

2009 ICAP Mid-Year Conference

“Opportunities in a New Political Era”

Engaging Our Differences By Omekongo Dibinga

They say that our youth are a lost generation
That they do not possess the humanity of previous
generations
But if you know like I know and see the hope in their eyes
If you've traveled the world and heard their cries
You would find that our youth are soldiers for humanity
From Ryan's Wells to Craig's Free Kids
Our youth have answered the call to engage our differences
From African advocates of aids like Olivia Natukunda
To peer educators like Miguel Garcia
Our youth daily deliver deeds of dignity
They demonstrate courage in the face of adversity
They fight for access to day care and universities
They add hope to our subtracted faith and disparities
And through their multiple deeds they erase our divisions
See our youth are on a mission
To heal a world so callously cut with the knife of indifference
Punched with the fist of intolerance
Kicked with the heel of homophobia
Suffocated with the gas of anti-Semitism
Shot with the rifle of racism
Subdued to submission with sexism
And smacked with the backhand of classism
But with all these withered wounds our youth thrive
They heal their hurt, help build homes and save lives
They feed the famished and wage verbal wars for peace
With an idealism many of us have lamentably lost
They make our future brighter by lighting a fire
Under our complacency
And so we celebrate Jackie Blitz and Andrew Vanstee
The late Mattie Stepanek and Selene Biffi
For reminding us all to never stop fighting for change
And showing us that peace and justice must always be our
one and only aim

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**The Aspen Institute
One Dupont Circle
7th Floor
Washington, DC**

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Friday, June 12, 2009

The Aspen Institute
One Dupont Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20036

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Welcome Reception and Silent Auction

Welcome Remarks

Poetry by Omekongo Dibinga, world-renown author, motivational speaker, and positive rapper

Silent Auction

Saturday, June 13, 2009

The Aspen Institute
One Dupont Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20036

9:00am – 10:00am

Registration and Light Breakfast

10:00am – 10:15am

Welcome & Opening Ceremony

Dr. Eric Clemons and Pui Man Wong, 2009 ICAP Conference Co-Chairs
Adam Taylor, Associate Minister, Shiloh Baptist Church, D.C.

10:15am – 10:45am

Keynote: Opportunities in a New Political Era

Ambassador Peter F. Romero, President & CEO, Experior Advisory, Former Assistant Secretary of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs, 1999-2001

Description: An examination of U.S. foreign policy, economics and business in light of the new U.S. Presidential Administration, a global economic recession, and U.S. military operations overseas.

Questions & Answers

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11:00am – 11:15am **Break and Group Photo**

11:15am – 12:00pm **Leadership**

Ray Suarez, Senior Correspondent, PBS ,The NewsHour

Description: An exposition on pursuing personal goals through our careers. The speaker will share his own career choices taken to succeed in his field while fulfilling personal aspirations.

12:00pm – 12:30pm **Award Ceremony**

Charlotte Kea, International Career Advancement Association (ICAA)

Award Recipient: **George Dalley**, Chief of Staff,
Congressman Charles Rangel

12:30pm – 2:00pm **Luncheon**

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Panel I: Public-Private Partnership**

Confirmed Speakers:

- Tracy Lloyd, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
- Jacques Cook, Partner at the law firm of Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
- Gayle Spence, United States Agency for International Development

Description: Public-Private Partnerships enable governments and private partners to maximize their reach and effectiveness through jointly-defined objectives and program implementation. Panelists will explore how these partnerships help private companies, non-profit groups, and governments lead with social and financial innovation, including venture capital and small and medium enterprise (SME) financing.

Moderator: Deidra Fair, ICAP 2008, Millennium Challenge Account

3:00pm – 3:15pm **Break**

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3:15pm – 4:00pm

International Public Policy/Affairs: Global Climate Change and International Development

Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Executive Director, Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

Description: The recent Global Humanitarian Forum “Human Impact Report” illustrates the adverse affects of global climate change on human societies, including deaths and financial losses in the coming years. The speaker will address the evolving roles of women in environmental development and global climate change impacts to vulnerable communities worldwide.

