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Group Photo of CIMPAD Conference Attendees on the Academia Diplomática Venâncio de Moura Campus

The 14th CIMPAD International Conference, held in Luanda Angola, June 18-20, 2026, is now part of our history. Preconference activities included a tour of the Slave Museum, the Military Museum and an opening reception with governmental officials, the US Ambassador to Angola and other dignitaries, June 16-17. The post conference activities of shopping, a visit of the Kimbanguist Church and site seeing occurred June 21-22. Over 350 government officials, professionals, faculty and students attended the event, with 300 delegates from Angola, 34 from the US and 10 from Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi, Rwanda, Brazil, Belgium and South Africa. H.E. Ambassador Tete Antonio, Minister of Foreign Affairs served as Honorary Chair of the conference, and host for the opening reception. He officially opened the conference with the American and Angolan National Anthems sung by an orchestra and choir, followed by his speech on enduring partnerships. H.E. Albano Vicente Lopes Ferreira Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation provided a keynote address which highlighted the importance of the gathering in fostering relationships with Americans who traveled and especially historically black colleges and universities. Dr. Catherine Gayle, Assistant Provost at Tuskegee University brought greetings on behalf of the HBCUs attending. Honorable Ambassador Mateus Luemba, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The conference featured eight panels. Clear communications were made possible through translation services. The high level panels included presenters from the US and Angola. These included the following topics.

- Higher Education
- Public Health
- Faith-based Partnerships and Culture
- Youth and Gender
- Entrepreneurship
- Economic Diversification
- Public Infrastructure
- Governance and Conflict Resolution

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HBCU Initiative



Panel on Entrepreneurship led by Dr. David Bell, CIMPAD Vice President

HBCU-ANGOLA PARTNERSHIP MILESTONE

One of the important outcomes of the conference was the HBCU initiative, managed by Dr. Rita Cooma, President of ICCouncil. Four HBCUs signed Memorandums of Understanding with 42 Angolan Universities to foster faculty and student exchanges, promote lectureships and foster innovative programs for youth development. The participating HBCUs included Lincoln University, Tuskegee University, Florida Memorial University and Morgan State University.



MOU Signing by Professor Sam Williams, Lincoln University



CIMPAD Leaders and HBCU representatives meet with H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço Angolan President

Another significant event during the conference was the opportunity to meet with Angolan President Lourenço in his office. We briefed him on CIMPAD, the Americans who traveled with us, the purpose of the conference and the opportunity to establish lasting partnerships with local universities and organizations. A short press conference was held with Peggy Valentine, CIMPAD President, which was featured on social media.



HL White Legacy Fellows

HONORING HARVEY L. WHITE LEGACY FELLOWS

On June 18th, sixteen Harvey L. White Legacy Fellows were happily welcomed in a celebration with over 150 guests. Three of Dr. White's former graduate assistants planned and ran the event. The speakers were Dr. David Bell (CIMPAD Vice President and Associate Professor at Indiana University), Mrs. Fati Bodua Seidu (Chief Director in Ghana's Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice), and Mrs. Shola Oshodi-John (Chief Executive Officer of Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators). Each speaker shared how Dr. White influenced their lives. They also talked about the importance and responsibility of being a Harvey L. White Legacy Fellow.

During the ceremony, each new fellow received a special medallion placed warmly around their neck. After receiving the medallion, each fellow was personally greeted by Dr. White. The new fellows come from around the world, showing Dr. White's influence both nationally and internationally.

The recipients were delighted to be inducted into the Fellowship Program and expressed their commitment to advancing Dr. Harvey L. White's legacy and work. A delicious reception buffet was part of the Legacy Fellows induction event, providing an opportunity for fellows to network with one another and with a diverse body of conference participants. The HL White Legacy Group, which sponsors the Legacy Fellowship Program, supports students and young professionals pursuing career development opportunities, including participation in conferences, development projects in Africa, and diaspora-related activities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Harvey L. White, CIMPAD Founder, for his generous donation to sponsor the Legacy Fellowship initiative.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kendra Brumfield-NaWangna, the HLW Legacy Fellowship US Award Committee selected recipients.

Dr. Biruk Alemayehu coordinated the selection of eight students as fellows from 6 Angolan Universities for induction into the Fellowship Program.

US Fellows:

- Yanique Calixte - North Carolina Central University
- Taraza Tyler - North Carolina Central University
- Mary (Lisa) Rider - North Carolina Central University
- Rachelle Green - Southern University
- Adam Green - Lincoln University
- Shernica Ferguson - Jackson State University

Malawi Fellow:

- Matrida Mlotha and Justin Jere - Entrepreneurs and Business Owners

Brazil Fellows:

- Larissa Santos - Tourism Bureau

Angola Fellows:

- Bruna Jacira Gomes-Universidade Metodista de Angola
- Domingos Agostinho Quimbundo-Universidade Metodista de Angola
- Felisbino Filho Agostinho Sebastião-Universidade Jean Piaget de Angola
- Clarisse Maria da Silva Luís, UPRA-Universidade Privada de Angola
- Maura Assuzethe Geraldo Balaca-Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Relações Internacionais
- Maria Mingas-Escola Superior Técnica de Ciências do Desporto
- Graciela de Fátima Custódio Nsito-Instituto Superior Politécnico de Cabinda
- Patrícia Panzo, Universida de Jean Piaget de Angola



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We are very grateful to our many sponsors who supported the conference. Through their generosity, CIMPAD was able to support US and Angolan student attendance which in some cases included airfare, lodging and meals, translational services and a reception.

The photo above shows logos of some of our sponsors, including Indiana University's O'Neill College, NFBPA, Valentine, Hooper and Stitts Consulting Company. There are others that we recognize

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CIMPAD DONATES \$1,000 TO KIMBANGUIST CHURCH



The CIMPAD delegation visited the Kimbanguist Church on Sunday, June 21st and was welcomed in grand style by a band, orchestra, cheering crowds of 10,000 church members and more. This mega state-of-the-art church was under construction when a delegation visited last year. In just 18 months, the church, massive courtyard and other facilities were completed by members of the congregation who donated all the materials and labor. As a gesture of appreciation and support, a donation of \$1,000 was given to the church on behalf of the organization. We thank the delegates who traveled with us and CIMPAD board members for their contributions.