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National African-Australian Diaspora Engagement Conference (NAADEC) 2019

*Deepening links between African-Australian communities,
governments and universities*

Friday 30 & Saturday 31 August 2019
Woolnough Lecture Theatre, Geography & Geology Building
The University of Western Australia, Perth

[Conference website](#)

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About the National African-Australian Diaspora Engagement Conference (NAADEC) 2019

The purpose of NAADEC is to explore opportunities, obstacles and mechanisms for deepening links between African-Australian communities, governments (state and Commonwealth), universities and the African Union. The national conference builds upon a related conference on [African-Australian Settlement & Integration 2030](#) convened in Melbourne by ATT and the University of Melbourne in November 2018. One of the key points of discussion at that conference was the need to move beyond state-based discussions to convene a 'national, Pan-Australian, Pan-African' conversation on deepening engagement between these sets of stakeholders. It also draws on the work of PAADN, set up to be a bridge between the African Union and the African-Australian diaspora, and a range of other organisations.

***Parallel African-Australian diaspora engagement conferences in Perth:** NAADEC sits alongside a parallel African-Australian diaspora conference entitled [Succeeding Beyond Borders](#), co-convened by African Professionals Australia (APA) and Regions International (RI), which will take place on the evenings of 29-31 August in Perth at the City of Perth Library, Murdoch University and the Duxton Hotel. Note: [an integrated schedule for the parallel conferences can be found on the NAADEC conference website](#), and we strongly encourage participants to attend both conferences (corresponding daytime and evening sessions). Participants must register separately for each conference. We strongly encourage all participants to stay on in Perth for national Africa Australia Week.*

NAADEC 2019: KEY AIMS

1. To identify and compare examples of practices of engagement between the sets of key stakeholders across Australia;
2. To generate publicly-available data on the relevant characteristics of, and relationships between, key stakeholders;
3. To identify both best practices and areas in which engagement between stakeholders can be improved;
4. To make recommendations to key stakeholders on mechanisms and practices for enhancing engagement between them;
5. To create better communication and an ongoing platform for networking and continued engagement between stakeholders beyond the conference;
6. To attract a wider audience to Perth for national Australia Africa Week, which follows the conference.
7. Promote the convening of NAADEC 2020 and beyond.

NAADEC 2019: KEY OUTPUTS

- Produce a profile and map of African-Australian diaspora organisations in Australia;
- Produce a profile and map of Australia-based academics and other researchers working on Australia-Africa themes;
- Produce a conference final report with recommendations to key stakeholders;
- Academic publications may also arise from presentations and discussion at the conference;
- Creation of participant and stakeholder networks for ongoing dialogue.

NAADEC 2019: KEY THEMES AND QUESTIONS

The conference will be split into two days:

- **Day 1: 'Engaging African Communities in Australia: Issues, Strategies, Opportunities'**
 - This first day focuses on relationships between Africa-Australian community organisations and Australian governments and agencies.
 - Key questions to address include:
 - What is the current profile of the African diaspora in Australia and what relevant trends can be identified? What are the key diaspora organisations and who are the main leaders?
 - What strategies and models to Australian governments and agencies use to engage with African-Australian communities in their respective jurisdictions?
 - What are the perspectives of African-Australian community organisations and members on their needs, contributions, and these strategies?
 - What are the obstacles, challenges and opportunities to deepen engagement between stakeholders?

- **Day 2: 'Development, diplomacy and the diaspora: Deepening engagement between African-Australian communities, the diplomatic corps and the African Union's Agenda 2063.'**
 - This second day focuses on the international dimensions of engagement between the African diaspora in Australia, Australian and African diplomats, Australian universities and the African Union's long-term regional integration and development agenda.
 - Key questions to address include:
 - What is the role of the African diaspora in Africa's development?
 - How can, and do, African-Australians contribute to African development?
 - How does the African Union Commission engage with the African diaspora—as the 6th region of Africa—including in Australia?
 - What is the role of the African diplomatic corps in Australia in facilitating engagement between the diaspora in Australia and the continent?
 - How can the Australian government utilise the skills, knowledge, networks and resources in the African diaspora to support African development and deepen Australia-Africa international relations?
 - What community engagement strategies do Australian universities deploy to work with African-Australian communities in their localities, including African-background students?
 - What are the obstacles, challenges and opportunities to deepening these forms of engagement?

NAADEC Conference 2019

Venue: Woolnough Lecture Theatre (225:107), First Floor, Geography & Geology Building, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA.

