

PROGRAMME

South Africa, African Union , Caribbean Diaspora Conference, 16 – 18 March 2005

***THEME: TOWARDS UNITY AND UNITED ACTION FOR AFRICANS AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN THE CARIBBEAN FOR A BETTER WORLD:
The Case for South Africa***

Venue: Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica

DAY 1

08h00 – 08h20 Arrival and Registration

08h30 - 10h00 Opening Ceremony

Chair: Senator Delano Franklyn, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Statements by the Honourable Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs, RSA

*Statements by the Honourable Mr. K.D. Knight
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade –
Jamaica*

*Statement by His Excellency Patrick Mazimhaka,
Deputy Chairperson: AU*

*Opening Address by the Most Honourable P.J.
Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica*

10h00-10h30 Coffee Break

10h30 – 11h30

*Keynote address by the Honourable Dr. Pallo Jordan
Minister of Arts and Culture, RSA*

*Topic: **Pan Africanism in the 21st Century: Its
Relevance and responses to globalization***

12h00- 13h00

*Topic: **Pan- Africanism re-visited**
Panelists: AU, Caribbean*

13h00 – 14h30

LUNCH

14h30-18h00

PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 1: International Affairs, Peace and Security

Chair: Caribbean

Panelists: AU-RSA-Caribbean

Discussion: *The discussion will explore dynamics of contemporary political and foreign policy challenges such as globalization, asymmetric North-South power relations, and international peace and security; and how all these impact on South Africa/Africa and the Caribbean and their relations with other countries .*

Working Group 2: ***The Report of the UN High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change***

Chair: AU

Panelists: AU, RSA, Caribbean

Discussions: *The discussion will focus of various aspects and implications of this Report from the African and Caribbean perspectives.*

19h30 – 21h30 Reception (TBC)

DAY 2

08h30 – 13h00 **PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS**

Working Group 3: Democracy and Good Governance

Chair: AU

Panelists: RSA, Caribbean

Discussion: *The discussion will focus on the evolution of democracy in Africa and the Caribbean, drawing from the experiences of the first as well the most recent democracies. Discussion will also focus on race, class, ethnicity and gender and their implications for effective nation building.*

Working Group 4: Regional Development and Integration

Chair: RSA

Panelists: AU, Caribbean

Discussion: *The discussion will analyze the efforts of the African Union and the Caribbean states in building regional integration. The discussion will also investigate the role of Nepad towards the attainment of an effective Continental integration.*

13 h 00 – 14h30 : LUNCH

14h30 – 18h00 **PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS**

Working Group 5: Economic Cooperation and Trade links

Chair: AU

Panelists: RSA, AU and the Caribbean

Discussion: The discussion will interrogate challenges relating to economic co-operation between South Africa/Africa and the Caribbean in the context of various other initiatives within and between the two regions and other economies. This discussion should include debt cancellation reparations the MDG agenda, as well as cooperation between Africa and the Caribbean in the democratization of the international financial and trade architecture.

Working Group 6: *Historical, Socio-Cultural and Religious Commonalities*

Chair: AU

Panelists: RSA, Professor Rex Nettleford (U.W.I)

Discussions: *This discussion will address the nature and evolution of the social, cultural and religious relations and artistic heritages in South Africa/Africa and the Caribbean with a view to identifying areas of convergence and divergence as well as lessons from history.*

19h30 – 22h00 *Cultural Evening (TBC)*

DAY 3

08h00-12h00 *PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS*

Working Group 7: *South-South Co-operation and Solidarity*

Chair: RSA

Presenters: RSA, Caribbean, AU

Discussion: *The discussion will look at the challenges relating to issues of development and poverty with specific focus on crime, HIV/Aids, transnational crime and narcotic trafficking, as well as environmental problems.*

Working Group 8 : Knowledge Sharing

Chair: Caribbean

Panelists: AU, RSA, Caribbean

Discussion: *This discussion will address the nature of contemporary challenges related to the production, distribution and sharing of knowledge and information between South Africa/Africa and the Caribbean in the context of global trends and challenges. The should identify how the two regions ought to respond to the challenges and what strategies should be developed to address contemporary and future challenges with the view to enhancing the mutual interests of both regions. The following aspects should be considered:*

- (a) *the nature of the challenges posed by the production and distribution and utilisation of indigenous knowledge and information within and between the two regions.*
- (b) *the challenges posed by the production, distribution and utilisation of academic and scientific knowledge and information within both regions and between the two regions.*
- (c) *the challenges posed by the production, distribution of technical knowledge information and innovations with the aim of enhancing productivity, competitiveness and inclusive and equitable growth and development in light of the current global order and the opportunities and constraints that it poses.*
- (d) *The challenges posed by the monopolization of processes of global cultural exchange on the intellectual property of the people of Africa and the Caribbean.*

12h00-13h00:

Lecture by Dr. The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Chair: AU

Topic: ***Towards an African Century: Closer collaboration between Africa and the Caribbean in the conduct of International Relations:***

13h00- 14h30: Lunch

14h30-16h00 : Way Forward and Adoption of the Declaration

16h00-17h00: Closing Ceremony

Statement by the Honourable Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs, RSA

Statement by His Excellency Patrick Mazhimaka, Deputy Chairperson: AU

Statement by the Honourable K.D. Knight, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica