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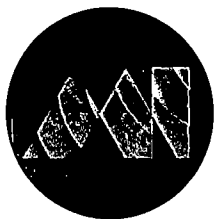
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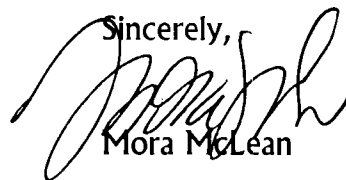
**Ms. Sandra Thurman**  
**Director**  
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**736 Jackson Place**  
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

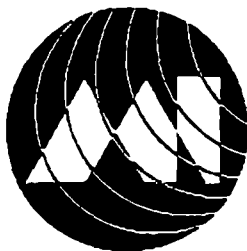
On behalf of the Africa-America Institute and "Africa Thursday" co-chairs Congressmen Ed Royce and Donald Payne, I want to thank you for being the guest speaker at our July 22nd session. You spoke eloquently and convincingly of the issues and initiatives presently before the United States related to AIDS policy towards Africa.

I think you will agree that the discussion that took place with Members of Congress present, as well as congressional staff and other invited guests, was valuable and conducive to positive follow-up action. The diversity of concerns raised and the depth of knowledge displayed by many members of the audience bodes well for future dialogue between the Administration, Members of Congress, and NGO's on the full range of African issues.

We look forward to working with you again on future events.

Sincerely,  
  
Mora McLean

cc: Rep. Ed Royce - Chairman, House Africa Subcommittee  
Rep. Donald Payne - Ranking Minority Member, House Africa Subcommittee



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**FROM:** Bill Jackson

**DATE:** 12 Aug 99

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**RE:** Info on the East Coast Summit on Africa

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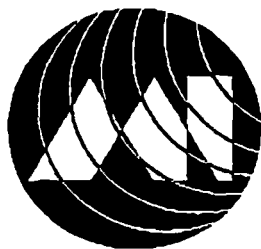
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Cheryl:

Here's the info I promised you. Hope that we can do something with the film and perhaps with Ms. Thurman, too.

Bill J.

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1999

### **EAST COAST SUMMIT AIMS TO STRENGTHEN U.S. LINKS WITH AFRICA**

Do you care about Africa? Do you want to raise Africa's profile in the United States?

The Africa-America Institute, Catholic Relief Services and the National Summit on Africa are convening the East Coast Regional Summit on Africa September 9-11 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Baltimore event is one of five regional summits being held under the aegis of the National Summit on Africa. Successful events have already been held in Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco. A culminating National Summit will be held February 17-20th in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the East Coast Regional Summit is to bring together a broad cross-section of individuals/organizations from the East Coast & Mid-Atlantic Regions (North Carolina to Maine, including West Virginia & Pennsylvania), to create a Regional Plan of Action to be presented at the National Summit event in February, 2000. Discussions will be divided into 5 thematic working groups; Peace/Security, Democracy/Human Rights, Economic Development, Education, and Sustainable Development/Environment.

Organizers expect over 1000 participants including community activists, businesspersons, students, academics, representatives of religious organizations, labor groups, and other non-governmental organizations.

Pre-Registration materials are available at [www.aaionline.org](http://www.aaionline.org) or by contacting the Africa-America Institute at 202-667-5636 or Catholic Relief Services at 410-625-2220.



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## EAST COAST REGIONAL SUMMIT ON AFRICA

Baltimore Convention Center  
Baltimore, Maryland  
September 9-11, 1999

### FACT SHEET

#### **What is the East Coast Regional Summit on Africa?**

The National Summit on Africa is an unprecedented nationwide effort to create a shared policy agenda to guide U.S. relations with the countries of Africa; educate the American public about Africa; and broaden and strengthen the network of Africa's supporters in the United States.

The East Coast Regional Summit on Africa, is one of five **regional** summits leading up to the National Summit on Africa in Washington, DC in February of 2000. Previous regional summits have been held in Atlanta (May 1998), Chicago (September 1998) and San Francisco (June 1999). The last two regional summits are in Baltimore and Denver (September 1999).

#### **Who can participate in the Summit's programs & activities?**

**YOU!** Anyone with an interest in Africa or issues concerning global interdependency – such as the environment, health, development, women, human rights, peace and security, labor, and trade and investment – is welcome to participate in the Summit programs and activities.

Residents of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and the District of Columbia are invited to participate, deliberate, and make a difference in U.S.-Africa policy.

