11th Annual Convening
The Congress of African Peoples

Saturday, September 14, 2013
Focus on Africa: Economics, Education and Culture

Women’s Civic Improvement Center
3555 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817
Mission
The mission of the Congress of African Peoples (CAP), is to provide an annual forum or convening for promoting dialogue among people of African Ancestry.

Purpose
The purpose of CAP is to provide for an annual convening of people of African descent in Sacramento.

The Congress shall not attempt to develop an action agenda. The purpose of the Congress is to provide a space in which African/Black people from all over the area can share and connect with each other. Participant initiatives determine what emerges from that space.

We will come together and share our experiences, acknowledge our accomplishments, voice our concerns and exchange ideas, with hopes that we will return to our homes, neighbors, jobs, churches, mosques and temples with greater understanding and inspiration to improve our lives.

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8:30 Registration
8:45 Drumming
9:00 Welcome: MC Phil Nelson
9:05 Libation - Kakwasi Somadhi
9:10 Overview of Program - Sharon Stoddard

Morning Plenary
9:15 Introduction of Keynote Speakers: Boatamo Mosupyoe
9:20 Keynote Speakers: Dr. Keolebogile Shirley Motaung and Derrell Smith

10:40 Panel on Economics, Education and Culture
Economics: Smile Dube
Education: Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe
Culture: Professor Kofi Akwabi Ameyaw
Q/A : Moderated by Phil Nelson

11:45-12:45 LUNCH
Video on The Africa Channel, introduced by Darrell Smith

1:00 Orientation of CWC Scholars

1:10 –2:30 Afternoon Workshops
Africa Education Today: Dr. Ernest Uwaziee
Africa Culture Today: Dr. Mourine Gwandiku

2:40 – 4:00 Afternoon Plenary Speaker
Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Boatamo Mosupyoe
Africa Today: South Africa Consul-General Cyril Sibusiso Ndaba

4:00 –4:15 Final Plenary
Workshop Reports back
What people can do
Dr. Keolebogile Shirley Motaung is a registered Medical Technologist (Chemical Pathology) and currently a Medical Research Scientist and Section Head at the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Tshwane, South Africa. Currently she is the only black female and person in South Africa holding a PhD in tissue engineering.

She started her career at TUT in March 1998 as a lecturer. In 1999, Dr Motaung received a Technikon Pretoria Research Fund Bursary and in 2001 received DAAD (German Scholarship) to complete Master's degree. Dr Motaung enrolled for a Master’s degree in Biomedical Technology at the former Technikon Pretoria which she completed in 2003. In the same year she won a Catalyst Innovation Competition for the most commercially viable innovation developed at a South African University or Technikon. Dr Motaung has received the Vice-Chancellor’s award in recognition for exceptional excellence and achievement at Technikon Pretoria in 2003. In 2006, Dr Motaung was the first female at Tshwane University of Technology to receive a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue her PhD. at University of California, Davis, USA.

She obtained her PhD in 2010, at TUT in collaboration with University of California, Davis where she worked under supervision of Prof. Hari Reddi an internationally recognized molecular and cellular biologist, and a pioneer in the field of bone and cartilage regeneration. At the laboratory, She learned a lot about cellular and molecular basis of cartilage repair and osteoarthritis, stem cells and tissue engineering of bone and cartilage based on biomaterials and biotechnology, role of extracellular matrix and growth factors in cell differentiation and morphogenesis of bone and cartilage, hormonal regulation of cartilage, bone, and bone marrow development.

Dr Motaung serves as a reviewer for Journal of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine and Journal of Ethno pharmacology. Dr. Motaung was a member of the review panel for a U.S. Fulbright Student Program, which evaluates 28 applications from American Students for a Fulbright scholarship, to conduct post graduate research at South African Universities.

She has been extensively involved in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Her research interests are mainly on cellular and molecular insights of cartilage regeneration and osteoarthritis using tissue engineering and stem cell biotechnology. She has published extensively in the last 3 years and has ventured in the use of medicinal plants in tissue regeneration of cartilage.
**Cyril Sibusiso Ndaba**, the Consul-General of South Africa to the Great State of California and stationed in Los Angeles, was born on 1 February, 1959 in the coastal city of Durban. He received his early education in Durban and enrolled for tertiary education at the University of Zululand for law studies in 1978.

In the course of his studies, he was suspended from the University in 1981 for his political activism.

He later completed his degree in 1986 and practiced as a teacher at first before joining the diplomatic corps. He has served as a diplomat first in New York 1995 – 1998, and in Rwanda 2000-2004 and his last assignment was as a Deputy High Commissioner of South Africa to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 2004-2010 before his current assignment as the Consul-General in Los Angeles.

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**Mr. Darrell Smith**, VP Community Development & Marketing at The Africa Channel. He is responsible for corporate development, national execution and achievement of affiliate marketing and community development marketing strategies and objectives. Ensures core metrics related to brand management, marketing strategy, and sales targets are met. The Vice President of Marketing advises the company regarding marketing opportunities and performance. Represents the organization and delivers brand promise. Lead a highly productive and synergistic marketing team with a keen eye for developing talent and ensuring employee satisfaction. Mr. Smith was Executive Director of Save Africa’s Children / Pan African Children’s Fund. He was responsible for overseeing, fundraising, operations and management of the Fund. The organization raises money in the US to fund and support several hundred orphan care projects on the continent of Africa. He also founded SMITH & ASSOCIATES, a management consulting firm which he managed for over 13 years. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Claremont McKenna College with degrees in Business.
Location

Culture Long Ago

Social
- Food
- Customs
- Traditions
- Language
- Education
- Housing

Values/ Beliefs
- Religion
- Customs
- Traditions
- Education
- Folk Tales

Government
- Rules
- Leaders
- National
- Local

Economics
- Work
- Goods
- Services
- Class

Arts
- Art
- Drama
- Dance
- Music
Notes:
Carl Pinkston
Kakwasi Somadhi
Sharon Stoddard
Phil Nelson
Valeria Gadsden-Samms
Donna Lynem
Bill Johnson
David Covin
Mourine Gwandiku
Ernest E. Uwazie
Boatamo Mosupyo
Faye Kennedy
Ricky Green