NEW YORK 2026

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# A Day of EMPOWERMENT
## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT SET-UP

**THE ATRIUM** — **8:00 am to 9:15 am**

## MORNING PLENARY

*General presentations and review of the day's activities*
*Sponsors/partners engagement*

**THE AUDITORIUM** — **9:30 am to 11:00 am**

**MODERATOR**
DR. WILLIAM ALLEN | Public Affairs Specialist

**SPEAKERS**
DR. SHON ADKINS | Antioch Baptist Church

JENNIFER SMITH | Citizens Bank

VIJAY DANDAPANI | Hotel Association of NYC

HON. MILTON TINGLING
West Harlem Development Corp.

LOFTIN FLOWERS | Columbia University

DR. MALCOLM PUNTER
Harlem Congreations for Community Improvement

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**
REV. DENNIS DILLON
The New York Christian Times

**KEYNOTE**
NDABA MANDELA
Grandson of Nelson Mandela
Chair, The Mandela Institute

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## ACCESS TO CAPITAL

*Funding and financing small businesses*
*Diverse opportunities to access conventional and flexible funding for businesses and non-profits*

**THE AUDITORIUM** **11:15 am to 12:45 pm**

**MODERATOR** LLOYD DOAMAN | Harlem Entrepreneurial Fund

**PANEL**
CITIZENS BANK | POPULAR BANK
CARVER BANK | JPMORGAN CHASE
PRINCESS JENKINS | The Brownstone
TAMMECA ROCHESTER | Harlem Cycle

## LUNCH BREAK

*Lunch can be purchased in The Atrium and at many nearby locations. No food is allowed in The Auditorium.*

**THE ATRIUM / OUTSIDE** **12:45 pm to 1:25 pm**

## FORUM ON THE BLACK PRESS

*Strengthening our fainting voice – 200 years after the establishment of The Black Press*

**THE AUDITORIUM** **1:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

**MODERATOR** DR. BOB LEE | WBLS Radio

**PANEL**
PAT STEVENSON | The Harlem News Group
MONA DAVIDS | LittleAfrica News
DR. KARL RODNEY | New York Carib News
ADRIAN COUNCIL | Positive Community Magazine
MARKO NOBLES | Rhythm & Soul Radio

**KEYNOTE** SENATOR CORDELL CLEARE
New York State's 30th Senate District

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## ACCESS TO CONTRACTS / ACCESS TO MARKETS

*Granting greater access to government and corporate contracts and a greater market share*

**THE AUDITORIUM** **3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**MODERATOR** DR. ZULEMA BLAIR
Medgar Evers Business School

**PANEL**
ANGELA PRICE | The Black Cake Company
JENNY LOW | Empire State Development
DAVID CORREAS | NYC Small Business Services
CLAYTON BANKS | Silicon Harlem
KAREN PADAVATTON | MTA

**KEYNOTE** SENATOR JAMES SANDERS, JR.
New York State's 10th Senate Distric
Chair, Committee on Banks

## SUMMATION PLENARY

*Overall review, takeaways, and next steps*
*Future collaborations and partnerships*

**THE AUDITORIUM** **4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

**MODERATOR** REV. HANIF RUSSELL | The NY Christian Times

**PANEL**
SISEKO MAHLATI | Quantum-h Africa
CORTESIA NORMAN | McDonalds
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
GREATER HARLEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
JUICI PATTIES

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## NETWORKING & EXHIBIT BREAK

**THE ATRIUM** — **5:30 pm to 6:20 pm**

## ECONOMIC STATE OF THE BLACK WORLD TOWN HALL

**THE AUDITORIUM** — **6:30 pm to 8:15 pm**

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| MODERATOR | REV. SEAN EDWARDS, ESQ. \| The Faith Place |
| PRAYER & INSPIRATION | DR. PETER BONADIE \| Kingdom Life International<br>REV. MATTHEW SINGH \| New Haven Ministries |
| SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER | NDABA MANDELA<br>Grandson of Nelson Mandel<br>Chair, The Mandela Institute |
| THE ECONOMIC REPORT | REV. DENNIS DILLON<br>Publisher, The Economic Report |
| PANEL | KAMIL OLUFOWOBI \| MIPAD<br>DR. RON DANIELS \| IBW21<br>COUNCILMAN YUSEF SALAAM \| 9th C.D.<br>TAMIKA MALLORY \| Author, Civil Rights Leader<br>AYO TOMETI \| Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter |
| CLOSING REMARKS & PRAYER | REV. DR. SEAN GARDNER, SR.<br>East Ward Baptist Church |