

INSTITUTE OF THE BLACK WORLD 21ST CENTURY FORUM

TOWARD AN AFRICAN RENAISSANCE

REKINDLING THE SPIRIT OF PAN AFRICANISM

Report Back from the World Festival of Black Arts and Cultures in Senegal
with Reflections and Recommendations by



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**Perspectives on the Road Ahead in Haiti and
Launch of the Oasis Institute for Children Orphaned by the Earthquake**
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**Cultural Expressions by
SHEPS HETEP
DRUMMERS**

Saturday, March 12, 2011 @ 2:00 pm Sharp **DOORS OPEN @ 1:30 pm**

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Dear Friend in the struggle:



You are receiving this message because you have attended/supported an Institute of the Black World or Haiti Support Project function in the past. We sincerely thank you for taking time out of your schedule to fellowship with IBW/HSP. Over the past five years we have sponsored some very informative, inspirational and powerful forums with some of the most outstanding scholars, activists and leaders in Black America and the greater New York area. Accordingly, we sincerely hope you will make time to attend the March 12th Forum focused on the theme - *Toward an African Renaissance: Rekindling the Spirit of Pan Africanism in the 21st Century* with leading thinkers and activists like **Dr. Leonard Jeffries**, **Dr. Runoko Rashidi**, **Senator Bill Perkins** and **Dr. Julius Garvey**. They will offer their reflections on the recent **World Festival of Black Arts and Cultures** convened by President Abdoulaye Wade in Dakar, Senegal and perspectives on creating unity to build global Black Power for Black people in the 21st Century. Ideas are the predicate for action, and act we must if African people are to overcome centuries of enslavement, colonialism, segregation, economic exploitation and internalized oppression to regain our rightful place on the stage of history!

In addition to periodic Forums, IBW continues to promote "Pan Africanism in the U.S." by quietly working with Continental African, Caribbean American, Afro-Latino and African American leaders in the greater New York area to build the **Pan African Unity Dialogue**. Through PAUD we hope to promote collaboration, cooperation and collective action on vital issues like **immigration policy reform** and developing a **Declaration of Principles for Foreign Investment in Africa** to resist the "new scramble" for the resources of the motherland. IBW's **Haiti Support Project (HSP)** has emerged as the leading African American organization "Building a Constituency for Haiti in the U.S." With the support of friends and allies in New York and around the country, to date, HSP has raised and allocated more than \$140,000 for humanitarian relief and developmental projects in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. And, we are gearing up to launch a major campaign to raise contributions for the Oasis Institute, a project designed to eventually provide safe/secure housing, counseling and a quality education for up to 1,000 children orphaned by the earthquake. With the involvement of noted scholars and policy analysts like **Dr. Julianne Malveaux**, **Dr. Marc Lamont Hill**, **Dr. Tricia Bent-Goodley** and **Attorney Nkechi Taifa**, in 2010 IBW launched the **Shirley Chisholm Presidential Accountability Commission** to provide Report Cards on the presidential administrations, including President Barack Obama, as it relates to issues of vital concern to Black America. In June of this year IBW's **Black Family Summit** is poised to collaborate with the Drug Policy Alliance to mount a major campaign to end the "War on Drugs" which has had such devastating effects on our community in terms of mass incarceration.

Moreover, through our Forums, IBW is a vehicle for other organizations to provide updates on their work and hopefully encourage individuals who are so inclined to become actively engaged. We are particularly impressed with the development of the **Freedom Party** as a political mechanism to open up greater options to promote a progressive agenda for meaningful change. Finally, we firmly believe in building and preserving Black institutions to promote justice and liberation. In that regard, we are holding our Forum on Pan Africanism at the **National Black Theater** as an expression of support for this formidable institution which was the vision and life's work of our beloved ancestor Dr. Barbara Ann Teer. IBW plans to hold additional programs at NBT in the coming months to expose as many people as possible to this wonderful institution that desperately needs our support in an hour of grave crisis. We look forward to seeing you March 12th as we seek your continued support for IBW/HSP.

For the love of African people! **Dr. Ron Daniels, President, IBW**



Raising funds for the Oasis Institute for children orphaned by the earthquake, with a priority on young girls, will be the major humanitarian relief effort for the Haiti Support Project in 2011.

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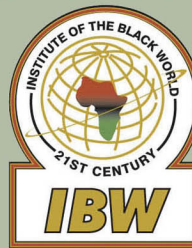
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"The World Festival of Black Arts and Cultures, hosted in Dakar, Senegal by President Abdoulaye Wade in December 2010, was an amazing event. It was exhilarating to interface with leading scholars and activists from the breadth of the Pan African world and witness spectacular cultural performances. President Wade has emerged as a leading voice calling for a new African Renaissance to promote Pan Africanism for the global empowerment of Black people. The March 12th Forum will be devoted to advancing this vision/mission!"

– Dr. Ron Daniels