WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2007
all sessions today meet in
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500 HOWARD PLACE at 6TH STREET, NW
HOWARD UNIVERSITY, MAIN CAMPUS

9:30am – 10:00am
OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Ambassador Horace Dawson, Director, The Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

Dr. Charles Jarmon, Associate Dean, Division of the Social Science College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University

Dr. Alem Hailu, African Studies Department, Howard University

10:00am – 12:00pm
I. PANEL
Understanding the Realities and Rhetorics of War, Violence and Terrorism: Retrospects, Prospects
CHAIR: Dr. Howard Wolpe, Director, African Program, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Dr. Sulayman Nyang, African Studies Department, Howard University
- The Long Roads to Extremism, Mega Deaths and Mass Destruction: Overview of the Latest Centuries of Total War, Genocide and Terror

Mr. Francois Rivasseu, Deputy Chief of Mission, French Embassy
Former Permanent Representative to the U.N. Geneva Conference on Disarmament
- The Global Fight Against Terrorism: The French Perspective

Mr. Jim Hoagland, Columnist, The Washington Post
- Mass Disorientation in the Age of Terror and Borderless Wars: The Role of the Media in Indicating the Roots and Directions of Global Violence

Dr. Michael Frazier, Political Science Department, Howard University
- Blowbacks and Backlashes: Unintended Consequences of the Policies of Expediency, Short-term Gains and Complacency

Dr. Gwendolyn Mikell, Director, African Studies Program, Anthropology and Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- International Approaches to Peace and Conflict Resolutions: The U.N. as an Actor with the O.A.U.

Ms. Nicole C. Lee, Executive Director, TransAfrica Forum
  - U.S. Policy and the Africa Military Command: Purposes, Implications

12:00 pm – 1:30pm
LUNCH

1:45pm – 3:15pm
II. PANEL
Governmental and International Responses to War and Conflict in Northeast Africa

CHAIR: Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal, The Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

Mr. Idd Beddel Mohamed
Deputy Permanent Representative, Somali Mission to the United Nations

Ambassador David Shinn, Professor of the Practice of International Affairs
Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University
Dr. Ahmed Moen, Howard University
Representative, Embassy of Kenya
Representative, Embassy of Djibouti
Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal, The Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

3:15pm – 6:00pm
III. ROUNDTABLE
War, Violence and Terrorism in Somalia: Hopes and Pitfalls of Political Transition

MODERATOR: Dr. Lorenzo Morris, Chairman, Political Science Department, Howard University

Dr. Ahmed Nassar Abdi, Widner University, Chester, Pennsylvania
Ms. Istanbul Yusuf, Economist, Concerned Somali-American
Mr. Abdalla Hirad, Independent Scholar, Specializing in Somalia History
Mr. Ismail Ali Ismail , UN Retiree, Governance and Public Administration
Dr. Saad Noor, Representative of Somaliland to the United States
Mr. Mohamed Mohamed, Associate Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia
Mr. Ali Ahmed Fatah, Writer, Active Member of the Somali Community
Mr. Nabil Mohamed, Consultant, Multi-Track Diplomacy

THURSDAY APRIL 5, 2007

all sessions today meet in
THE BALLROOM
THE BLACKBURN CENTER
2400 6TH STREET, N.W.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY, MAIN CAMPUS
JOINT PLENARY WITH
The Women Ambassadors Foundation
Dr. Marilyn Sephocle, Language Department, Howard University

8:30am – 9:00am
COFFEE AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00am – 9:30am
WELCOME CEREMONY

Ambassador Horace Dawson, Director, Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

Dr. Lorenzo Morris, Chairman, Political Science Department, Howard University

Vocalist
Mr. Ivory C. Roberts, Director of Education, United States Intelligence Command

9:30am – 10:45
IV. PANEL
Responses to the Challenges of War, Political Violence and Terrorism in the 21st Century

MODERATOR: Ambassador Horace Dawson, Director, Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center

The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, United States Department of State

The Honorable Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Africa Program United States Department of Defense

Brigadier General Mark O. Schissler, USAF, Deputy Director for The War on Terrorism Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate United States Department of Defense

His Excellency H. E. Armando Alexandre Panguene, Ambassador, Republic of Mozambique

Her Excellency Josefina Pitra Diakite, Ambassador, Embassy of Angola
Her Excellency Faida Mitifu, Ambassador, Democratic Republic of Congo

10:45am – 12:00noon
V. THE WOMEN AMBASSADORS PANEL

12:00 pm – 1:00pm
RECEPTION-LUNCHEON

1:00pm – 2:30pm
VI. PANEL
Traditional and New Approaches to Addressing Global Violence and Terrorism: Reexaminations, Adjustments, Synthesis

CHAIR: Dr. Ben K. Fred-Mensah, Department of Political Science, Howard University

Dr. Jennifer G. Cooke, Deputy Director Africa Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)
- Global Responses to Global Threats: Imperatives for Mobilizing International Institutions and Communities

Father Rocco Puopolo, Founder
Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN)
- The Political and Material Underpinnings of War and Violence: Examining the Interconnections of Resources, Arms, Child Soldiers

Mr. Tony Regusters, Media Specialist
- Terrorism, Political Violence and War are Real: New Approaches to Engaging the World of Ideas and Moral Conscience

Dr. Charles Elegalam, Executive Director, African Affairs, Inc. (DCTV)
- Africa’s Problems No Longer Confined to its Borders: Far-reaching International Implications of War and Terrorism in the Niger Delta

