

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, INC.  
SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN 21ST CENTURY CITIES  
DETROIT CONFERENCE 2017  
MGM GRAND CASINO/HOTEL  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN USA  
OCTOBER 23-27, 2017

*"This Conference will address the 7 Goals of the WCM, known as the WCM 7 T's:  
Trust, Trade, Tourism, Technology, Twining, Treasury, & Training,  
For the Mayors of the World."*

**(DRAFT) AGENDA (NOT FINAL)**

**(We are in the process of confirming all speakers, sponsors, and program participants. The international program/panel participants will be added to the agenda, before final proofing.**

**We welcome your suggestions by October 5th Thanks.)**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

**TRAVEL.....ARRIVALS.....REGISTRATION**

6:00 p.m.

VIP RECEPTION (*SOUL FOOD PARTY*)

Bert's Market Place

*"Dining Home to the Motown Stars"*

2727 Russell Street

Detroit, Michigan 48207

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

WORLD TRUST BREAKFAST (WCM 1st T: Trust)

(MGM GRAND HOTEL)

*"To begin the Conference on a positive note, to establish TRUST and goodwill  
between the cities of the world."*

**Convener:** The Honorable Deborah Delgado, WCM Vice President for Trust,  
Council Lady, Hattiesburg, MS

**Hosted by:** The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, MI, and  
Reverend Dr. Jim Holley

**Prayer:** Pastor Abraham Adening

**Musical Selection:** "God Provides", LaShonda Lewis

**Welcome:** The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, Michigan,  
*"Detroit, The Come Back City"*

Wayne County Sheriff  
Wayne County Treasurer  
Wayne County Executive  
Detroit Police department  
Detroit City Council  
Black Chamber of Commerce  
Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Music:**

**Purpose:** Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah, WCM Director of International Affairs

**WCM Mission,** The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. (WCM):

Honorable Ed Jones, WCM President,

**WCM Domestic and Global Vision:** The Honorable Johnny Ford,  
Founder, The World Conference of Mayors, Inc.

**Closing Remarks and Benediction:** Reverend Dr. Jim Holley  
Little Rock Baptist, Detroit, Michigan, and  
Chair, WCM Detroit 2017 Host Committee

**10:00a.m.-11:45a.m.**

**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**Welcome to Detroit:** Honorable Mayor Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit  
*"The City that Never Surrendered."* and  
WCM Detroit 2017 Conference Host  
Reverend Dr. Jim Holley, Pastor,  
Little Rock Baptist, Detroit, Michigan, and  
Chair, WCM Detroit 2017 Host Committee  
Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah, WCM Director of International Affairs

**Interdenominational Prayer:** Reverend Dr. Jim Holley,  
Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah

*"The Convening of the WCM 2017 Conference",*

**Presentation of Colors**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of Founder:** Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah

**Presiding Officer:** The Honorable Johnny Ford,  
Founder of The World Conference of Mayors, Inc, **(WCM) 1984,**  
a Founder of The National Conference of Black Mayors **(NCBM), 1974,**  
Founding Trustee Emeritus, The African American Mayors Association **(AAMA), 2016**  
Founding Co-Chair, the National Policy Alliance, Inc. **(NPA) 2005**  
Founding President, Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc. **(HBTSA), 2013**  
Chair, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. **(NBLCA), 2017**  
Former Alabama State Legislator, **1998**

Former Mayor of Tuskegee, AL, **1972**,(32 years of service)  
Home of Tuskegee University, and The Home of The Famous Tuskegee Airman

## **History of WCM**

### **Introduction of The WCM President:**

#### **Call to Order and Welcome to the WCM Convention: The Honorable Ed Jones\***

President of The World Conference of Mayors, Inc.,  
Mayor of Historic, Grambling, LA, The Home of Grambling, University, and  
The "Legendary" Coach Eddie Robinson Football Museum,  
Retired, Distinguished Grambling University Professor, The Home of  
The Black College Football Hall of Fame, and  
The 2016, Black College Football Champions

#### **Greetings from the 13th District of Michigan:**

The Honorable Congressman John Conyers  
"The Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)"

#### **Greetings from U.S. Conference of Mayors: The Honorable Mitch Landrieu,\***

#### **Greetings from National League of Cities: The Honorable Clarence Anthony**

#### **Greetings from Wayne County, Michigan**

#### **and The National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO):**

The Honorable Alisha Bell, Wayne County Commissioner, President of (NABCO)

