

STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD CONFERENCE V

APRIL 19-23, 2023 | BALTIMORE, MD

**Global Africans Rising
Empowerment, Reparations and Healing**



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April 19–23, 2023

**Baltimore Convention Center and
Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD**

THEME

**Global Africans Rising
Empowerment, Reparations and Healing**

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Dr. Julius Garvey

CONVENED BY

**The Institute of the Black World 21st Century
Dr. Ron Daniels, President**

What is SOBWC?

Convened by the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, the State of the Black World Conference is an international gathering of people of African descent to assess the condition of Black people in the U.S. and globally with working sessions around key issues.

SOBWCV 2023 Goals

- Reassessing the Impact and Implications of the historic 2022 Mid-Term Election on the State of Black America and the Pan African world.
- Expanding the Multifaceted U.S. and Global Reparations Movements to empower and heal Black families, communities and nations.
- Advancing strategies and models to effectively address issues of vital concern to Black America and the Pan African world, e.g., the War on Drugs, mass incarceration, gun violence and fratricide, gentrification, environmental justice, climate change, safe, clean and accessible water.
- Advancing strategies and models for socially responsible, human-centered, democratic and sustainable entrepreneurial business/economic development in Black communities in the U.S. and the Pan African World.
- Mobilizing/organizing the Global Black Diaspora to engage Africa to foster the development of interdependent, self-reliant, business/economic, social and cultural enterprises, institutions and initiatives.
- Promoting a consciousness and commitment to Black self-support, self-reliance and self-determination to consolidate, expand and empower Black organizations, agencies and institutions for the survival and development of Black families, communities and nations.
- Promoting cross-generational dialogue and engagement to advance strategies and models to empower and heal Black families, communities and nations.

Programmatic Features

Pan African Institute

- The State of Democracy and Development in Africa, the Caribbean Central and South America

National/International Town Hall Meetings

- The State of Black America and the Pan African World
- The State of the Global Reparations Movement

Issue Area Plenary and Working Sessions

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- Environmental Justice, Climate Change and Water as A Human Right
- Displacing Black People and Black Culture: Gentrification as a State of Emergency in Black America
- Socially Responsible Black Business/Economic Development
- Combating Gun Violence and Murders/Fratricide in Black Communities: A Public Health Crisis
- Reimagining Public Safety and Law Enforcement
- Making Black Lives Matter
- Building the U.S. and Global Reparations Movements
- Hip Hop Summit: The Role of Hip Hop in the Black Freedom Struggle

Special Sessions

- Global Black Leadership Summit Breakfast
- Global Black Women's Leadership Summit Breakfast
- Global Black Mayors and Elected Officials Roundtable Breakfast
- Crisis in Haiti: The First Black Republic
- The Black World Media Network
- Faith Leaders Table
- Student and Young Leaders Caucus
- Issue Area Affinity Caucuses

Opening and Closing Ndaba Plenary Sessions

- Cultural/Spiritual Rituals
- Welcome, Greetings and Solidarity Statements
- Keynote Presentations

Legacy Award and Cultural Extravaganza

- Presidential Legacy and Pan African Service Awards to Outstanding Leaders from the Global Black Community
- Cultural Presentations
- African Jump Up!

African Market Place

- Exquisite Variety of Black Arts, Crafts, Apparel and Black Products
- Exhibits by African and Caribbean Travel and Tourism Bureaus
- Informational Booths by Civil Rights, Social and Civic Organizations
- Informational Booths by Conference Sponsors

COVID PROTOCOLS

The State of the Black World Conference V was originally scheduled for November 2022 but postponed due to pandemic because the organizers had a preference for safe in-person gathering.

With the official end of the pandemic by the President and CDC, masking is suggested but not mandatory. In addition, there will be an ample supply of hand sanitizer on the premises.