Dr. Emma S. Etuk, President & CEO, Emida International Publishers
- Hollow Promises of “Never Again”: The Genocides of Rwanda and Darfur in a Disengaged and Callous World

Dr. Alem Hailu, African Studies Department, Howard University
- Africa as the Weakest Link in the Global Chain of Violence and Terrorism: Causes, Courses, Implications
2:30pm – 5:45pm
VII. ROUNDTABLE
The Personal is Political. The Global is Local. Drug, Media and Criminal Violence in America

CHAIR: Ms. Kenneth Barnes, Sr., Founder and President, Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT)

PART ONE

The Honorable Marion Barry, Ward 8 Council Member, District of Columbia

The Honorable Jim Graham, Ward 1 Council Member, District of Columbia

Ms. Valencia Mohammed, Staff Writer, Afro-American Newspaper

Mr. Tamrat Medhin, Founder and Chairman, Ethiopian American Constituency Foundation

Mr. David Mohamed, Director, Community Services for the Youth at Risk

PART TWO

Mr. Rahim Jenkins, Senior Policy Advisor Ex-offenders Affairs for Youth and Adults Office of the Deputy Mayor

Commissioner Myla Moss, ANC Commission, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Melvin Deal, Community Activist, President, African Heritage Dancers & Drummers

Ms. Jean Homza, President, Mid City Business Association

Ms. Barbara Ward, Mother and Concerned Citizen

Ms. Cammille Axum, Chair, Prince George’s County Council

Rev. LaVern Harley, Wendt Center
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all sessions today meet in
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9:30am – 11:30am
VIII. PANEL
Violence, War and Terrorism in the Global Village: Perspectives From the Youth

CHAIR: Ms. Mutheu Maitha, African Studies Department, Howard University

Ms. Imani Cheers, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • Sexual Violence Against Women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Sabella Abidde, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • The Political Implications of Underdevelopment in the Niger Delta of Nigeria

Ms. Angela Mills, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • The Role of Institutions and Social Capital in Conflict Prevention/Resolution: Examples from West Africa

Mr. Chandi Sithole, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • The Effect of China-Africa Policies on Human Security in Zimbabwe

Ms. Anyango Reggy, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Women in Rwanda

Mr. Lonzen William Rugira, African Studies Department, Howard University
  • Authoritarianism, Ideology and Political Mobilization: Rwanda’s Lessons for Africa and the World:

Mr. Andrew Laurence, Research and Publication, George Washington University
  • The Global-Local Interconnections of Violence, Urban Violence and Immigrant Neighborhoods in the District of Columbia

Mr. Todd Sibley, Political Science Department, Howard University
  • War and Terrorism in an Integrating world: Traditional and New approaches to Sustainable Peace
Ms. Leigh Anderson, Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, Howard University

- Natural Disasters and the Problems of Civil and Criminal Violence: Post Katrina Law Enforcement Response

Mr. Adrian Taylor, African Studies Department, Howard University

- The Horn of Africa’s War on Terror in the Human Security Perspective

11:30am – 1:00 pm

IX. PANEL
Conflict and Human Security in Africa: Challenges, Prospects

CHAIR: Dr. Luis Serapiao, African Studies Department, Howard University

Dr. Mario J. Azevedo, Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Professor and Scholar-in-Residence, Department of History, Jackson State University

- Health and Human Security in Post-Conflict Chad

Dr. Julius E. Nyang’oro, Chair, African and African-American Department, UNC, Chapel Hill

- Prospects for Peace in the Democratic Republic of The Congo

Dr. D. Michael Cheers, Professor of Photojournalism, San Jose State University


1:00pm – 2:30pm
LUNCH

2:30pm – 5:30pm

XI. PANEL

Political Violence, War and Terrorism at the Crossroads of Civilization and Cultures: The Horn of Africa’s Significance for the Continent and the World

CHAIR: Elias Wondimu, Publisher, Tsehai Publishers &Distributors
Hollywood, California

Dr. Mesfin Araya
Afro-American Studies, York College, CUNY
- Somalia, Ethiopia and Eritrea Locked in the Web of Permanent War and Terrorism: Roots, Dynamics

Dr. Ahmed Moen
School of Allied Health Sciences, Howard University
- War, Violence and Terrorism in the Horn of Africa: Traditional And Faith Approaches to Resolving the Conflicts

Dr. Hailu Fulass
Language Department, University of the District of Columbia
- Language, Culture and History as Instruments of Peaceful coexistence or Division: Examining the Political Dimension of Identity in Ethiopia

Dr. Ahmed Nassir Abdi, Widner University, Chester, Pennsylvania
- Lessons Learned/Not Learned in the Horn: Violence and Terror in Historical Perspective

Mr. Yared Tibebu, Journalist, Ethiopian Television Network (ETN), 24/7 Satellite TV
- U. S. Foreign Policy and the Tragedies of War and Violence in the Horn of Africa: Backgrounds, Prospects

Dr. Getachew Metaferia, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Morgan State University
- The Horn of Africa as the battle ground for the Ideological Conflicts of the Cold War, Fundamentalism and Ethnonationalism: Lessons for the Continent and the World

Dr. Sulayman Nyang, African Studies Department, Howard University
- Beyond the Just Causes of War and Terrorism in the Horn: Understanding the Deeper Roots of Human Conflict
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