#### **Greetings from the Past President the National Organization of**

#### **Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO) and WCM Vice President for Trust,**

The Honorable Deborah Delgado, Council Lady, Hattiesburg, MS,

#### **Greetings from the Diplomatic Corps:**

#### **His Excellency The Ambassador of the Gabonese Republic, SEM Michael Moussa-Adamo**

The Honorable Douglas George, Consul General of Canada

The Honorable Mitsuhiro WADA, Consul General of Japan

Her Excellency Arikana Chihombori Quao MD, Ambassador, Permanent Representative,  
African Union Mission to the USA

The Honorable Calvin Ho, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Chicago, Illinois

The Honorable Stacey Williams, U.S. State Department, Office of Haitian Affairs

#### **Additional Diplomats:**

### **Roll Call of Cities and Introduction of Mayors Council Members and other elected or appointed officials Present:**

The Honorable Cyvette Gibson, Mayor of Paynesville City Liberia:

*"Greetings from the International Delegation of Mayors"*

The Honorable Michael Thompson, President of City Council of Toronto

*"Greetings from the International Delegation of Council Persons"*

### **Recognition of other Mayors, Council Persons, and other Elected and Appointed Officials**

**Introduction of WCM Partnership Organizations:**

Cities United (CU)  
National Organization of Law Enforcement Executives, Inc.(NOBLE)  
National Policy Alliance, Inc. (NPA)  
Morehouse School of Medicine, Satcher Institute  
Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc. (HB TSA)  
National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Inc. (NBCLEO)  
International Black Broadcasters Association, Inc. (IBBA)  
EverFI, Inc.  
The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA)

**Introduction of WCM Corporate Roundtable Members and Conference Sponsors**

**12 Noon-2:00 p.m.**

**CITIES UNITED (CU) LUNCHEON \* Members of Cities United**

*"The Road Map to Safe, Healthy, and Hopeful Cities in America and the World."*

**Convener:** The Honorable Alberta McCory,\* WCM Vice President for Youth

**Moderator:** Anthony Smith\*, Executive Director, Cities United

**Greetings: A CU Founder, and a CU and WCM Corporate Sponsor:** Dr. William Bell\*  
President and CEO, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, Washington

**Greetings:** The Honorable Ed Jones\*, WCM President, Mayor of Grambling, LA

**Greetings:** The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, MI (or Representative)  
(Will publically announce the intention of Detroit to join CU)

**CU History and The Plan:** The Honorable Michael Nutter\*

Former Mayor of Philadelphia, PA, and a CU Founder

**Campaign for Black Male Achievement:** Shawn Dove,\* a CU Founder

**Championing Young Black Female Leadership:** The Honorable Ragen Hatcher,  
City Council Lady At-Large, Gary, Indiana \*

**CU Greetings:**

The Honorable Johnny Ford\*, Founder, The World Conference of Mayors, Inc:

*"Statement of Appreciation to The Casey Family Programs, for their Corporate Support, and the Recommendation to all WCM Mayors, and Partners to Join and Support Cities United (CU), and to attend the Cities United, August 2018 Conference, in Knoxville, TN."*

**2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE PANEL (WCM 2nd T: Trade)**

*"Cities Competing in a Global Market"*

**Convener:** The Honorable Jack Sims,\* , WCM Vice President of Trade,  
First African American Mayor of Historic District Heights, MD,  
Member of the Maryland Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (MCBM)  
Board Member, Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc. (HB TSA)  
Member, Maryland Municipal League of Cities  
Member, African American Mayors Association, Inc. (AAMA)

Official Southern Cherokee Nation and The Red Fire People **(SCNRFP)**  
Acting Emissary Representative and Advisor.

