

**Africa: Open for Business:
Women of Africa and the Diaspora and the Fight for
Climate Justice**

Thursday, 21 September 2023

11:00 (11:00am) to 13:30 (1:30pm)

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Organized by

African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN)

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the Africa Bureau of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat),
the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations, and
the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations.*

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Global Council for Investment in Africa, Crevit Mulier & Co,
A Boy and His Dream Foundation, and Drs. Ravi MJ and Little Mahendra.*

11:00am Introduction & Welcome

*Introduction by Hon. Ms. Constance B. Newman, Overall Moderator
Chair of the Board, African Renaissance and Diaspora Network, Inc.
(ARDN), United States of America*

- Mr. Djibril Diallo
President & CEO, ARDN, Republic of Senegal

11:06am Opening Remarks

Introduction by Mr. Djibril Diallo, President & CEO, ARDN

- Mr. Eric Muli
CEO, Lipa Later Group, Republic of Kenya
- Mr. Idrissa Doucoure
*Chair and CEO, Global Council for Investment in Africa (GCIB for
Africa), Republic of Senegal*
- Mr. Samson Arega,
*Regional Director, Marketing, Sales & Services, Ethiopian Airlines,
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*
- Ms. Gina Din-Kariuki
Crevit Mulier & Co, Republic of Kenya
- Mr. Sunny Akigbe
Founder, A Boy and his Dream Foundation
- Ms. Kiara Kaur
Child Speaker, Republic of India

11:36am Video

- Ms. Fatma Samoura
*Secretary General, Fédération Internationale de Football Association
(FIFA)*

11:40pm Entertainment

11:45am Intervention by Special Guest

- Hon. Ms. Epsy Campbell-Barr
*President, United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African
Descent; Former First-Vice President, Republic of Costa Rica*

11:55am Keynote by Guest of Honour from the African Diaspora

- Hon. Ms. Reta Jo Lewis
*President and Chair of the Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the
United States*

12:05pm Keynote by Guest of Honour from the African Continent

- Hon. Ms. Nomusa Dube-Ncube
Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa

12:15pm Remarks from the United Nations

- Ms. Inger Anderson (Video)
Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Mr. Christopher Williams
Director, New York Office, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

12:25pm Entertainment

12:30pm Panel #1: Women of Africa and the Diaspora and the impact of business and climate change

Moderated by Hon. Harriet Chiggai, Women's Rights Advisor to the President of Kenya

- Keynote: Mr. Eric Muli
CEO, Lipa Later Group, Republic of Kenya
- Mr. Sunil Ramakrishnan
Vice-Chair, GCIB for Africa Advisory Board
- Ms. Margot Brown
Senior Vice President, Justice & Equity at Environmental Defense Fund, United States of America

12:55pm Panel #2: Business and its role and practices in the empowerment of women and the protection of the environment

Moderated by Ms. Sharon Okubo, Global Champion for ARDN Red Card Campaign, and Founder, Andaa Vijana Initiative (AVI), United States of America

- Keynote: Ms. Janice Mathis
General Counsel, National Council on Negro Women, United States of America
- Mr. Fred O. Oladeinde
President, The Foundation for Democracy in Africa
- Ms. Lanji Ouko-Awori
Managing Partner, Crevit Mulier & Co., Republic of Kenya

1:20pm Awards

1:30pm Closing Remarks

- Ms. Sharon Okubo
Global Champion for ARDN Red Card Campaign, and AVI Founder, United States of America
- Mr. Djibril Diallo
President & CEO, ARDN, Republic of Senegal

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