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Panel II: Future of ICAP

Confirmed Speakers:

- Dr. Tom Rowe, Founder and Director, ICAP
- Melanie Kawano, Vice President, ICAA Board
- ICAP Fellows

Description: As ICAP celebrates its twelfth year, how can ICAP and ICAA together sustain and nurture the growing ICAP family? The panelists will generate a discussion with the ICAP alumni on the future of ICAP and ICAA in creating a strong ICAP community that continues to meet the needs of its members.

Moderator: Crispian Kirk, ICAP 2008, Bantu Consulting, LLC

5:00pm

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Dr. Eric Clemons and Pui Man Wong, 2009 ICAP Conference Co-Chairs

SPECIAL NOTE: PERSONAL CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

One-on-One Sessions will be available to all ICAP alumni throughout the day!
with

Maria Pinto Carland of Georgetown University - Career Counselor extraordinaire!

Sign up at the registration desk

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Jacques Cook

Mr. Cook is a partner at Peckar & Abramson, P.C in its Washington, D.C. office where he heads its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) group. After many years of practice in the arena of international transactions, Mr. Cook is now focusing on PPPs in the expanding US market, which is adapting some of the same concession models applied in Europe and Latin America. Mr. Cook has extensive experience in international financial transactions after spending over twenty years as chief counsel at the Inter-American Development Bank, a multilateral development bank, which financed many of the major private sector infrastructure projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He later joined a major international law firm in its New York office and continued to work on behalf of clients involved in PPPs and power projects in Latin America. Mr. Cook has a B.A. degree from Amherst College; an M.A. from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies; and a J.D. from George Washington University. He is a member of the DC and New York Bars. He speaks, French, Spanish and has a working knowledge of Portuguese.



George Dalley

Mr. Dalley is Counsel and Staff Director for Congressman Charles Rangel. He is a former deputy assistant secretary, State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs and a former deputy campaign manager, Walter Mondale for President. Mr. Dalley has been active in developing foreign policy agenda for the Black Caucus. His role as an anti-apartheid activist led to the "Rangel amendment" in the 1987 budget bill, which was an effective anti-apartheid sanction tool. Mr. Dalley was instrumental in the creation of the Rangel Fellows program, which provides opportunities for minority students in the U.S. Foreign Service. He is very involved with Africare and served as chairman of the board from 2002 to 2006. A former partner at Neill & Co. and Holland & Knight, Mr. Dalley is an ICAP Advisory Board Member. ICAP is honoring Mr. Dalley with this year's ICAA 2009 Award for his dedication and tireless work for change and diversity in international public policy.

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Tracy Lloyd

Tracy Lloyd has nearly 10 years of experience in international investments with a focus on Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) finance. She is currently a Senior Investment Officer at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, where she focuses on the financing of small high-impact investments in the poorest countries in Africa. She developed her expertise in small business investing as the Investment Manager of the IFC Mozambique SME Initiative providing risk capital finance and advisory support to SMEs in the country. Prior to the IFC, Ms. Lloyd worked for 3½ years in Luanda, Angola as the Finance Officer for an USAID funded contractor, Creative Associates, assisting transitioning, post-war communities with the implementation of micro-enterprise projects. Ms. Lloyd holds a MBA degree from Georgetown University and a BS Degree from the University of Maryland College Park. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a founding board member of the Capitol Hill Computer Corner providing after school and community computer training to Capitol East residents.