#### **What issues will the East Coast Regional Summit address?**

The building blocks for the Summit's policy debates and public education activities are five interrelated themes:

- Economic Development, Trade and Investment, and Job Creation;
- Democracy and Human Rights;
- Sustainable Development, Quality of Life, and the Environment;
- Peace and Security; and
- Education and Culture

In addition, conference organizers recognize the crosscutting importance of women's and youth issues and will ensure that these issues are discussed in the five thematic areas. While discussion is not limited to only these five themes, participants are encouraged to use the subjects as a "starting block" for policy deliberations.

#### **Why should I participate?**

- Influence U.S.-Africa policy & make your opinion heard! Got a problem with U.S.-Africa policy? Wonder if others share your view? The East Coast Regional Summit is your opportunity to explain your views and attempt to incorporate them in the East Coast Policy Statement. If you are not at the summit, your views may not be heard.
- Host a parallel event at the Summit that highlights issues or topics of importance to you or your organization.
- Become a state delegate to the National Summit on Africa in February, 2000. Delegates are chosen from conference participants. Each state will have a delegation equal to four times that state's representation in Congress.
- Network with up to one thousand conference participants interested in African Affairs.

#### **How can I register for the Summit?**

- Registration materials are available on-line @ [www.aaionline.org](http://www.aaionline.org) Or you may contact the Africa-America Institute at 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 400, Washington DC 20036, Telephone: (202) 667-5636, Facsimile: (202) 265-6332, E-mail: [summit@aaionline.org](mailto:summit@aaionline.org)



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# East Coast Regional Summit on Africa

Baltimore Convention Center  
Baltimore, Maryland  
September 9-11, 1999

## **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

Note: Program as of 7/13/99. All events will take place at the Baltimore Convention Center, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Thursday, September 9<sup>TH</sup>**

10am – 5pm

- **PARALLEL EVENTS.** A series of roundtables, workshops, video Presentations, and discussions on various themes related to U.S. relations with Africa. These events are being organized by groups interested in or working on Africa, including those involved with humanitarian, business, human rights, environmental, and development affairs. A detailed roster of these events will be available in August. The events are open to the public; pre-registration is not required.
- If your organization is interested in organizing a parallel event, please contact Peggy Cronyn at Catholic Relief Services at (410) 625-2220 or at [mcronyn@catholicrelief.org](mailto:mcronyn@catholicrelief.org)

7pm – 9pm

- **OPENING RECEPTION.** Baltimore Hilton & Towers. Open only to registered participants and invited guests. Speakers and guests will include Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and other prominent government leaders, the African diplomatic corps, the business community, leaders of non-governmental organizations, and others. Refreshments will be served.

### **Friday, September 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*Note: All Friday and Saturday events are open only to registered participants and invited guests. In order to guarantee full participation in the Summit process, participants should plan on attending all plenary and deliberative process sessions.*

8:30am – 10am

- **OPENING CEREMONY & PLENARY SESSION.** Will include two or more prominent keynote speakers (to be announced). National Summit on Africa President Leonard Robinson will brief conference participants on the schedule and procedures for the deliberative process.

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10:30am – 12:30pm

- **DELIBERATIVE PROCESS – SESSION ONE.** General Discussion, Written Recommendations, Voting on Amendments.
- Participants will split up into five thematic working groups, in a United Nations-style debate setting, based on individual preferences. The five groups are: Democracy & Human Rights; Economic Development, Trade & Investment, and Job Creation; Education & Culture; Peace & Security; and Sustainable Development, Quality of Life, and the Environment.
- Participants will deliberate on a Regional Plan of Action, drawing as a starting point from the Draft Policy Plan of Action, which will be made available to participants beforehand.

12:45pm – 2:15pm

- **KEYNOTE LUNCH.** Two or more prominent speakers from the world of government, business, or the humanitarian community will address the participants.

2:30pm – 5:30pm

- **DELIBERATIVE PROCESS – SESSION TWO.** Continuation of Revision of the Draft Plan of Action and Voting on Amendments.

5:45pm – 7:30pm

- **FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION.** An informal reception with African music and cultural displays. An opportunity to get to know other participants and to network. Light refreshments will be served.

8:30pm – 10:00pm

- **DELIBERATIVE PROCESS – SESSION THREE.** Conclusion of Voting and Amending Process.

### **Saturday, September 11<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30am – 9:00am

- **PLENARY SESSION.** Participants will be briefed on the state caucusing process.

9:15am – 11:00am

- **STATE CAUCUSES.** Participants will divide up by state and elect delegates for the National Summit in February 2000. State chairs and other delegation officers will also be elected. Each state is entitled to a number of delegates equal to four times the number of its Representatives in Congress, e.g. Maryland will select 32 delegates.

11:30am – 1:00pm

- **CLOSING PLENARY.** Participants will adopt the overall East Coast Regional Plan of Action, incorporating the products of all five thematic working group sessions.