About the Working Sessions

The Working Sessions are the most important part of SOBWC V; as such they should be viewed as a kind of one day mini-conference. Therefore, Participants are expected to select one issue area and remain in that issue area for the three (3) 2.5 hour working sessions. We believe this time commitment provides for the depth and breadth of presentations and interaction required to produce quality sessions and results. Accordingly, it is essential that Facilitators, Panelists, Resource Persons and Participants work to ensure that the Working Sessions are productive.

Work Session Goals

Working Sessions are expected to address the Conference Theme: Global Africans Rising - Empowerment, Reparations and Healing. As an outgrowth of the Working Sessions, IBW hopes to devise a Declaration of Intent as the blueprint and action agenda for SOBWC V.

Work Session Guidelines

- We expect Panelists and Resource Persons to present concrete/specific, working strategies, projects, programs, struggles, etc., with a clear emphasis on imparting information on how the model or strategy works and/or specific illustrations and recommendations on how to implement a particular strategy.
- Participants should be considered “resource persons” who bring knowledge, information, experience or interest to the session. Facilitators are expected to strive for maximum focused participation and information exchange among participants.
- Each Issue Area Working should select a Recorder who can summarize the key points, recommendations/proposals from the session.
- Facilitators should request the email addresses of participants (please print clearly) so that an Internet conversation/discussion and other forms of collaboration can continue after the conference!

Expected Outcomes

Equip Participants to return to their families and communities with knowledge and tools to implement specific strategies and models.

Where feasible, adopt no more than three (3) recommendations/proposals for inclusion in the Declaration of Intent based on addressing one or more of the following questions:

1. What must we do for ourselves utilizing our own human and material resources?
2. What must we demand of private sector establishments, e.g., businesses, financial institutions, social agencies, philanthropic institutions in terms of reinvestment in our communities?
3. What must we demand of government in terms of socio-economic policies that promote the building and maintenance of wholesome Black communities?

A summation of each working session with the recommendations will be reported/presented at the final Nda-ba/Plenary Session -- Sunday, 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon

Implementation

IBW cannot assume responsibility for implementing all of the recommendations from the Working Sessions. Therefore, Facilitators must identify which organization(s) or individuals will accept responsibility for implementing (or developing a plan) each recommendation – with the understanding that IBW will function as the central resource center and communications vehicle for the overall implementation process.

DAY 1

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9:00 AM

Registration Begins - Sharp Street Terrace

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Pan African Institute - Rooms 307-310

Sponsored by the Pan African Unity Dialogue

Topic: The State of Democracy and Development in Africa, the Caribbean Central and South America

Honorary Chairman: **Danny Glover**, Ambassador, UN Decade for People of African Descent, San Francisco, CA

Honorary Ambassador: **Dr. Joe Beasley**, Dr. Joe Beasley, President, Joe Beasley Foundation, Atlanta, GA

Facilitator: **Dr. Ron Daniels**, Dr. Ron Daniels, President, IBW, New York, NY

Speakers/Presenters:

- **Hon. P.J. Patterson**, Former Prime Minister, Jamaica
- **Hon. Dickon Mitchell**, Prime Minister, Grenada
- **Dr. Julius Garvey**, Conference Honorary Chairman, New York, NY

Panelists:

- **Mel Foote**, President/CEO, Constituency for Africa, Washington, DC
- **Dr. Mohammed Nurhussein**, Chairman, United Africa Congress, New York, NY
- **Milton Allimadi**, Editor/Publisher, Black Star News, New York, NY
- **Kofi Appenteng**, President, The Africa-America Institute, Redding, CT
- **Dr. Hilary Brown**, Culture and Community Development CARICOM Secretariat, Guyana
- **Dr. Claire Nelson**, Director, Institute for Caribbean Studies, Washington, DC
- **Jocelyn McCalla**, CEO, JMC Strategies and Haiti Expert, Brooklyn, NY
- **David Comissiong**, Ambassador to CARICOM, Barbados
- **James Early**, Consultant, Regional Articulation of Afro Descendants Latin America and Caribbean, Washington, DC

12:00 NOON – 1: 00 PM

Overview and Opening Statements

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Focus: Africa

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Focus: Caribbean, Central and South America