Thanh Xuan Nguyen

Ms. Nguyen is the Executive Director, Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). She has 25 years of experience working with refugee and immigrant women in the U.S. and overseas. Prior to joining WEDO, Ms. Nguyen was Director of Health and Human Services at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Previously, Ms. Nguyen was director of ADAPT, a human trafficking prevention program in Vietnam and executive director of the Refugee Women's Network. She also co-founded the International Women's House, a shelter for non-English speaking survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Nguyen is a strong women's rights advocate and was a member of women's delegations to the Vienna Human Rights Conference (1993), Beijing Women's Conference (1995), New York United Nations Commission on Status of Women (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001), and Durban World Conference Against Racism (2001) where she helped get issues of refugee and displaced women on the agenda. Her country experience includes long-term field work in Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia and short-term field work in South Africa, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Haiti. She is a fellow of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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Ambassador Peter F. Romero

Ambassador Romero is the President and CEO of Experior Advisory LLC, a Washington-based consulting firm which advises US and international clients on winning strategies and best practices in overseas markets. He has advised multinationals on labor, indigenous, environmental, political issues and capacity-building at the community level. For example, working with one of the largest mining companies in the world, he assisted in putting into place an effective mix of grass-roots programs for communities surrounding the biggest gold mine in South America, ending disruption and turning these communities into “stakeholders’ for the enterprise. Ambassador Romero’s proven expertise runs the gamut from devising political strategies to securing public concessions, and navigating around political issues to selecting the best local partners for business ventures. Ambassador Romero was awarded the Order of Boyaca, Colombia’s highest civilian commendation for his work on Plan Colombia and the “Most Distinguished Graduate” award from his alma mater, Florida State University in 2006. He is also the recipient of the “Roberto Clemente Award” for public service from Boricua College in New York, as well as the Department of State’s highest commendation--its “Distinguished Honor Award”, the “Baker-Wilkins Award” for superlative leadership of an overseas mission, the “Walter Stoessel Award”, in recognition of his highly distinguished career, and the Department’s Equal Employment Opportunity Award. Ambassador Romero remains the highest-ranking career Hispanic officer in the history of the US Department of State. Born in New York City, Peter Romero received both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Florida State University. He is married to Ruth Espey-Romero, a corporate attorney and is fluent in both Spanish and Italian.

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Edward Thomas Rowe

Dr. E. Thomas Rowe is the Director of the International Career Advancement Program, Associate Professor and former Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. He also serves as the Treasurer and Director of Education on the Board for the Denver Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Rowe specializes in international politics, international organization and comparative politics, with particular attention to the United Nations, international human rights and conflict management and resolution. Dr. Rowe has lectured in the United States, Costa Rica, Ghana and Europe. He previously served on the faculty at the University of Connecticut and Virginia Polytechnic and State University. Dr. Rowe has published several book chapters, a monograph on the United Nations and articles in *International Organization*, the *American Political Science Review*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *Relaciones Internacionales*. He has served as the president of the International Organization Section of the International Studies Association, former president of the Western International Studies Association and former member of the Executive Board of Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).



Gail M. Spence

Gail M. Spence is a Senior Alliance Advisor in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Global Development Alliance. In this position, she is responsible for supporting the Agency's public private partnership efforts through outreach and support to the Agency's regional bureaus and 80 USAID Missions. Ms. Spence has had an extensive career with USAID. As a seasoned Foreign Service officer, Ms. Spence has served for more than twenty years in five overseas posts and in Washington, D.C. as a Project Development Officer and Program Officer. She served and worked ten years in Africa in Zambia, Angola, South Africa, Namibia, and Ghana. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Spence served as Office Chief of the Program Office in the USAID West Africa Mission located in Accra, Ghana. She was responsible for overseeing and supporting the USAID program worth approximately \$297 million which covered 14 West African countries in conflict mitigation, counterterrorism, democracy and governance, health, trade and agriculture, MCC, PEPFAR, Avian

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Influenza and several Presidential Initiatives. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Spence worked at Peace Corps' Washington, D.C. headquarters. She is also a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Cameroon from 1984 to 1985 as a credit union advisor. Ms. Spence is a graduate of American University with a MA in International Development and Development Management and a BA in International Studies and Economics. She and her son Jonathan are from New Haven, Connecticut and live in Washington, D.C.



