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THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC., (WCM)

HISTORIC BLACK TOWNS AND SETTLEMENT ALLIANCE, INC., (HB TSA)

NATIONAL POLICY ALLIANCE (NPA)

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON/GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER,

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

MAY 1-3, 2025

IN TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

(All time is Central Standard Time)

Location: Tuskegee Municipal Complex

Host Hotel: Tru by Hilton

211 West Pace Blvd.

Auburn, AL 36830

The World Conference of Mayors, Inc.
Booker T. Washington/George Washington Carver
International Training Conference

CONVENER: THE HONORABLE JOHNNY FORD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025: TRAVEL

REGISTRATION/RECEPTION (Location: Tuskegee Municipal Complex,
101 Fonville St. Tuskegee, AL)

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025:

CONFERENCE OPENING

(Location: Tuskegee Municipal Complex,
101 Fonville St. Tuskegee, AL 36083)

CONFERENCE CONVENER: The Honorable Johnny Ford, WCM Founder/CEO

9:00 A.M.: OPENING PRAYER

GREETINGS (INVITED):

The Honorable Dr. Abdoulaye Mbengue, Director General, The WCM

The Honorable Jimmie Gardner, Mayor, Prichard AL, President

The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. (wcm)

The Honorable Alberta McCrory, Mayor, Hobson City, AL, President

Historic Black Towns And Settlements Alliance, Inc. (HBTSA)

Honorable Frank Jackson, Vice-President International Affairs

The Honorable Louis Maxwell, Chairman, Macon County Commission

The Honorable “Tony”, Lawrence Haygood, Mayor, Tuskegee, AL

Former President, Alabama League of Municipalities

President, Alabama Conference of Black Mayors. Inc. (ACBM)

The Honorable James Cooper II, Probate Judge, Macon County, AL

**The Honorable Tyson Howard, Executive Director, South Central Alabama Development
Commission (SCADC)**

The Honorable Andre’ Brunson, Sheriff, Macon County, AL

The Honorable Gary Hicks, Chief, Police, City of Tuskegee, AL

The Honorable Dr. Melissa T. Williams, Superintendent of Schools, Macon County AL

The Honorable Clyde Windsor, Executive Director/President SEASHA
 The Honorable Pastor Author Ralph Antwi, RAIN Foundation
 The Honorable Roderick Clark, Mayor City of Union Springs, Union Springs, AL
 The Honorable Riley Evans, Mayor, North Courtland, AL
 The Honorable Bobby Scott, Vice-President, NBC Leo
 The Honorable Angel Walker, President/CEO,
 The Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
 The Honorable Amir Farooqi FACHE, Director/CEO,
 Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS)
 The Honorable Robert L. "Bobby" Davis, Chair, Steering Committee Chair,
 The George Washington Carver Festival
 The Honorable Dr. Elaine Harrington, George Washington Carver Festival Secretary
 The Honorable Rheba Knox, Mayor, Town of Franklin, Franklin, AL
 The Honorable Joe Turnham, Director, Macon County Economic Development Authority
 The Honorable Lee Sentell, Director, Alabama State Department of Tourism

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE'S
 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harries, NBL President/CEO
 Presentation and Introduction of the 2025 National Business League - Business Man of the Year
 and Presentation of Plaque - Mr. Terrence Johnson**

- 9:50 A.M. WCM 7 T, TRUST, Vice President, The Honorable Samuel Ings,
 Former Mayor Pro Tem, and
 City Commissioner, District 6, Orlando, FL**
- 10:00 A.M.: WCM 7 T, TRADE, Vice President The Honorable Deborah Delgado,
 Former President, NBC-LEO
 Councilwoman, Hattiesburg MS.
 The Honorable Joe Turnham, Director,
 Macon County Economic Development Authority**
- 10:15 A.M.: WCM 7 T, TOURISM, Vice President, The Honorable Angie Gardner, Mayor, Eatonville, FL.
 The Honorable Curtis Smith, Founder and CEO
 African Tourism Union**
- 10:30 A.M.: WCM 7 T, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, Vice President, The Honorable Daryl Johnson,
 Former Mayor, Mound Bayou, MS
 The Honorable Corie Moment, CEO Mela Tech, LLC
 Michael Hiner, Project Manager, Bailey Military Institute**
- 10:45 A.M.: WCM 7 T, TWIN CITIES, Vice President, The Honorable Dr. Robert Ford,
 CEO, DRF Industries LLC, Houston TX
 Jimmie Gardner, President, WCM/Mayor, City of Prichard, Prichard, AL
 Roderick Clark, Mayor City of Union Springs, AL**

11:00 A.M.: **WCM 7 T, TREASURY, Vice President, The Honorable Ronald Leverette,**
 Mayor, Prairie View, TX
 Sinclair Skinner – Virtually
 Kevin Jenkins, President, PNC Bank - Tuskegee
 Bobby Hunter, Ex Globe Trotter - Housing

