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Wednesday July 17, 2019

**Africa
Forum**



**Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland
School of Public Affairs
Texas Southern University
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, Texas 77004**

July 17, 2019

8:00 am-2:30pm ▪ Registration (Lobby)

8:00 am-9:15 am ▪ Continental Breakfast (Lobby)

9:15 am ▪ Welcome Remarks & Greetings

Welcome!

Lorna K Johnson, JD

SCI Board of Directors
Chair, Africa Forum
Newark, NJ

Greetings

Hon. Ron Nirenberg

SCI Chairman, Board of Directors
Mayor, City of San Antonio, TX

Roger-Mark DeSouza

President & CEO
Sister Cities International
Washington, DC

Ellen Goldberg

Immediate Past President, Sister Cities of Houston
Co-Vice Chair, 2019 Sister Cities International Conference
Co-Chair, Africa Forum

Dr. Kendall T. Harris, Ph.D., R.E.

Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Texas Southern University

Edson Ventura

President, Houston, Luanda Sister Cities Association

Introduced by Dr. Robert Ford

Membership Chair, HLSCA
CEO, DRF Industries, LLC

9:30 am-10:00 am ▪ Keynote Speaker

Ambassador Jerome Ringo

Goodwill Ambassador for the Pan African Parliament

**10:15 am-11:30 am ▪ African Consuls in the U.S.:
A Resource for Development**

Honorable Julia Machado (Angola)

Consul General of Angola, Houston, TX

Honorable Khaled Rizk (Egypt)

Consul of Egypt in Houston, TX.

Honorable Jack Webb (U.S.)

Honorary Consul of Ghana, Houston, TX

Ms. Gayle Stallings (U.S.)

State Colorado, SCI Coordinator
Honorary Consul of Ethiopia (TBC)

11:30 am-11:45 am ▪ Coffee Break & Vendors



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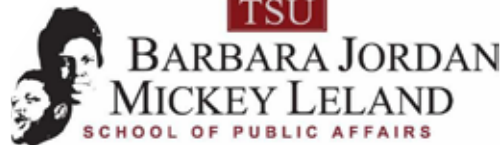
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11:45 am-1:00 pm ▪ US Tools for Economic Development Partnerships with Africa

Ms. Nyamusi Igambi (U.S.)

Director, U.S. Commerce Service-Houston
U.S. Department of Commerce

Mr. Mazda Denon (Benin)

Global Engagement Manager
Mayor's Office of Trade & International Affairs, City of Houston

Ms. Nneka Achaou (U.S.)

Executive Director & CEO
U.S. Bilateral Africa Chamber of Commerce, Houston, TX

1:00 pm-2:30 pm ▪ A Taste of Africa Luncheon (1st & 2nd Floor Lobby)

2:30 pm-3:30 pm ▪ SCI African Economic Development Sister Cities Models

Dr. Ernestine Thomas-Robertson (U.S.)

President, Los Angeles-Lusaka (Zambia) Sister City Committee

Mr. George Hartz (U.S.)

Director & Past President, of Scottsdale (Arizona) Sister Cities Association

Ms. Brenda Brumfield (U.S.)

Vallejo, CA. Tanzania, Africa Committee Chair
SCI California State Representative (Northern)
Africa Trade Show Foundation, President

3:30 pm-3:45 pm ▪ Break

3:45 pm-4:45 pm ▪ Partners for Africa!

Mr. Christian Epps (U.S.)

Founder & CEO
Lights, Camera, Diaspora!
Los Angeles, CA (Johannesburg, South Africa)

Dr. Chris Ulasi (U.S.)

Chair and Professor of Radio, TV and Film
Texas Southern University

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