Adam Russell Taylor

Adam Russell Taylor currently serves as the Director of Campaigns and Organizing at Sojourners, a 34-year old Christian organization that integrates spiritual renewal with social justice. He formerly served as the Executive Director of Global Justice, an organization that educates, trains, and mobilizes students around issues of global human rights and economic justice. Before co-founding Global Justice, Taylor worked as an Associate at the Harvard University Carr Center for Human Rights. Taylor earned a Masters degree in Public Policy from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University (2001) and a BA from Emory University (1998) in international studies. Taylor served as the co-chair of the Jubilee U.S.A. Network and now serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Interdependence Initiative. Taylor is an Associate Minister at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC where Dr. Wallace Charles Smith serves as Senior Pastor.



Ray Suarez

Mr. Suarez joined The NewsHour in October 1999 as a Washington-based Senior Correspondent. He has more than thirty years of varied experience in the news business. Mr. Suarez came to The NewsHour from National Public Radio where he had been host of the nationwide, call-in news program "Talk of the Nation" since 1993. Prior to that, he spent seven years covering local, national, and international stories for the NBC-owned station, WMAQ-TV in Chicago. In 2006 Rayo/HarperCollins published his examination of the tightening relationship between religion and politics in America, "The Holy Vote: The Politics of Faith in America." Suarez also wrote "The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration" (Free Press),

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and has contributed to several other books, including "How I Learned English" (National Geographic, 2007), "Brooklyn: A State of Mind" (Workman, 2001), "Local Heroes" (Norton, 2000), "Saving America's Treasures" (National Geographic, 2000), and "Las Christmas" (Knopf, 1998). His writing has been published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, and many other publications. He was a co-recipient of NPR's 1993-94 and 1994-95 duPont-Columbia Silver Baton Awards for on-site coverage of the first all-race elections in South Africa and the first 100 days of the 104th Congress, respectively. He was honored with the 1996 Ruben Salazar Award from the National Council of La Raza, and the 2005 Distinguished Policy Leadership Award from UCLA's School of Public Policy. The Holy Vote won a 2007 Latino Book Award for Best Religion Book. Mr. Suarez holds a B.A. in African History from New York University and an M.A. in the Social Sciences from the University of Chicago. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by many colleges and universities. A life member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Mr. Suarez was a founding member of the Chicago Association of Hispanic Journalists. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and three children.

Omekongo Dibinga



Omekongo Dibinga is a Les Brown Platinum motivational speaker, trilingual poet, and positive rapper. His Urban Music Award winning work has best been described by Nikki Giovanni as “outstanding, exciting, and new while being very old.” His book, *From the Limbs of My Poetree* was described by Essence Magazine as “a remarkable and insightful collection of exquisite poetry that touches sacred places within your spirit.” His work has appeared on TV and radio on CNN, BET, BBC, NPR, Music Choice, Voice of America and Telesud in millions of homes in over 150 countries. Omékongo has studied at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Georgetown, Morehouse, and The Fletcher School, where he received his M.A. in Law & Diplomacy. He is currently a Ph.D. student in International Education Policy at The University of Maryland. Omékongo currently co-stars as “Yenga” in the international television series “Ya Ma’Afrika,” a fictional drama series about the lives of four African women living

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together in New York City. “Ya Ma’ Afrika” is the first TV series of its kind to show Africans living in the western world confronting real issues such as relationships, immigration, racism and HIV. “Ya Ma’ Afrika” tells stories of cultural experiences, contradictions and challenges of Africans living in the West. The television series broadcasts on 3A TELESUD on 4 Continents: in Europe, Africa, the Middle-East and North America both on Cable, Satellite and IPTV. His publishing company, Free Your Mind Publishing has produced five fusion music and spoken word CDs, three books, and one independent DVD. A first generation Congolese-American, his parents were Congolese refugees who were exiled for their role in aiding in the liberation of the Congo.

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