Venue link on Google maps: <https://www.web.uwa.edu.au/contact/map?id=2026>

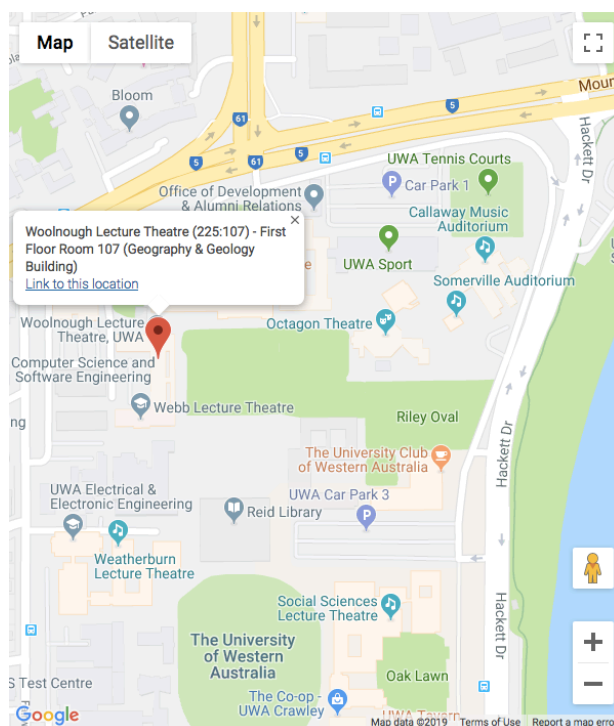
Parking: https://www.web.uwa.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/148948/UWA-Parking-map-2019.pdf Paid parking can be found via the above map link. Parking is free on campus on Saturday.

Program updates: Please see the [NAADEC conference page](#) for updates, the post-conference report and other outputs.

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Acknowledgement of Country:

The University of Western Australia acknowledges that its campus is situated on Noongar land, and that Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge.



Australia Africa Week (AAW) 2019: Other events in Perth

For the full AAW event list please see: <https://www.australiaafricaweek.com/>

Date	Event	Venue
Sunday 1 Sept	Australia Africa Week Welcome Reception	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Murdoch University
Monday 2 Sept	Australia Africa Universities Network Annual Forum (AAUN)	University Club of WA, Crawley Host: University of Western Australia
Tuesday 3 Sept	Australia Africa Research Forum (AARF)	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Murdoch University
Tuesday 3 Sept	Australia-Africa Women in Leadership Forum on Trade and Economic Empowerment	Bankwest Pavillion, Perth Host: Aus-Afri Trade
Weds-Fri 4-6 Sept	Africa Down Under industry conference (ADU)	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Paydirt Media
Fri-Sat 6-7 Sept	Africa Trade & Cultural Expo	Yagan Square Host: Aus-Afri Trade
Saturday 7 Sept	WA African Community Awards Gala Night (WAACA)	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: OAC WA

NAADEC CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

THEME: Engaging African Communities in Australia: Issues, Strategies, Opportunities

Time	Title	Speakers	Topic
<i>8.30-9.00 Registration</i>			
9.00-10.30	1. Introduction to Conference	Noongar representative	"Welcome to Country"
		Dr David Mickler , Director, UWA Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC)	"Welcome to UWA and Overview of NAADEC 2019"
		Mr Joe Tuazama , President, Organisation of African Communities in WA (OACWA)	"The Importance of NAADEC to the African Diaspora in Australia"
		Dr Sarah Prout Quicke , UWA School of Agriculture and Environment	"The African-Australian Diaspora: A Snapshot from the 2016 Census"
		A/Prof. Farida Fozdar , UWA School of Social Sciences; AfREC Fellow	"Are Africans in Australia a 'Diaspora'?"
		Dr Edson Ziso , Secretary, African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP); University of Adelaide	"Australia-Africa Researchers: A Preliminary Map"
<i>10.30-11.00 Morning tea and networking</i>			
11.00-1.00	2. Perspectives from African-Australian Community Organisations	Mr Haileluel Gebre-selassie , Chair, African Think Tank (VIC); Chair Victoria African Australian Community Taskforce	"Overview: African Think Tank and Victorian African Australian Community Taskforce"
		Mr Edward Solo , Vice-President, Federation of African Communities Councils in Australia (FACCA); Chairperson, African Community Council of NT (ACCNT)	"Overview: FACCA and ACCNT"
		Mr Mabok Morial , President, African Communities Council of South Australia (ACCSA)	"Overview: ACCSA"
		Mr Beny Bol , Acting President, Queensland	"Overview: QACC"