6:00 PM– 7:15 PM

DINNER

Diplomatic Corps Meet and Greet - Room 311

[INVITATION ONLY]

Sponsored by the Pan African Unity Dialogue

Hosts: **H.E. Ambassador Sidique Wai**, Chief of Protocol, **Dr. Julius Garvey**, Honorary Chairman and **Dr. Ron Daniels**, President, IBW

Pre-Town Hall Meeting Greenroom Reception - Room 303

[INVITATION ONLY]

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Registration Closes

National/International Town Hall Meeting - Rooms 307-310

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Facilitator: **Dr. Ron Daniels**, President, IBW

Greetings: **Dr. Zina Pierre**, President, Maryland Black Caucus Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Tribute to Maurice Bishop

Video Collage Presentation

Don Rojas, Press Secretary for PM. Maurice Bishop, Director of Communications, and International Relations, IBW, Baltimore, MD

Memorial Tribute/Address

Hon. Dickon Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

The State of the Global Reparations Movement: The Way Forward

Keynote Presentations:

- **H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President, Republic of Ghana
- **Hon. Francia Marquez**, Vice-President, Colombia (Invited)

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Dr. Hilary Brown**, Culture and Community Development CARICOM Secretariat, Guyana

Framing Statement/Overview

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Chairman, CARICOM Reparations Commission, Jamaica

Panelists:

- **Robin Rue Simmons**, Founder/Director, First Repair, Evanston, IL
- **Dr. Cheryl Grills**, California Reparations Task Force, Los Angeles, CA
- **Kamm Howard**, Founder/Director, Reparations United, Chicago
- **Nkechi Taifa, Esq.**, Founder/Director, Reparation Education Project, Washington, DC
- **David Comissiong**, Ambassador to CARICOM, Barbados
- **Eric Phillips**, Vice-Chairman, CARICOM Reparations Commission, Guyana
- **Ms. Laleta Davis Mattis**, Chairperson, National Council on Reparation, Jamaica
- **Makmid Kamara**, Executive Director, African Union Transitional Justice Fund, Ghana
- **Mireille Fanon-Mendes France**, Founder/Director Frantz Fanon Foundation, France
- **Enola Aird, Esq.**, Director, Community Healing Network, New Haven, CT

Summary Remarks and IBW Legacy Award

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Lead Sponsor, HR-40, Houston, TX

DAY 2

Thursday, April 20, 2023

7:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Special Session

Global Black Leadership Summit Breakfast - Room 324

[INVITATION ONLY]

Sponsored by the National Urban League

Host: **Yvette Badu-Nimako**, Interim Director, National Urban League Washington Bureau

Meeting of Invited U.S. and global Civil Rights, Human Rights, Civil Society Leaders and Mayors, Elected Officials and Members of the Diplomatic Corps. for a *Dialogue on the State of Black America and the Pan-African world* with invited **Special Guests Hon. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of Ghana, **Hon. Mia Amor Mottley**, PM Barbados, **Hon. Francia Marquez**, Vice-President of Colombia, **Hon. Dickon Mitchell**, PM Grenada and **Hon. P.J. Patterson**, Former PM Jamaica

9:00 AM

Registration Opens - Sharp Street Terrace

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Issue Area Plenary # 1 - Rooms 307-310

Environmental Justice, Climate Change and Water as A Human Right

Facilitators: **Baba Greg Akili**, Corporate Accountability and **Jacqueline Patterson**, Founder/Executive Director. The Chisholm Project

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

LUNCH

Press Availability

A Conversation with Faith Leaders - Room 301

Theme: Religion, Spirituality and Liberation – The Experience Living Legends

Facilitator(s): TBA

Student and Young Leaders Caucus - Room 320

Theme: Information-Sharing, Networking for Liberation

Facilitator: **DaQuan Lawrence**, Global Human Rights Scholar/Activist

Futures for a Black World Session - Room 312

Facilitator: **Dr. Claire Nelson**, Author, SMART Futures for a Flourishing World