**Panelists:** Alicia Boler Davis, Executive Vice President, Global Manufacturing, General Motors Detroit  
The Honorable Michael Thompson, President , City Council, Toronto, Canada  
The Honorable Francis Bertrand, WCM Vice President of Caribbean Affairs  
The Honorable Deborah Delgado, WCM Vice President, "Trust"  
Director of Office of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation **(invited)**  
His Excellency Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer, U. S. Trade Representative **(invited)**

**4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.**

**INTRODUCTION OF AND EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO CONFERENCE SPONSORS, & EXHIBITORS:**

The Honorable Johnny Ford, WCM Founder, and  
The Honorable Ed Jones, WCM President

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**MAYORS HALL OF FAME**

**VIP Reception**

**Hosted By:** The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, Michigan, and  
The Honorable Ed Jones, Mayor of Grambling, LA, WCM President

*"The 20 original 1984 founders of The World Conference of Mayors will be enshrined into the WCM International Hall of Fame."*

**HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES: Approved by The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. Board,  
September 13, 2017**

**Introduction of Inductees: Honorable Johnny Ford, WCM Founder  
(\*\* Known Deceased)**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM SNYDER, VICE PRESIDENT \*\***  
Monrovia, Liberia  
Africa

**HONORABLE SHALAMAR SCOTT**  
Montego Bay, Jamaica,  
West Indies

**HONORABLE AMADOU CLEDOR SALL\*\***  
Dakar, Senegal  
Africa

**HONORABLE LENISSONGUI COULIBALY**  
Boundiali, Cote d'Ivoire  
Africa

**HONORABLE JOHN SMITH, SECRETARY GENERAL \*\***  
Prichard, Alabama  
United States

**HONORABLE EARNEST BARKLEY, TREASURER**  
Gretna, Florida  
United States

**HONORABLE UNITA BLACKWELL \*\***  
Mayersville, Mississippi  
United States

**HONORABLE BASIL LINDSAY**  
Clarendon, Jamaica  
West Indies

**HONORABLE GHARBI SADOK**  
Tunis, Tunisia

**HONORABLE NESTOR ONGOMITIAN**  
Bangui, Central African Republic  
Africa

**HONORABLE ABRAHAM GORDON**  
Eatonville, Florida  
United States

**HONORABLE JANIE GOREE, SECRETARY \*\***  
Carlisle, South Carolina  
United States

**HONORABLE MARION BARRY \*\***  
Washington, D. C.  
United States

**HONORABLE JAMES HARRIS**  
Phoenix, Illinois  
United States

**HONORABLE VIOLET LEGGETTE \*\***  
Gunnison, Mississippi  
United States

**HONORABLE MALICK O. B. LOWE \*\***  
Banjul, The Gambia,  
West Africa

**HONORABLE MARY HALL**  
Pagedale, Missouri  
United States

**HONORABLE RICHARD HATCHER**  
Gary, Indiana

**(Introduced by The Honorable Ragen Hatcher)  
City Council Lady At-Large, Gary, Indiana)**

**United States**

**HONORABLE CHARLES EVERS**  
Jackson, Mississippi  
United States

(Introduced by Rob Neal, President IBBA and  
La Mont "Showboat" Robinson, CEO /Founder  
R & B Music Hall of Fame)

**HONORABLE JOHNNY FORD, WCM FOUNDING PRESIDENT** (Introduced by Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah)  
Tuskegee, Alabama  
United States

**Entertainment**

**Tony Wilson:** *"The Young James Brown"*, and **Judy Lei:** *"Classic Soul"*,  
(See YoungJamesBrown.com)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

**7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.**

**THE GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST**

**Prayer:** The Honorable Reverend Dr. Darryl Johnson

**Music:**

**Greetings:** The Honorable Ed Jones, President WCM, and  
The Honorable Dr. Mohamad Yahya Sillah

**Introduction of The Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan:**

The Honorable Johnny Ford, Founder, WCM

**Music:** Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences

**Introduction of Presenter, Mr. William Pickard, Global Entrepreneur:**

The Honorable Johnny Ford, Founder, WCM

**Closing Remarks and Benediction:** Reverend Dr. Jim Holley

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**TOURISM PANEL (WCM 3rd T: Tourism )**

*"Cities Benefiting from Cultural Tourism Dollars"*

**Convener:** The Honorable Thomas Masters, Mayor of Riviera Beach, Florida,  
WCM Vice President for "Tourism"

**Panelists:** Herbert Solomon, Black Meetings and Tourism Magazine  
Sharlene Thomas, Tourism Management Consultant,(Canada and The Caribbean)  
The Honorable Francis Bertrand,  
WCM Vice President of Caribbean Affairs

**10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PANEL ( WCM 4th T)**

*"Using technology to sustain economic growth and development in 21st Century Cities"*

