors**
- 5:30 pm-8:00 pm ▪ **SCI Africa Region Reception**
University Museum, TSU