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Issue Area Plenary # 2 - Rooms 307-310

Displacing Black People and Black Culture: Gentrification as a State of Emergency in Black America

Facilitators: **Damien Goodman**, Crenshaw Subway Coalition and **Assata Richards**, Sankofa Institute

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Issue Area Plenary # 3 - Rooms 307-310

Socially Responsible Black Business/Economic Development

Facilitators: **Dr. George Fraser**, President/CEO, FraserNet and **Ms. Randi Norfleet**, COO, Black Business Legacy Hall of Fame and Museum

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

Issue Area Plenary # 4 - Rooms 307-310

Reimagining Public Safety and Law Enforcement

Facilitators: **Ronald Hampton**, Convener, IBW Police Justice and Accountability Task Force and **Dr. Taiwan Lovelace**, Co-Convener, IBW D.C. Justice Collaborative

5:45 PM – 7:15 PM

DINNER

Registration Closes

Diplomatic Corps Conversation - Room 311

[INVITATION ONLY]

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7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

National/International Town Hall Meeting - Rooms 307-310

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The State of Black America and the Pan African World

Moderators: **Dr. Juliane Malveaux**, Inaugural Dean, College of Ethnic Studies, Cal State, LA and **Dr. Ron Daniels**, President, IBW

Greetings: **Rev. Kobi Little**, President, Baltimore, NAACP and **Kim Poole**, Founder/Director, Creating Artist Institute, Baltimore

Special Presentation

The Struggle for Independence for the People of Western Sahara

Speaker: **Sidi Omar**, Ambassador, Polisario Front

Special Presentation

Resolving the Crisis in Haiti: The First Black Republic

Speaker: **Jocelyn McCalla**, CEO, JMC Strategies and Haiti Expert

Special Presentation

The Struggle for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda

Speaker: **Bobbi Wine**, Opposition Leader, Uganda

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

- **Marc Morial**, President/CEO, National Urban League, Harlem, NY
- **Dr. Claire Nelson**, Director, Institute for Caribbean Studies, Washington, DC
- **Hilary Shelton**, National Advisor of Governance and Policy, Washington, DC
- **State Senator Jill Carter**, Baltimore, MD
- **Maurice Mitchell**, General Secretary, Working Families Party, New York, NY
- **Jacqui Patterson**, Founder/Executive Director, The Chisholm Legacy Project, Baltimore, MD
- **Pastor Michael McBride**, Director, Live Free Campaign, Oakland, CA
- **Dr. Amara Enyia**, Director, Global Black, Chicago, IL
- **Mel Foote**, President/CEO, Constituency for Africa, Washington, DC
- **Dr. Zienzi Dillion**, African Union Development Agency Goodwill Ambassador to the US
- **James Gomez**, Director of International Relations, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Washington, DC
- **Milton Allimadi**, Editor/Publisher, Black Star News, Brooklyn, NY

Summary Remarks

Ras J. Baraka, Mayor, Newark, NJ (Invited)

DAY 3

Friday, April 21, 2023

7:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Special Session

Global Black Women's Leadership Summit Breakfast - Room 324

[INVITATION ONLY]

Meeting of selected U.S. and global women Civil Rights, Human Rights, Civil Society Leaders, Congressional Black Caucus, Mayors other Elected Officials and Members of the Diplomatic Corps. with Invited **Honored Guest Hon. Francia Marquez**, Vice-President of Colombia, Invited Special Guest **Dorina Hernandez Palomino**, Member of the House of Representatives of Colombia and **Esther Ojulari**, Reparations Movement, Colombia to discuss *Supporting the Struggle for Justice and Reparations for Afro-Descendants in Colombia*

Hosts/Facilitators: **Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee**, Congressional Black Caucus and Lead Sponsor, HR-40, **Melanie Campbell**, President, Black Women's Roundtable, Executive Director, National Coalition for Black Civic Participation and **Janis Mathis, Esq.**, Counsel, National Council of Negro Women

9:00 AM

Registration Opens - Sharp Street Terrace

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Issue Area Plenary # 5 - Rooms 307-310
Making Black Lives Matter

Facilitators: **Dr. Melina Abdullah** and **Angela Austin**, Black Lives Matter Grassroots

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

LUNCH

Press Availability

Special Session - Room 312
The Black World Media Network

A discussion of the multidimensional character and potential of IBW's Pan African media network with U.S. and global journalists, communications specialists, talk show hosts and producers.

Facilitator: **Don Rojas**, IBW's Director of Communications and International Relations

Issue Area Affinity Caucuses

Faith Leaders Table - Room 301

Facilitator(s): TBA

LGBTQI + Awareness - Room 313

Facilitator(s): TBA

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Issue Area Plenary # 6 - Rooms 307-310
Combating Gun Violence and Murders/Fratricide in Black Communities: A Public Health Crisis

Facilitators: **Pastor Michael McBride**, Director, LIVE-Free Campaign and **Dorothy Johnson-Speight**, Founder/President of Mothers in Charge

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Issue Area Plenary # 7 - Rooms 307-310 ***Building the U.S. and Global Reparations Movements***

Facilitators: **Kamm Howard**, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations United and **Dr. Amara Enyia**, Executive Director, Global Black

4:30 PM – 6:45 PM

DINNER

Registration Closes

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Opening Ndaba Plenary - Rooms 307-310

Moderators: **Rick Adams**, IBW Board Chair. and **Dr. Taiwan Lovelace**, IBW Board Member

Opening Rituals

Invocation: **Rev. Robert Turner**, Senior Pastor, Empowerment Temple AME Church, Baltimore

Libation: **Baba Kareem Aziz**, IBW Board Member, Chairman, Local Host Committee

Black National Anthem: TBA

Pledge to the Red, Black and Green: Collective

African Drumming/Dancing; TBA

Cross-Generational Panel ***The Role of Hip-Hop in the Black Liberation Movement***

Facilitators: **Kim Poole**, Founder/Director, Teaching Artists Institute and **Rev. Lennox Yearwood**, President/CEO, The Hip Hop Caucus

Keynote Address

Dr. Ron Daniels, President, IBW

DAY 4

Saturday, April 22, 2023

7:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Special Session - Room 324
Global Black Mayors and Elected Officials Roundtable Breakfast
[INVITATION ONLY]

Sponsored by the Baltimore Branch, NAACP, **Kobi Little**, President

Meeting with Mayors from the U.S., Africa, Caribbean and Global Black Diaspora to discuss Building Bonds of Global Power, with **Special Guests: Hon. Johnny Ford** and **Hon: Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi**, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa

Invited Facilitators: **Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard** and **Mayor Brandon Scott** (Invited)

9:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

Issue Area Working Session # 1 - Rooms 318-323, 327-330

12:00 NOON – 1:30 PM

LUNCH

Press Availability

Special Session - Room 304
Crisis in Haiti: The First Black Republic

Facilitator: **Jocelyn McCalla**, CEO, JMC Strategies and Haiti Expert,

Partial List of Presenters:

- **Hon. Leslie Voltaire**, Former Minister for Haitians Living Abroad
- **Jacques Ted St. Dic**, Montana Accord Movement
- **Velina Charlier**, The Montana Accord Movement

1:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Issue Area Working Session # 2 - Rooms 318-323, 327-330

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Issue Area Working Session # 3 - Rooms 318-323, 327-330

9:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

**Legacy Awards, Dr. Ron Daniels at 80 Birthday Tribute
And Cultural Extravaganza Benefit** - Rooms 324-326
[DONATION \$100.00]

Moderator: **Rev. Nick Taliaferro**, Talk Show Host, WURD, Philadelphia

Cultural Edu-Tainment: Drummers and Dancers TBA

Legacy Award Recipients

Current and Former Heads of State and Elected Officials

- **Hon. P.J. Patterson**
- **Hon. Mia Amor Mottley**
- **Hon. Francia Marquez**
- **Hon. Dorina Hernandez Palomino**
- **Hon. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee**
- **Hon. Congresswoman Barbara Lee**
- **Hon. State Senator Shirley Nathan Pulliam**
- **Hon. Johnny Ford**
- **Hon. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi**