**Convener:** The Honorable Darryl Johnson, Former Mayor, Mound Bayou, MS,  
WCM Vice President of Technology

**Panelists:** Tom Davidson, Jr. President & CEO, EverFi, Inc. or  
Kevin Anderson, Executive Vice President, EverFi  
Dr. Carlton Blue, Electrical Engineer, President , Carlton Blue, Inc. & Associates

Mr. Derrick Hollie, President, of Reaching America  
Rob Neal, President, CEO, International Black Broadcasters Association, Inc.,  
**The voice of Black Broadcasters and radio station owners in America and the world."**  
*"Utilizing radio and social media, and working with the Federal  
Communications Commission (FCC) to obtain licenses for radio, TV, and cable etc."*

**11:00 a.m.-12 Noon**

**TWIN CITIES PANEL (WCM 5th T)**

*"The Sister Cities (Twin Cities) Program builds bridges of friendship between  
the cities of the world."*

**Convener:** The Honorable Eddie Cole, Mayor of Eatonville, Florida, WCM Vice President, Twin Cities

**Panelists:** Mary Kane, President & CEO Sister Cities International, Washington, DC **(Invited)**

Representative from the Detroit Sister Cities Program **(Invited)**

The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, Michigan

Representing the Detroit Sister Cities Program

The Honorable Michael Thompson, President of the Toronto, Canada City Council,

Representing the Toronto, Sister Cities Program **(Invited)**

**12:15p.m.-1:45 p.m.**

**HEALTHY CITIES LUNCHEON**

*"Mayors leading the march toward healthy cities in America and the world."*

**Conveners:** Honorable Dr. William Truly, Mayor of Canton, MS, WCM Vice President, Health

Ivan Sims, WCM Medical Advisor, President for Stroke Free Zone

**Moderator:** Debra Fraser- Howze, Founding President,

The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS **(NBLCA)**

**Panelists:** Tony Zezzo, Executive Vice President, marketing and Sales, OraSure Technologies

Honorable C. Virginia Fields, Former Borough President of Manhattan, NY,

and President of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA)

Dr. Deborah Wafer, Senior Marketing Manager at Gilead Sciences

Dr. Starla Hairston-Blanks, Morehouse School of Medicine, Satcher Institute

Dr. William Anderson, first African American Past President of the American

Osteopathic Association **(AOA)**

Ivan Sims, WCM Medical Advisor, President for Stroke Free Zone

**2:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**TREASURY PANEL (WCM 6th T)**

*"Building The Municipal Treasury: Taxation or Privatization"  
(Economic Opportunities in the Gaming Industry)*

**Convener:** Honorable Vickie Moore, WCM Vice President of Treasury

**Moderator:** Ron Hicks, Director, Government Affairs, Advance America, Inc.

**Speakers:** The Honorable Eric Sabree, Wayne County, Michigan, Treasurer

Milton McGregor, President of VictoryLand, Casino

The Honorable Eddie Tullis, Treasurer Alabama Creek Indian Casinos

Representative from MGM Grand



3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)/National League of Cities (NLC)/Race Equity and Leadership (REAL) (WCM 7th T: Training)**

*"Training Mayors and Black Law Enforcement Executives to Work Together in Making the Cities of America and the World Safe Again"*

**Convener:** The Honorable Samuel Ings, City Commissioner, Orlando, Florida  
WCM Vice President for Training

**Moderator:** Dwayne Crawford, Executive Director, **NOBLE**

**Panelists:** Clarence E. Cox III, National President, **NOBLE**

James E. Craig, Detroit, Chief of Police.

Bernadette Onyenaka, M.S. **NLCs REAL**

The Honorable Jimmie Gardner, Mayor of Prichard, AL, and  
Former Chief of Police of Prichard

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**RIVER BOAT CRUISE (AFRICAN NIGHT)**

**Joint Partnership with the International Black Broadcasters Association**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

**NATIONAL POLICY ALLIANCE (NPA) ROUNDTABLE**

*"The collective voice of over 16,000 Black elected and appointed public policy officials and a million plus Blacks in government who execute public policy at the local state, national and international level. Each President will speak on behalf of their organization, and will be recognized for their leadership by The World Conference of Mayors."*

**Introduction of The NPA and the Co-Conveners:** Linda Haithcox-Taylor, Executive Director,  
National Policy Alliance (NPA)

