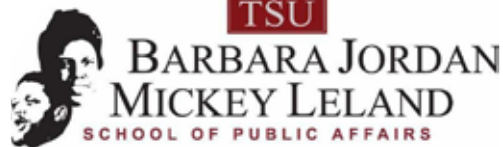




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## July 17, 2019

**8:00 am-2:30pm ▪ Registration (Lobby)**

**8:00 am-9:15 am ▪ Continental Breakfast (Lobby)**

**9:15 am ▪ Welcome Remarks & Greetings**

### Welcome!

#### Lorna K Johnson, JD

SCI Board of Directors  
Chair, Africa Forum  
Newark, NJ

### Greetings

#### Hon. Ron Nirenberg

SCI Chairman, Board of Directors  
Mayor, City of San Antonio, TX

#### Roger-Mark DeSouza

President & CEO  
Sister Cities International  
Washington, DC

#### Ellen Goldberg

Immediate Past President, Sister Cities of Houston  
Co-Vice Chair, 2019 Sister Cities International Conference  
Co-Chair, Africa Forum

#### Dr. Kendall T. Harris, Ph.D., R.E.

Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Texas Southern University

#### Edson Ventura

President, Houston, Luanda Sister Cities Association

#### *Introduced by Dr. Robert Ford*

Membership Chair, HLSCA  
CEO, DRF Industries, LLC

**9:30 am-10:00 am ▪ Keynote Speaker**

#### Ambassador Jerome Ringo

Goodwill Ambassador for the Pan African Parliament

**10:15 am-11:30 am ▪ African Consuls in the U.S.:  
A Resource for Development**

#### Honorable Julia Machado (Angola)

Consul General of Angola, Houston, TX

#### Honorable Khaled Rizk (Egypt)

Consul of Egypt in Houston, TX.

#### Honorable Jack Webb (U.S.)

Honorary Consul of Ghana, Houston, TX

#### Ms. Gayle Stallings (U.S.)

State Colorado, SCI Coordinator  
Honorary Consul of Ethiopia (TBC)

**11:30 am-11:45 am ▪ Coffee Break & Vendors**



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## Africa Forum



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### 11:45 am-1:00 pm ▪ US Tools for Economic Development Partnerships with Africa

#### Ms. Nyamusi Igambi (U.S.)

Director, U.S. Commerce Service-Houston  
U.S. Department of Commerce

#### Mr. Mazda Denon (Benin)

Global Engagement Manager  
Mayor's Office of Trade & International Affairs, City of Houston

#### Ms. Nneka Achaou (U.S.)

Executive Director & CEO  
U.S. Bilateral Africa Chamber of Commerce, Houston, TX

### 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ▪ A Taste of Africa Luncheon (1st & 2nd Floor Lobby)

### 2:30 pm-3:30 pm ▪ SCI African Economic Development Sister Cities Models

#### Dr. Ernestine Thomas-Robertson (U.S.)

President, Los Angeles-Lusaka (Zambia) Sister City Committee

#### Mr. George Hartz (U.S.)

Director & Past President, of Scottsdale (Arizona) Sister Cities Association

#### Ms. Brenda Brumfield (U.S.)

Vallejo, CA. Tanzania, Africa Committee Chair  
SCI California State Representative (Northern)  
Africa Trade Show Foundation, President

### 3:30 pm-3:45 pm ▪ Break

### 3:45 pm-4:45 pm ▪ Partners for Africa!

#### Mr. Christian Epps (U.S.)

Founder & CEO  
Lights, Camera, Diaspora!  
Los Angeles, CA (Johannesburg, South Africa)

#### Dr. Chris Ulasi (U.S.)

Chair and Professor of Radio, TV and Film  
Texas Southern University

### 4:45 pm-5:00 pm ▪ Wrap-up & Closing Remarks

### 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm ▪ Networking/One-On-One Meetings/Vendors

### 5:30 pm-8:00 pm SCI Africa Region Reception University Museum, TSU