

Draft Agenda

Fourth Africa Open for Business Summit: Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls through the Africa Continental Free Trade Area

*Thursday, 29 September 2022
3:00pm EDT (-4 GMT)*

*Organized by African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN) in collaboration with
the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations, UNFPA,
UNDP Africa Bureau, UN Women and UN Habitat*

3:00pm Welcome and Call to Order (3 Minutes)

- Mr. Djibril Diallo
President & CEO, African Renaissance and Diaspora Network, Inc. (ARDN), Republic of Senegal

3:04pm Introductory Statement by Moderator (6 Minutes)

- H.E. Hilda Suka-Mafudze
Ambassador of the African Union to the to the United States of America

3:11pm Musical Interlude – Red Card Song (7 Minutes)

Introduction: Mr. Abass Mubarak Akeju, Executive Producer
ARDN Goodwill Ambassador & CEO, Prime Music Partners, Aflik TV, Federal Republic of Nigeria

3:18pm Welcome Remarks (3 Minutes)

- Hon. Constance B. Newman
Chair of the Board, ARDN, United States of America

3:22pm Opening Remarks (4 Minutes Each)

- Hon. Epsy Campbell Barr
Member, United Nations Permanent Forum of People of African Descent; Former First Vice-President, Republic of Costa Rica
- H.E. Cheikh Niang
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations

3:32pm ARDN Award (5 Minutes)

- H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo
President, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Remarks: H.E. Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations

3:38pm Remarks by States and International Organizations (4 Minutes Each)

- Ms. Aïssatou Diallo
Senior Coordinator, African Continental Free Trade Area, International Trade Center
- Mr. Travis Adkins
President & CEO, United States Africa Development Foundation

3:48pm Remarks from Co-Organizers (3 Minutes Each)

- Ms. Argentina Matavel Piccin
Regional Director, West and Central Africa, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);
- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif
Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat); United Nations Under Secretary-General

3:56pm ARDN Award (5 Minutes)

- H.E. Francia Márquez (TBC)
Vice-President, Republic of Colombia

4:02pm Musical Interlude (4 Minutes)

- Ms. Syreeta Thompson
Artist, Trumpet Lady, United States of America

4:07pm Appeal to Sign Red Card Pledge (5 Minutes)

*Introduction: Mr. Djibril Diallo
President & CEO, ARDN, Republic of Senegal*

4:13pm ARDN Award (5 Minutes)

- Hon. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Former Executive Director, UN Women; Former United Nations Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Former 4th Deputy President, Republic of South Africa
- Accepted by: Ms. Renee Harper
Chief Executive Officer, Kai Kai Communications*

4:19pm Remarks from Women Leaders (3 Minutes Each)

- Ms. Sharon Okubo Cumberbach
ARDN Senior Adviser on the Red Card Campaign, and Founder, Andaa Vijana Initiative, United States of America
- Ms. Janice Mathis
Executive Director, National Council of Negro Women, United States of America

4:27pm Remarks from Youth (3 Minutes)

- Mr. Caelan Nzamba
Mental Health Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States of America

4:31pm Musical Interlude (4 Minutes)

- Ms. Lorraine Lionheart
Singer and Songwriter, United Kingdom

4:36pm ARDN Award (5 Minutes)

- Mr. Benjamin Chavis (TBC)
President & CEO, National Newspaper Publishers' Association, United States of America

4:42pm Interventions from the Floor (12 Minutes)

4:55pm Closing Remarks (3 Minutes)

- Mr. Djibril Diallo
President & CEO, ARDN, Republic of Senegal

4:59pm Musical Interlude – Red Card Song

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