
"African" International Conference to hosted at HU

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The General Assembly proclaimed 2011 as the International Year for People of African Descent, with a vision to strengthen national actions, regional and international cooperation for the benefit of people of African descent in relation to their participation and integration in all aspects of society.

The Department of World Languages and Cultures of Howard University presents an International Conference: "Africa and People of African Descent: Issues and Actions to (Re)-envision the Future." Open to scholars, journalists, writers, youth community leaders, NGOs, artists and playwrights, its purpose is to promote a greater knowledge and respect for the diverse African heritage and culture of people of African descent; to expose the struggle for recognition of their African memories (history, literature, art, music, dance, cuisine, religion, etc.) and their participation in political, economic, social and cultural aspects of their respective nations.

The interdisciplinary International Conference will also attempt to address the national resistance or national silence opposed to the struggle of marginalized people of Africa and African descent for their rights of land and for their civil/human, political, social, economical rights, etc. Moreover, one of the critical objectives of the conference is to make possible both the connection between Africa and the African Diaspora in Europe and the Americas (Latin America and, eventually, Canada and the USA) and to identify actions to re-envision their future.

The event will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery Thursday, Sept. 15 from 9am-4pm and Friday from 9am-5pm.