**Conveners:** The Honorable Johnny Ford, NPA Founding Co-Chair,  
The Honorable Roy C. Brooks, NPA Co-Chair

*"Parade of Presidents"*

The Honorable Roy C. Brooks, Texas County Commissioner,

President of National Association of County Officials (**NACO**), and

Chairman, National Organization of Black County Officials (**NOBCO**)

The Honorable Hanifa Shabazz, City Council President, Wilmington, DE

President National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (**NBC-LEO**)

The Honorable Emma Turner, School Board member, La Mesa/ Spring Valley School Board, La mesa, CA

President, National Black Council of School Board Members (**NBCSBM**)

The Honorable Dr. Doris Sartor, Montgomery, AL

National President, Blacks in Government (**BIG**)

The Honorable Alisha Bell, Wayne County Commissioner

President National Association of Black County Officials (**NABCO**)

The Honorable Barbara Ballard, Kansas State Representative

President, National Black Caucus of State Legislators Foundation (**NBCSLF**)

The Honorable Gregory W. Porter, Indiana State Representative

President, National Black Caucus of State Legislators (**NBCSL**)

The Honorable Edward R. Jones, Mayor, Grambling, LA

President, The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. **(WCM)**  
 The Honorable Robert Carlton, Washington D. C.  
 President, the National Bar Association **(NBA)**  
 The Honorable Attorney Fred Gray, Tuskegee, Alabama  
 Past President, the National Bar Association **(NBA)**  
 The Honorable Reggie Turner, Detroit, Michigan  
 Past President, the National Bar Association **(NBA)**  
 The Honorable Commissioner Anne-Marie Clark  
 Chair The National Bar Association-Judicial Council **(NBA-JC)**  
 The Honorable Judge Joyce London Ford  
 Past Chair, The National Bar Association-Judicial Council **(NBA-JC)**  
 The Honorable Judge Craig Strong, Third Circuit Court, Wayne County, Detroit  
 Past Chair, The National Bar Association-Judicial Council **(NBA-JC)**  
 The Honorable Denise Langford Morris, Circuit Court, Oakland County, Michigan  
 Past Chair The National Bar Association-Judicial Council **(NBA-JC)**  
 The Honorable Johnny Hardwick, Circuit Judge, Montgomery, Alabama  
 Immediate Past Chair, The National Bar Association-Judicial Council **(NBA-JC)**  
 The Honorable Toni N. Harp, Mayor New Haven CT  
 President, African American Mayors Association **(AAMA)**  
 The Honorable Sly James, Mayor of Kansas City, MO  
 Immediate Past President, the African American Mayors Association **(AAMA)**  
 The Honorable Rob Neal, Hattiesburg, MS  
 President , International Black Broadcasters Association **(IBBA)**  
 The Honorable Dr. Doris Browne  
 President, The National Medical Association **(NMA)**  
 The Honorable C. Virginia Fields, former Borough President of Manhattan, and  
 President of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.**(NBLCA)**  
 The Honorable William Anderson,  
 Past President of the American Osteopathic Association **(AOA)**  
 The Honorable N. Y. Nathiri,  
 Secretary, Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance, Inc. **(HB TSA)**  
 Director, Multidisciplinary Programs, Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc. **(P.E.C.)**  
 Executive Director, Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**BUSINESS BRUNCH**

**The Adoption of Resolutions and Plans for the Next WCM Meeting:**

**Co-Conveners:** The Honorable Ed Jones, Mayor of Grambling, LA, WCM President  
 The Honorable Cyvette Gibson, Mayor of Paynesville City Liberia  
 The Honorable Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit, MI

**WCM MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT, The Honorable Mayor Ed Jones, President, WCM**

*"THANKS TO ALL, ESPECIALLY MAYOR MIKE DUGGAN AND THE CITY OF  
 DETROIT, FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE, AND HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU  
 AGAIN AT THE 2018 CONFERENCE."*

The Honorable Johnny Ford, WCM Founder

**MGM GRAND HOTEL CHECKOUT,**

**(Optional)**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION AND DINNER**

**HOME OF THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER:**

**THE HONORABLE ERIC SABREE**

**FRIDAY, October 27, 2017**

**THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK BROADCASTERS CONVENTION CONTINUES,  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017.  
AT THE DETROIT MARIOTT AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER**