

AFRICANDO 2007

AFRICAN CULTURES AND DEVELOPMENT

September 19-22, 2007



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The Foundation for Democracy in Africa
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Florida International University
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Miami-Dade College, North Miami**

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10th ANNUAL US-AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

Theme: African Cultures and Development

AfrICANDO 2007 will explore the links between diversity of national cultures, their unity and originality as a basis for African progress and development. The summit views culture as an ensemble of distinctive characteristics, including spiritual, material, intellectual and affective that characterizes a society or social group. In addition to the arts, literature, and lifestyle, it encompasses the fundamental rights of the human being, systems of value, and traditions and beliefs. From these hypotheses and suppositions between culture and development, and through comparison of the role culture played in the development of the Asian countries; **AfrICANDO 2007** will propose an analysis of the taking or not into account of cultural factors in the evaluation of development perspective in Africa.

Among the topics to be covered is "Expanding Franchise Opportunities for Small and Medium Enterprises and Minority Owned Businesses;" a workshop on Intercultural Competence targeted toward businessmen and women who are ready to do business in Africa. A skill essential for planning purposes and for developing the requisite negotiation skills in order to effectively conduct business in Africa.

Diaspora Town Hall Meeting and AfrICANDO Art & Culture Folk Life Festival is one of the highlights of **AfrICANDO 2007**—and is a one day event designed to showcase the African influence that exists throughout the world and includes a panel discussion on African Cosmogony, cultural performances, a health fair and an African marketplace.

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Conference Venue:

Florida International University, Kovens Center
Biscayne Bay Campus, Miami Florida

Art & Culture Festival Venue:

Miami-Dade College, North Campus
Miami, Florida

Sponsoring Organizations:

- >> African-New World Studies, Florida International University
- >> Miami-Dade County Government
- >> Miami-Dade College
- >> Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
- >> Jay Malina International Trade Consortium
- >> Enterprise Florida
- >> Port of Miami
- >> Miami International Airport
- >> The Western Hemisphere African Diaspora Network (WHADN)
- >> The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA)

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