

DICOTA 2014 Convention October 2-5, 2014 Millenium Hotel, Durham, NC Convention Program
Convention Chairs: Mr. Lunda Asmani & Ms. Zainab Black



Thursday, October 2nd

18:00 – 22:00 Cocktail Reception/ Music/ Registration/Networking Session
Remarks by Mr. Mark Schroeder, Vice-President of African Analysis, STRATFOR
Background music by DJ “B” of North Carolina

Friday, October 3rd

7:30 – 8:45 Registration & Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 Guest of Honor and dignitaries visit exhibits

9:00 – 17:30 Business meetings/ keynote/ Plenary and Breakout sessions/ Forum

9:00 10:30 **Opening of Convention and Keynote**

- Procession led by Tanzanian Women and Children of North Carolina
- Tanzanian children leading both National Anthems and “Tanzania Tanzania”
- Welcome by DICOTA President, Dr. Ndaga Mwakabuta (*plus key accomplishments since 2008)
- Welcome by City, Mayor William Bell of Durham
- Welcome and Introductory remarks by Tanzanian Ambassador to the United States, Liberata Mulamula
- Session 1, Keynote Address: Ambassador Ombeni Sefue, Chief Secretary, Tanzania’s President’s Office

10:30 10:45 **Break**

10:45 12:30 **Session 2 – Plenary Session (Resources in Tanzania for Diasporans: Citizenship/ Constitution, Banking, & Insurance)**

- Rosemary Jairo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, The role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in engaging Diaspora for Development of the country
- Kadari Singo, Constituent Assembly Member & DICOTA Representative, TIGU CEO; Dual Citizenship in Tanzania
- Jamila Ilomo, Immigration Department, Tanzania; Citizenship in the United Republic of Tanzania
- Dickson Ernest, National Identification Authority (NIDA)
- Dr. Joe Masawe, Bank of Tanzania; Economic Issues and Remittances
- Representative, Azania Bank Ltd
- Farida Hamza, CRDB BANK PLZ
- Grace Lemunge; Economic Processing Zones Authority
- Bonaventure Rutinwa, Faculty of Law, University of Dar Es Salaam
- Representative, PPF

12:30 13:00 **Break**

13:00 14:15 **Plated Lunch – Local NC Diasporans’ Panel/Testimonials**

14:15 15:15 **Session 3 – Plenary & Panel Session (Partnerships and Role of the Diaspora)**
Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Tanzania Ambassador, Washington, DC (Chair)
Ben Kazora, President, Eastern Africa Diaspora Business Council (Co-Chair)

Panelists:

- Hon Consul Kjell Bergh, How to Engage the Diaspora Better
- Emmanuel Mwachula, Tanzania Diaspora Initiative
- Steve Kissandu, Senior Business Analyst, Global Operations; Bank of New York Mellon
- Enoh Ebong, General Counsel, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
- Susan Mzee, Prime Minister’s Office; Diaspora Engagement in Tanzania & What The Tanzania Government has done

- Khamis Ali Khamis, Zanzibar Diaspora, President's Office; Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
- Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, Principal Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Africa, USAID

15:15 15:35 Break (Get into break-out sessions)

15:15 17:30 (Off-Site Break-Out Session and Farm Tours: Hosted by NCA&T Team)
North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University; Greensboro, NC

- Chair: Dr. Joshua Idassi, Natural Resources Specialist
- Michael Laniear
- Grace Summers
- Kurt Taylor

15:35 16:35 Session 4a – Break-out (Investment/Entrepreneurship/Land ownership)

- Lennard Tenende, PhD, Cilicorp (Moderator)

Panelists:

- Ali Haji Vuai, Zanzibar Business Council
- Ms. Gella Elisha Sambula, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Accessing Urban and Village Land in Tanzania & Facilitating Diaspora to Own Land
- Name, Business Registrations Licensing Agency (BRELA)
- Abel Manumbu, Investment and Entrepreneurship
- Representative, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce
- Representative, Tanzania Investment Centre

Session 4b-Break-out (Energy & Oil; Geo-Intelligence)

- Fredrick Mjema, Senior Program Manager, Devon Energy (Moderator)

Panelists:

- Eng. Norbert Kahyoza, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Government Initiatives Following Huge Natural Gas Discovery
- Charles J. Sangweni, Ag. Manager, Gas Business, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation, Investment Opportunities in Oil and Gas in Tanzania
- Dr. Adelhelm Meru, Director General, Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA), Brief overview of projects
- Mr. Wangwe, Kirobe Investments Co Ltd
- Representative, Mining Advisory Board

Session 4c-Break-out (Information Technology)

Panelists:

- David Mushi, IT/GeeksPlus, HPC and Its Application in Tanzania, Impact in Research Development
- Dr. Andrew Petersen, Research Associate, Nuclear Eng Dept, NC State
- TBD

16:35 16:55 Break (Return to main ballroom)

17:00 17:30 Session 5 – General Session (Two testimonials from Nat'l Diasporans)

- Miriam Kinunda; Writing and publishing "Taste of Tanzania" Cookbook
- Dr. Crispin Semakula; Development of For-Profit Clinics

19:30 – 22:30 Dinner Gala/ Fashion show/ Awards/Comedies (*see separate program)

22:30 – Onwards (Dance) ~ DJ Luka of Washington DC/ "Vijimambo" and DJ "B" of North Carolina

Saturday, October 4th

7:30 – 8:45 Registration & Breakfast

9:00- 10:00 **Session 6- General Session (Keynote Speaker for Day Two);**
➤ Ambassador Amina Salum Ali, African Union Ambassador to the United States

10:00 10:15 Break (Get into breakout sessions)

10:15 11:15 **Session 7a- Break Out (Women and Children/ Health/Education)**
➤ Dr. Lyungai Mbilinyi, Research Faculty, University of Washington-Seattle (Moderator)

Panelists:

- Tausi Suedi, Childbirth Survival International
- Representative, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Asha Nyang'anyi, TANO Ladies
- Laura Kintu/Rachel Wasira, Tanzanite Ladies
- Representative, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Representative, UWT-NC
- Nassor Ally, Jenga
- Dr. Patrick Nhigula, Healthcare and Information

Session 7b- Break Out (Developing Diasporans Through Education and Training)

- Susan Nkurlu, University of Georgia (Moderator)

Panelists:

- Ms. Rosemary Olive Mbone Enie, Transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDFs): Challenges and Opportunities for the Tanzanian Child
- Dr. Lucas Shalua, AgroScience Medicine Opportunities for Diaspora
- Prof Charles Musiba, Giving Back to Tanzania Through Volunteerism
- Dr. Julius Nyang'oro, Traversing Multiple Worlds (On 2nd generation Tanzanian Americans)
- Pete Mhunzi, Importance of Bilingualism among Tanzanians in the Diaspora

Session 7c- Break Out (Customs/ Export and Import/ Insurance)

- Lunda Asmani, Assistant City Manager for Budget & Finance (Moderator)

Panelists:

- Suleiman Hassan Zanangwa, Tanzania Ports Authority, The role of the Dar es Salaam Port in Trade Facilitation: Challenges and Action taken to mitigate Cargo Clearance Challenges; Achievements and Future Plans
- Richard M. Kayombo, Tanzania Revenue Authority
- Hajj Abdallah, Export/Rodgers Exports LLC
- Henry Pittman, Financial Services Professional, New York Life
- Flaviana Matata, The Public Service Pensions Fund

11:15 11:30 Break

11:30 12:30 Session 8 - General session (Panel), Experiences from the US Diaspora (4 testimonials)

- Omar Kaseko, Kali TV Founder
- Dr. Julius Nyang'oro, Writing the JK Biography: Challenges and Rewards
- TBD
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12:30 13:45 Plated Lunch & Jumuiya leaders' panel

13:45 14:45 Session 9: General Session (Open Forum)

14:45 15:30 Session 10- Closings (DICOTA and Local Committee)

- Conference takeaways: Dr. Ndaga Mwakabuta, President, DICOTA

- Local Committee closing: Representative of Local Steering Committee
- DICOTA closing: Fredrick Mjema, Chair, Board of Trustees

16:30 – 20:30 Offsite Social Event hosted by the Local Steering Committee

22:00 – 01:00 Kwaheri Dance at the hotel ~ DJ Luka of Washington DC and DJ “B” of North Carolina

Sunday, October 5th:

9:00 – 12:00 Informal meetings, goodbyes, interviews

12:00 – 16:00 Kwaheri Soup and Nyama Choma by the Local Steering Committee

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