

DIASPORA DAY PROGRAMME: V11 16102023

Tuesday, 14 November: DIASPORA DAY 2023	
TIME	DIASPORA DAY @ IATF2023
10:00 - 12:00	<p>Host: ARIT OKPO</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>LIVE PERFORMANCE from Barbados</p> <p>Statements from High Level Dignitaries</p> <p>High Level Discussion: The Role & Importance of the Diaspora</p> <p>Remarks & Video: The Announcement of the Establishment of the Afreximbank Africa Diaspora Centre</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p>The Gastronomy & Culinary Arts - DIASPORA SHOWCASE</p> <p>VENUE: Flavours of Africa The African Food Pavilion</p> <p>Remarks: Karim Henein, Owner, Smokery Restaurant (Egypt)</p> <p>Live Demonstration & Conversation: Cooking with Professor Benedict Oramah, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Export–Import Bank (Afreximbank)</p> <p><i>This conversation will focus on tracing the African food journey and its influence on food culture in the Caribbean, Americas & Globally.</i></p> <p>Chefs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef Davisha Burrowes (Barbados) • Chef Christian Abegan, Culinary Expert & Member of the Chefs for Development Community (Cameroon) • Moderator: Ndidi Nwuneli, Founder, African Food Changemakers (Nigeria) • Natasha de Bourg, Celebrity Chef, Culinary President, Trinidad Culinary Limited (Trinidad & Tobago) • Chef Stone, Red Dish Chronicles (Nigeria) <p>Concluding Remarks: Chef Coco Reinartz, African Cuisine Expert & Owner, Epicure Restaurant (Burundi)</p> <p>SHOWCASE: Barbados Road Tennis</p>
14:15 – 15:00	<p>VIDEO: Reflections on the Middle Passage</p> <p>IN CONVERSATION: Reflections on Africa – Diaspora relations to re-imagine a shared and prosperous future.</p> <p>Facilitator: Uzodinma Iweala, CEO, The Africa Centre (Nigeria/ USA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Ambassador Suka-Mafudze – Permanent Representative African Union Mission to the USA • Matthew Wilson is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, WTO & other International Organizations' in Geneva.
15:00 - 15:20	TEA/ COFFEE BREAK
15:30- 16:15	<p>PANEL SESSION: Strengthening Commercial and Cultural linkages between Africa and its Diaspora</p> <p>Moderator: Uzodinma Iweala, CEO, The Africa Centre (Nigeria/ USA)</p> <p>Keynote; Dr.Carla Bennett Secretary- General of CARICOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temwa Gondwe, Senior Manager Intra-African Trade, Afreximbank

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Roberts-Reifer, Chief Executive Officer, National Cultural Foundation, Barbados • Angelle B. Kwemo, President & CEO Astrategik, International Trade Development, Africa and Emerging Market Specialist • Dr. Macaulay Kalu, African Union 6th Region Canada
16:15 - 16:30	LIVE PERFORMANCE: Lubiana (Belgium / Cameroon)
16:35 - 17:10	<p>PANEL SESSION: Leveraging Cultural and Creative Industries for Economic Advancement between Africa & the Diaspora</p> <p>Moderator: Denim Richards, Chief Executive Officer at Khumo Studios, Actor (Botswana / USA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Karim Abdullah, Founder and CEO, Afrochella (Ghana/USA) • João Jorge Rodrigues, President, Olodum (Brazil) • Amadou Gallo Fall, President of Basketball Africa League (Senegal) • Sarah Hassan, Filmmaker & Producer (Kenya) • Chef Ire Hassan Odukale, Owner, Ikoyi Restaurant (UK)
17:40 – 17:50	CLOSING REMARKS
18:00– 19:50	<p>DIASPORROOTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbados: Jermone Waithe, Casheda Dottin, Rhesa Garnes, Shadia Marshall • M.anifest • Olodum