

Tentative Programme at a Glance

Friday, April 21, 2017

University of Maryland College Park (UMCP), Nyumburu Cultural Center

11:30am – 6:00pm

11:30am – 11:55am - Registration & Networking

12:00pm – 12:40pm - Welcome and Opening Remarks

Angel Dureke, President, WETATi Next Generation Corporate, **Janice Crew**, WETATi, Executive Planning Committee 2017,

Victoria Ajimoko, WETATi Next Generation – UMCP, **Brenda Chavis**, WETATi Corporate, COO

Anne Reese Carswell, Executive Associate Director, Nyumburu Cultural Center, University of Maryland College Park

Greetings

Greetings – Office of the Governor; Alonzo Washington, Delegate Prince George's County, District 22; **The Hon. Patrick Wojahn**, Mayor, College Park, MD; **The Hon. Walter L. James, Jr.**, Mayor, Town of Bladensburg, MD.

Opening Keynote Speaker

Her Excellency, Ambassador Dr. Margaret Dureke, President & CEO, We're Empowered To Achieve The impossible (WETATi)

12:45pm – 1:10pm (LUNCH) - (The Nyumburu Cultural Center - Mezzanine Level)

1:15pm – 3:15pm - ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONVERSATION & PANEL DISCUSSION

Topic: How Do We Educate & Empower the Next Generation and Millennials to THINK, EMBRACE AND ACT ENTREPRENEURIALY TOWARDS GENERATIONAL WEALTH BUILDING?

Moderator: Ms. Towanda Livingston, Director SLMBE Office, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

Panelists: Lucretia Freeman–Buster, Associate Director, DC Small Business Development Network, Howard University School of Business; **Mamadou Samba**, Director, DC Mayor's Office on African Affairs; **June Evans**, Director, Prince George's Community College Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CED); **David Seyler**, Sr. V P, Old Line Bank; **Dr. Florence Etop**, Entrepreneur and Professor of Physics, Dept. of Natural Sciences, Bowie State University; **Destiny Dureke**, President, WETATi Daughters & Sons of Destiny Corporate

3:30pm – 5:30pm - WETATi Entrepreneurship Competition –
JUDGING OF THE CONTESTANTS

Host/MC for Competition – Meghan Enriquez, Founder & CEO, True-Conversations

Judges: Mr. Steven A. Nash, NHA, President & CEO, Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation, Inc.; **Ana Harvey**, Director, District of Columbia Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD); **Tola Sarumi**, Millennial Angel Investor of Boakos Ventures

5:30pm – 6:00pm - Closing Keynote Speaker, Tola Sarumi, Millennial Angel Investor of Boakos Ventures

Session Closing & Remarks

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Saturday, April 22, 2017

University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)

The COLONY Ballroom, Adele H. Stamp Student Union

**9:00am – 9:45am - Registration, Networking & Continental Breakfast
(Served in Nyumburu Cultural Center)**

**10:00am – 10:15am Welcome and Opening Remarks
Angel Dureke, Janice Crew, Victoria Ajimoko, Anne Reese Carswell**

**10:00am – 10:15am
Greetings - June Evans, Director, Prince George's Community College Center for Entrepreneurial
Development (CED)**

**10:20am – 1:15pm
Business Development & Economic Empowerment Panel Discussion**

TOPIC: Creating Economic Education & Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship

Moderator: Barrett Holmes Pitner, Columnist, Daily Beast

Panelists: Princess Gilale Selassie of Ethiopia; **Elijah Cooks**, Chair and Professor, Business Studies Department, Prince Georges Community College; **Shenetta Malkia**, Founding President & Executive Director Empowerment Essence Inc. & Ms. Maryland International; **Jainaba Ceesay**, VP M & T Bank; **Vanessa Cabrera**, Qualified Field Director, Premier Financial Alliance; **Spencer Wallace**, Qualified Field Director, Premier Financial Alliance; **Nicholas Ihuomo**, President, WETATi Next Generation, Howard University; **Victoria Ajimoko**, President, WETATi Next Generation – University of Maryland, College Park, MD; **Destiny Dureke**, President, WETATi Daughters & Sons of Destiny Corporate

**1:15pm – 1:30pm
SESSION CLOSING & REMARKS**

1:30pm – 2:00pm

**LUNCH & NETWORKING
(The Nyumburu Cultural Center - Mezzanine Level)
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION WINNERS' SHOWCASE
WETATi – Anne Reese Carswell Scholarship Award Presentation & GALA
The COLONY Ballroom

6:00pm – 6:45pm - WETATi wood Red Carpet Appearances, Photo Ops and Interviews

7:00pm – 9:30pm - Competition, Scholarship and Awards GALA

Hosted by

Shenetta Malkia, Founding President & Executive Director Empowerment Essence Inc., & Ms. Maryland International;
Ndimyake Mwakalyelye, Broadcaster & Reporter, Co-Host IN FOCUS, Voice of America (VOA),
&
Angel Dureke President, WETATi Next Generation Corporate & Co-Founder NkemLife

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prayer – Janice Chew, WETATi Executive Planning Committee 2017

Greetings

Celeste Johnson-Matheson, WETATi Executive Planning Committee 2017,
Victoria Ajimoko, President, WETATi Next Generation – UMCP, June Evans, Director, Prince George's
Community College Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CED), Anne Reese Carswell, Executive
Associate Director, Nyumburu Cultural Center, University of Maryland College Park

7:15pm – 7:45pm DINNER

WETATi Impact – Nicholas Ihoumo, Marcellas Hill, Victoria Ajimoko,
Destiny Dureke, Kimberly DelValle Mosley

Presidential Address – Her Excellency, Dr. Margaret Dureke, President & CEO of WETATi, and Goodwill
Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia

Jennifer Gray, Executive Director, Interfaith Outreach, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI),
The Hon. Walter L. James, Jr., Mayor, Town of Bladensburg, MD & WETATi Man Ambassador;
The Hon. Mayor Pro-Tem, Judith F. Davis, Greenbelt, MD; Destiny Dureke, President, Daughters &
Sons of Destiny Corporate

Keynote Speaker - Steven A. Nash, NHA, President & CEO, Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation, Inc.

Greetings – Ambassador Sheik Omar Faye, The Gambia

Greetings - Alonzo Washington, Delegate Prince George's County, District 32
Presentation of WETATi Scholarships

Presentation of Honorees & Awards

Special Presentations

Closing Keynote Speaker - Ana Harvey, Director, District of Columbia Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD);

Presentation of Competition Winners

Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer

**ENTERTAINMENT
9:30pm – 11:00pm**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017
University of Maryland College Park (UMCP), Garden Chapel
11:00am – 12:30pm - Chapel Service**

**Rev. Dr. Ruby Reese Moone
Chaplain, University of Maryland College Park, Chair, National Movement for Civil and Human Rights
“PEARLS OF WISDOM”**

**12:35pm – 2:00pm
Discussion Immediately Following Worship Service
Presented by Women Empowered To Achieve The impossible (WETATi)
TOPIC: The Plight of Women Empowerment in 2017and Beyond - Where Do We Go from Here?
Celebrating Those Who Have Come Before Us!**

Speakers

**Towanda Livingston, Director, SLMBE, WSSC
Elder Irene Smith
Ambassador Dr. Margaret Dureke
Q & A following Presentations
Reception
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