



# GLOBAL AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT

Sandton, South Africa 23 - 25 May 2012

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### Ministers at the Global African Diaspora Summit Conclude Discussions ahead of the Summit Tomorrow in Sandton, Johannesburg



#### Pretoria, South Africa 24 May 2012 –

The Ministerial meeting held on 23 May 2012 at the OR Tambo Building in Pretoria, South Africa, concluded its deliberations with recommendation expressed in a draft Declaration to be submitted to the Heads of States during the Summit on the Global African Diaspora scheduled to take place at the Sandton Conventional Center tomorrow 25 May 2012 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Chairperson of the African

Union Commission, Dr. Jean Ping addressed participants during the Ministerial session of the Global African Diaspora Summit. (see complete speech of Dr. Ping on AU Website: [www.au.int](http://www.au.int).)





The Declaration comprises among others political, program of Action, implementation and follow-up mechanism, priority legacy and priority projects.



The Ministers underscored the need for continuous consultation between Africa and the Diaspora, building of regional networks in other parts of the world, monitoring and evaluation mechanism for assessing progress and accelerating the pace of achievements in the different areas. They also emphasized the need to establish political criteria that will facilitate the desire to ensure effective participation of the Diaspora in the African Union.

The final Declaration will be submitted to the Head of States and leaders of at the Global African Diaspora Summit for adoption.

***Journalists are invited to cover the Global African Diaspora Summit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the Sandton Convention Centre Johannesburg.***

**For further information about the Summit please consult the following links:**

**African Union Website:** <http://au.int/en/summit/diasporasummit2012>

**South African Website:** [www.dirco.gov.za/diaspora](http://www.dirco.gov.za/diaspora)

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***Attached is the draft program of the Global African Diaspora Summit.***



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## Friday, 25 May 2012

- 09:00-09:30** Members of the Delegation arrive at the Sandton Convention Centre and are conducted to the Plenary
- 09:30** President Jacob Zuma arrives at the Sandton Convention Centre and is conducted to the Holding Room, Level 5
- 09:30 Heads of State/Government, Eminent Persons and Special Guests are conducted to the Holding Room, Level 5
- 09:35-:09:45 Arrival and received by President Jacob Zuma
- 09:55 Heads of State/Government, Eminent Persons and Special Guests are conducted to the Plenary
- 10:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony of the Global African Diaspora Summit

### ***Session 1: Chaired by Dr Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin and Chairperson of the African Union***

**Theme: “Africa and Her Diaspora, A shared Past, Present and Future”**

#### **Order of Proceedings:**

- President Boni Yayi announces the commencement of the Summit
- The Anthem of the African Union is played
- Welcome remarks by President Jacob Zuma
- Remarks by Dr Jean Ping
- Remarks by an Eminent Person of the African Diaspora (Tbc)
- Remarks by Prof W Roseval Ambassador of the Republic of Suriname to the Republic of South Africa: representing the Chairperson of the CARICOM
- Remarks by Mr Esteban Lazo, Vice President of the Republic of Cuba
- Remarks by H.E. Ms Portia Simpson-Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica
- Remarks by President Boni Yayi

***In Attendance: (1+4)***

### **Media in attendance**

11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea break and photo opportunity

11:30-13:00 Global African Diaspora Summit continues: **(Closed Session)**

### **Session 2: Chaired by President Boni Yayi**

#### **Order of Proceedings:**

- Presentation of the Ministerial Report and the draft Declaration by Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.
- Discussion

13:00 – 13:20 Adoption of the Summit Declaration

13:20 – 13:40 Closing Ceremony of the Global African Diaspora Summit

#### **Order of Proceedings:**

- Closing remarks by President Jacob Zuma
- Closing Remarks by President Boni Yayi

### **Media in attendance for closing remarks**

13:40 -14:00 Media Briefing by President Jacob Zuma, President Boni Yayi; Representative of the  
Chairperson of CARICOM and Dr Jean Ping

14:00 Heads of State/Government and Eminent Persons are conducted to the Dining Hall

14:15-15:30 Lunch

### ***In Attendance: (1+4)***

### **15:35-16:00 Bilateral Consultations**

16:30 Heads of State/Government and Eminent Persons are conducted to the Hall

**16:45** Concluding Concert in Celebration of Africa Day.