11:15 A.M.: **WCM 7 T, TRAINING, Vice President , The Honorable Alberta McCrory,**
 Mayor Hobson City, AL,
 President, Historic Black Towns And Settlements Alliance, Inc., and
 The Honorable Samuel Ings, and The Honorable Dr. Abdoulaye Mbengue,
 Co-Chairs of The WCM Mayor John Smith Training Institute

11:30 A.M. **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND PRESS CONFERENCE**

12:00 NOON: **LUNCHEON**
 Speaker: The Honorable Oumar BA.
 President of Senegal Mayor Association
 Mayor of the City of Ndiob Dakar, Senegal

12:20 P.M. **Speaker: Honorable Dr. Todd French, Technical Director, WEF Innovations LLC**
 Honorable Michael H. Gordon, General Manager, WEF Innovations LLC

12:35 P.M. **Speaker: Michael Hiner, Project Manager**
 Bailey Military Institute

12:45P.M. **Speaker: The Honorable Curtis Smith (Waste to Energy)**
 Founder/CEO – African Tourism Union

1:00 P.M.: **TOURS: (The Honorable Guy Trammell, Official Tour Guide)**
 WELCOME – Dr. Mark Brown, President, Tuskegee University
 “ THE TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE”
 George Washington Carver Museum, The Oaks (Home of Booker T. Washington),
 Booker T. Washington Statue,
 Grave-sites of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver
 Tuskegee University Archives

3:00 P.M.: **VISIT TO: Tuskegee University College of Agriculture, Environment,**
 and Nutritional Sciences (CAENS)

(George Washington Carver, 1st Director)
Dr. Olga Bolden-Tiller, Dean

1. The TU School of Veterinarian Medicine - Dr. Ruby Perry - Dean
2. The TU Bioethics Center - the nation's first bioethics center devoted to engaging the sciences, humanities, law and religious faiths in the exploration of the core moral issues which underlie research and medical treatment of African Americans and other underserved people
3. Former TU Infantile Paralysis – housed in the old John A. Andrew hospital built by Booker T. Washington in 1913 and was the first all Black Hospital

5:00 P.M.: DINNER – ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025:

9:00 A.M.: TOUR: MOTON FIELD

**10:00 A.M.: VISIT: LIFT ACADEMY (Republic Airline Flight Training school at Moton Field, which will train approximately 200 pilots per year)
This is a joint effort between the City of Tuskegee and Tuskegee University.
Mr. Will Sparrow – Tuskegee Flight Academy and Quality Assurance Director**

**10:30 A.M. Colonel Herbert E. Carter Terminal at Moton Field
Nikki Jordan, Manager, Tuskegee Airport
Tuskegee Airmen, National Historic Site
Michael Hiner, Project Manager, Bailey Military Institute
Dr. Charles Glass, Director, Bailey Military Institute**

11:00 A.M.: TOUR: SAMKEE AMERICA, INC. (Korean manufacturer of auto parts. Represents investment of \$128,000,00.) A new purposed South Korea plant will be announced

**12:00 NOON: LUNCH: (Location: Samkee)
Speaker: Joe Turnham, Director, Macon County Economic Development Authority
Mr. Euihwan (My Eddie) Jin, Plant Manager**

**1:00 P.M.: BTW Tech Center, Dr. Melvin Lowe, III, Career Tech Directors
Dr. Nancy Teta Freeman, Principal and Executive Officer
Booker Washington Institute (BWI)**

**2:00 P.M.: SITE VISIT:
TUSKEGEE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
The Honorable Amir Farooqi FACHE, /Director/CEO
(Built in 1923 as a hospital for Black Veterans, this hospital, was made possible by then Tuskegee Institute's second Principal,**

Dr. Robert Russa Moton, and was administered and staffed entirely by Black medical professionals and personnel.)

3:00 P.M.: TUSKEGEE HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS MULTICULTURAL CENTER
Speaker: The Honorable Fred Gray, Sr.
Founded by famed Civil Rights Attorney, US Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient, and WCM General Counsel.

5:00 P.M. Reception/Graduation (Location: The Tuskegee Municipal Complex)
Honorable De'Keither Stamps, Public Service Commission, State of Mississippi
Former 66th District House of Representative, Mississippi
Former Jackson City Council Member, Ward 4

Pastor Author Ralph Antwi, President/CEO Relevant Achievers Impacting Nations (RAIN) Foundation

INVITE AFRICAN STUDENTS TO PARADE AND COME TO PLAY

7:00 P.M: THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: (Location: 201 South Main Street, The Jessie Clinton Arts Centre)

TUSKEGEE REPERTORY THEATRE, INC. (TRT)

Presents

"CARVER, and BOOKER T'S TOWNS"

George Washington Carver, and leaders from 5 all Black towns, step out of the past, and take us back in time with music, song, and dramatic stories, to the year 1915, when they came to tell their relationship with, and express their appreciation to, their mentor, and greatest supporter, Booker T. Washington, Founder of the National Negro Business League, on the occasion of its 15th Anniversary conference, held in Boston, Mass. Suspend your disbelief and join us on this historical trip back in time.

