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**The lineup of Program for Black History Month Celebration**

**Saturday, February 26, 2022 | 10:00am-5:00pm EST**

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| **Time** | **Agender Item** | **Nature of Discussion** |
| ***10:00-10:10 a.m.*** | Opening statement | **Speech****AU Permanent Representative**  |
| ***10;10 -10:50am*** | High-level Diplomatic dialogue: African Diplomatic Corps’ engagement with their Diaspora for the purposes of the co-development of the continent, and culture heritage perseveration | **Panel Discussion** **Diplomatic Corps** |
| ***10:50-11:30am*** | Black History and Cultural Heritage: Strengthening the ties with the Africans in the Diaspora | **Panel Discussion** **Diplomatic Corps and Members of Diaspora**  |
| ***11:30-12:00pm*** | Film: “Familiar Faces/Unexpected Places” | **Film Screening**  |
| ***12:00-12:30pm***  | Youth doing businesses – with counterparts at home and in the Diaspora | **Presentations by** **Youth Groups**  |
| ***12:30-12:40 am*** | AU Youth Envoy’s address | **Recording Message**  |
| ***12:40am-1:20pm*** | AU Youth Strategies: Empowering Education, Skills Development, Employment, and Entrepreneurship | **Panel Discussion by** **AU, Diplomatic Corps, & the academia**  |
| ***1:20-1:50pm*** | Digital Technology and innovations that positively impact the youth: Entrepreneurship, Economic Empowerment, and Capacity Building, Leadership, for the creation of Africa’s solutions | **Panel Discussion by** **Technology companies, financial institutions, the academia/social enterprise, & local government**  |
| ***1:50-2:00pm*** | Break and entertainment | **General Audience**  |
| ***2:00-2:10pm*** | The US Government Representative | **Remarks by Coordinator, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)** |
| ***2:10-2:20pm*** | AU Development Partnering Institutions | **Remarks by Regional Vice President, Eastern and Southern Africa****World Bank** |
| ***2:20-2:30pm***  | AU Diaspora Division,Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) | **Remarks by AU Diaspora Division** |
| ***2:30-3:10pm*** | Strategies For Youth Economic Empowerment: The focus on economic empowerment of the youth population | **Financial institutions, Peace Institutions Entrepreneurs, and social industry leaders**  |
| ***3:10-3:35pm*** | Historical Tourism: Past, Present and Future | **Youth Presentations and Q&A by youth groups**  |
| ***3:35-3:45pm*** | Arts and Culture, Videos Streaming | **Youth Presentation by a youth groups/F.99** |
| ***3:45-3:50 p.m.*** | Recorded youth support project  | **Youth Presentation** |
| ***3:50-3:55 p.m.*** | African Youth Education & Sports Development | **Youth Presentation**  |
| ***3:55-4:35pm*** | Human capital development and gender inclusion: The role of education institutions in preparing talented ambitious youth. And utilization of technology  | **Panel Discussion by** **Diplomatic Corps, & the Think Tank and social entrepreneurs**  |
| ***4:35-4:50 pm*** | Closing, a vote of thanks and recognitions  | **AU Permanent Representative** |
| ***4:50-5:10 p.m.*** | Music and closing  | **General Audience**  |