

7th Africa Open for Business Summit

*Friday, 27 September 2024
10:00am ET (-4 GMT)*

10:00am Welcome

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

10:05am Opening Remarks

- Hon. Ms. Constance Berry Newman
Chair of the Board, ARDN, United States of America
- Hon. Ms. Aissata M.B. Camara
Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Strategic Initiatives & Chief of Staff, Mayors Office for International Affairs, New York City, United States of America
- Ms. Dienne-Keita
Deputy Executive Director (Programmes) of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang
Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary; Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations

10:25am Sponsor Remarks

- Ms. Anni Huang
Founder, World Madam Foundation, People's Republic of China

10:30am Remarks from Young Entrepreneur

- Ms. Mama Faye
CEO, Taaru Majeure, United States of America

10:35am Awards Ceremony

- H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang
Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary; Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations
- Mr. Olivier Laouchez
Chairman, TRACE, French Republic
- Organizers of the Black Business Conference
Represented by Mr. Kenneth Harris, National Business League, United States of America
- President's Award
To be revealed at Summit

11:05am Musical Interlude

- ARDN Anthem
Presented by Mr. Michel Zgarka, President & CEO, Hitlab, Canada

11:10am Panel #1: Perspectives of Youth

Moderator

- Ms. Elizabeth Stroble
Chancellor Emeritus, Webster University; Co-Chair, ARDN Committee on Education, United States of America

Panelists

- Mr. Wantoe T. Wantoe
Youth Advisory Council member, AFS Youth Assembly, United States of America
- Ms. Letisha Malcom
Program Manager, Congressional & Embassy Liaison for UNESCO Center for Peace, United States of America
- Ms. Ashia Thompson
CEO, Top Tier Accounting LLC, United States of America
- Ms. Shala Edwards
CEO, Treasure Coast Girls Coalition, United States of America
- Mr. Kadmiel Van Der Puije
CEO, The Voice of Africa, United States of America

11:40am Musical Interlude (TBD)

11:45am Special Recognition Award

- Ms. Gloria Starr Kins
Founder, Society & Diplomatic Review, United States of America

11:50pm Panel #2: Tourism in Africa

Moderator

- Mr. Gilbert Rochon
Former President, Tuskegee University; Co-Chair, ARDN Committee on Education, United States of America

Panelists

- Hon. Mr. Okraku Mantey
Deputy Minister of Tourism, Republic of Ghana
- Ms. Gina Paige
Co-Founder and President, African Ancestry, Inc., United States of America
- Mr. Curtis Smith
Founder and CEO, African Tourism Union, United States of America
CEO, Top Tier Accounting LLC, United States of America

12:10pm Remarks

- Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon
International Labour Organization (ILO) Special Representative to the United Nations, and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations

12:15pm Remarks from the Floor

12:30pm Closing Remarks

- Mr. Djibril Diallo
President and CEO, ARDN

End ARDN Anthem