Think, "Boston, Massachusetts, 1915"

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER FESTIVAL

9:00 A.M.: View and participate in the George Washington Carver festival parade.
(Tuskegee Downtown City Square)

AFRICAN STUDENTS DRESSED IN THEIR NATIONAL CLOTHES AND PERHAPS WITH FLAGS OF THEIR COUNTRIES FLAGS

12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.: Enjoy the GWC Festival Opening program, the
following programs, food and other vendors, activities
and special programs on the City Square

OPEN EVENING

7:00 P.M.: Repeat Performance:

TUSKEGEE REPERTORY THEATRE, INC. (*TRT*)

Presents

“CARVER, AND BOOKER T’S TOWNS”

(Location: The Jessie Clinton Arts Center, 201 South Main St., Tuskegee)

SUNDAY: CHAPEL: (Location: Tuskegee University)

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Convention Coordinator

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The World Conference of Mayors, Ind., (WCM)
Founding President/CEO
Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc., (HBTSA)
Founding President
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Honorable Dyann Robinson – (334) - 724-7497
Honorable Jackie Walker -(33) 552-0537
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Honorable Dr. Robert Ford, CEO

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Honorable De'Keither Stamps,

Past President NBC-LEO

Mississippi State Legislator, Jackson, MS, USA

Public Service Commissioner, State of MS

VICE PRESIDENT, WCM

STATE CHAPTERS,

PRESIDENT, WCM MS STATE CHAPTER.

Honorable Lewis Johnson,

Councilman, Grenada, MS, USA

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NOMINATIONS/ BY LAWS**

Honorable Willie Calhoun

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District Heights, MD USA

**VICE PRESIDENT for
THE ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (ALM)**

Honorable Lawrence, “Tony” Haygood,

Mayor Tuskegee, AL, USA
(ALM, A Co-Founding Organization, 1984)

Honorable Joel A. Tagro,

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Honorable Rohey Malick Lowe

Mayor of Banjul, The Gambia

Honorable Rob Neal, President

International Black Broadcasters (IBBA)
Hattiesburg, MS USA

Honorable John Moss,

Native American/Indigenous Peoples,
Representative, Lawton, OK, USA

Honorable Queen Mother,

Dr. Delois Blakely, Community Mayor,
Harlem, NY, USA, & UN Representative

Honorable Dr. John Armand

Former Haitian Diplomat for Haiti
Chicago, IL, USA

Honorable Dr. Hong, Tao-Tze, President,
The Federation of World Peace and Love

Honorable William McMurray,
President/Creator, The RAC, Detroit, I, USA

Honorable H.E. Sheriff Baldeh,
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Honorable Augustin Tamba, Mayor,
Yaounde, Nat. Pres., United Councils & Cities of Cameroon
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Honorable Austin Abraham, Mayor,
Gaborone City, Gaborone, Botswana

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Dr. Lisa Sylvester Acogny**, Tanzania
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Honorable Francis Opai Tetteh,
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**Honorable John McGowan
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County Commissioner
Bullock County, AL
Former Mayor,(1985) Union Springs, AL, USA

Honorable Riley Evans, Mayor
Courtland, Alabama

Honorable Allister Coward,
Executive Director,
National Policy Alliance (NPA) Canada

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Honorable Chief Apostle Lennard Lucas

Light City Church
Former Louisiana Legislator
New Orleans, LA, USA

Honorable Efiong Eniang

President, African World Expo, Detroit, MI, USA

Honorable Vickie Moore

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Honorable Mayor Jason Ward,

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Honorable Dr. E. Faye Williams

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The Dick Gregory Society, Inc.
Washington, DC, USA

Honorable Dr. Kenneth Harris

President/CEO National Business League
Detroit, MI, USA

Honorable Leila Foley-Davis,

America's 1st Black Woman Mayor (1973)
Councilwoman, Taft, OK, USA

Honorable Kenya Cox

400 Years
of African American History Commission
Wichita, KS, USA

Honorable Bobby Hunter,
Former Harlem Globe Trotter,
Goodwill Ambassador, NY, NY, USA

Honorable Mohamed Sillah, Sierra Leone,
International Advisor

Honorable Reverend Pam Fomunung
President, Africa's Brain Bank
Houston, TX, USA

Honorable Charles DeBow, President,
National Black Chamber of Commerce,
Washington D.C. USA

Honorable C. Virginia Fields
Former City Councilwoman N Y City, USA
Former Borough President, Manhattan, USA
And President of (NBLCH) Black Health, USA

Honorable Sherman Copelin,
Former Speaker Pro Tem, LA State Legislature, New Orleans, LA, USA

Honorable Moses Dekpa Haynes,
Mayor of Buchanan, Liberia

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