International/Pan Africanists

- **Mohammed Nurhussein**
- **La Frances Rodgers Rose**
- **Mel Foote**

Civil Rights and Policy Advocacy

- Larry Hamm
- Atty. Junius Williams
- Dr. E. Faye Williams
- Professor Kimberle Crenshaw
- Mary Frances Berry
- Tarana Burke

Religion and Spirituality

- Vashti McKenzie
- Addie Richburg

Education and Culture

- Lynette Miller
- Dr. Marta Moreno Vega

Community Organizing and Leadership Development

- Baba Greg Akili

Reparations

- Ambassador David Comissiong

Labor and Social Justice

- Bill Fletcher

Business and Economic Development

- Lloyd Williams
- Leicester “Bill” Allen
- Paul Coates

Pan African Service Recipient

- Kareem Aziz

Dr. Ron Daniels at 80: Pass the Birthday Cake

Dance, Jump-up, Dance, Jump-up

Music by DJ MOH at the Turntable

DAY 5

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Closing Ndaba - Rooms 307-310

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Moderators: **Amina Saunders**, IBW Board Member, Philadelphia, PA and **Baba Akili**, IBW Board Member, Los Angeles, CA

Opening Rituals

Invocation: **Minister Afiya Dawson**, House of the Lord Church, Brooklyn, NY

Libation: **Baba Kareem Aziz**, IBW Board Member

Black National Anthem: **Via Video**

Pledge to the Red, Black and Green: Collective

African Drumming/Dancing: TBA

Keynote Presentation

Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

Summary Reports from Working Sessions: Co-Facilitators

Informational, Inspirational Expressions

- **Maurice Mitchell**, General Secretary, Working Families Party, New York, NY
- **Tarana Burke**, Founder, #ME TOO Movement, Philadelphia, PA
- **Latosha Brown**, Co-Founder, Black Voters Matter, Atlanta, GA

African Drumming/Dancing: TBA

Keynote Presentation

Dr. Julius Garvey, Honorary Chairman, SOBWC V

The Final Charge

Dr. Ron Daniels, President, IBW

Appeal for Contributions and Support and Benediction

Rev. Dennis Dillon, Senior Pastor, The Rise Church, Brooklyn, NY

Black National Anthem

Lift Ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when love unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come,
Over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come,
Treading our path thro'the blood of the slaughtered,
Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet,
Stray from the places, our God where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts,
Drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

A Pledge for African People

We are an African People!

We will remember the humanity, glory and suffering of our ancestors and honor the struggles of our elders;

We will strive to bring new values and new life to our people;

We will have peace and harmony among us;

We will be loving, sharing and creative;

We will work, study and listen so we may learn;
learn so we can teach;

We will cultivate self reliance;

We will struggle to resurrect and unify our homeland;

We will raise many children for our nation;

We will have discipline, patience, devotion and courage;

We will live as models to provide new direction for our people;

We will be free and self determining.

We are an African People

Together we will win!
(Pamoja Tutashinda)

*Composed by Ron Daniels for the Marcus Garvey School for
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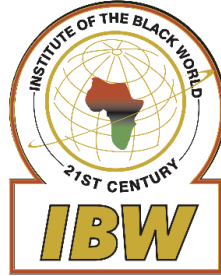
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About the Institute of the Black World 21st Century

The Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW, IBW21) is committed to enhancing the capacity of Black communities in the U.S. and globally to achieve cultural, social, economic and political equality and an enhanced quality of life for all marginalized people.

Learn more about us at IBW21.ORG



We need your support!

Dr. Ron Daniels and the Board of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century need your support to make IBW's critical projects, programs and initiatives self-sufficient, and to enhance IBW's vital role as a Resource Center promoting collaboration for Black Empowerment in the U.S. and the Pan African world.

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