		African Communities Council (QACC)	
		Mr Ephraim Oshegai , Founder and Leader, Migrants Professional Bridge (MPB) (WA)	“MPB, MARC and LIME: Significant Platforms for Sustainable and Meaningful Contributions for Africans in the Diaspora”
		Mr Joe Tuazama , President, Organisation of African Communities in Western Australia (OACWA)	“Overview: OACWA”
1.00-2.00 Lunch and networking			
2.00-4.00	3. The African Diaspora in Australia: Government Engagement, Policy and Law	Via Skype - Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Government of Victoria	“Engaging the African Diaspora in Victoria”
		Ms Bernadette Masbayi , Office of Multicultural Interests, Government of Western Australia	“Engaging the African Diaspora in Western Australia”
		Sgt Steve Banks , Operations Manager, Diversity & Engagement Unit, WA Police Force	“WA Police Engagement with African Communities”
		Dr Kate O’Shaughnessy , Deputy Director, DFAT WA State Office	“The African Diaspora and Australia-Africa Relations: Opportunities for Engagement”
		Prof. Sam Makinda EBS , College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences, Murdoch University	“The Diaspora’s Role in Public Policy in Australia and Africa”
		Dr Diana Johns , School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne	“Researching the Impact and Aftermath of Criminalisation with African-Australian Young People, their Families and Communities”
4.00-4.30 Afternoon tea and networking – end of Day 1			

DAY 2: SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

THEME: Development, diplomacy and the diaspora: Deepening engagement between African-Australian communities, the diplomatic corps and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

Time	Title	Speakers	
<i>8.30-9.00 Registration</i>			
9.00-9.15	Introduction	Dr David Mickler & Mr Joe Tuazama	"Summary of NAADEC Day 1 and Outline of Day 2"
9.15-11.00	4. The African-Australian Diaspora & Africa's Development Agenda	Dr Apollo Nsuguba-Kyobe , Secretary, Pan-African Australasian Diaspora Network (PAADN)	"The African Union and the Diaspora as the 6 th Region of Africa: The Role of PAADN"
		Mr Muhammad Dan Suleiman , UWA School of Social Sciences; AfREC Fellow	"The Role of the African Diaspora in Pan-Africanism"
		Dr Kathryn Sturman , Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland	"How Australia-Africa Networks could Promote the African Union Principle of 'Non-Indifference'"
		Mr Seth Appiah-Mensah , United Nations Office to the African Union; UWA AfREC Fellow	"The African Diaspora and the UN Sustainable Development Goals"
		Dr Muza Gondwe , Minerals & Energy for Development Alliance (MEfDA); UWA AfREC Industry Coordinator	"Building a Network of Influencers: Why and How to Maintain Relationships in African Diaspora and Alumni"
<i>11.00-11.30 Morning tea and networking</i>			
11.30-1.30	5. The African-Australian Diaspora & Africa-Australia Relations	Dr Casta Tungaraza , Chair, Australian Foreign Minister's Advisory Group on Australia-Africa Relations (AGAAR)	"AGAAR and the African-Australian Diaspora"
		Ms Nancy Mutai , Education Attache, Kenya High Commission to Australia (representing H.E. Isaiyah Kabira, Dean, African Diplomats Group)	"The Role of African Diplomats in Supporting the African-Australian Diaspora"
		Mr Fred Soale , Ghana Honorary Consul in Western Australia	"The Ghanaian Diaspora in Australia"

		Dr Nikola Pijovic , Queens University, Belfast; UWA AfREC Fellow	“Australia and Africa: A New Friend from the South?”
		Ms Lisa Sharland , Head, International Programs, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)	“Diaspora, Peace and Security, and Australia’s Engagement with the Countries of Africa”
		Ms Tinashe Jakwa , UWA School of Social Sciences; AfREC Fellow	“The Impact of the African Diaspora on Australian Foreign Policy”
1.30-2.30 <i>Lunch and networking</i>			
2.30-4.30	6. The African-Australian Diaspora & Australian Universities	Prof. Prem Ramburuth , Institute for Global Development, University of New South Wales (UNSW)	“UNSW Engagement with Africa and the African Diaspora”
		Dr Diana Johns and Matthew Mabefam , School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne (UoM)	“UoM Engagement with Africa and the African Diaspora”
		Dr Kwadwo Adusei-Asante , School of Arts and Humanities, Edith Cowan University (ECU)	“ECU Engagement with Africa and the African Diaspora”
		Dr Dominic Dagbanja , UWA Law School; AfREC Community Coordinator	“UWA Engagement with Africa and the African Diaspora”
		Ms Sarah Kiden , Director, OACWA Student Department: African Students in WA (ASIWA)	“Overview: ASIWA and its University Working Group”
		Prof. John Hearn , Co-Chair, Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN), University of Sydney	“Overview: AAUN and Australia-Africa Education Collaboration”
4.30-4.45	Conclusions, Action Plan and Thanks	Dr David Mickler and Mr Joe Tuazama	
4.45-5.15 Refreshments, networking - end of conference			

