

**African-Australian Diaspora Engagement  
*Integrated schedule for parallel conferences*  
Perth, Western Australia  
29-31 August 2019**



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*Host organisations in Perth for the parallel conferences*

## About the parallel diaspora engagement conferences

Parallel African-Australian diaspora engagement conferences will be held in Perth, Western Australia, on 29-31 August 2019, just prior to the annual national [Australia Africa Week](#) (1-7 September). The parallel conferences bring together two sets of African-Australian diaspora engagement activities in Perth to achieve national and international significance and impact. Participants are welcomed from across Australia and beyond and are encouraged to attend both *daytime* (Conference 1: NAADEC) and *evening* (Conference 2: Succeeding Beyond Borders) sessions, and must register separately for each (see below). Group transportation will be provided to facilitate attendance between the two conferences. Participants are also strongly encouraged to remain in Perth for Africa Australia Week.

### Daytime sessions: Conference 1

Conference 1, the [National African-Australian Diaspora Engagement Conference \(NAADEC\) 2019](#), runs during the daytime sessions on 30 and 31 August and is convened by the University of Western Australia's [Africa Research & Engagement Centre](#) (AfREC) in partnership with the [Organisation of African Communities in WA](#) (OAC), [African Think Tank](#) (ATT), [Pan-African Australasian Diaspora Network](#) (PAADN) and [Federation of African Communities Councils of Australia](#) (FACCA). This conference will take place at the University of Western Australia. These Conference 1 daytime sessions will explore opportunities, obstacles and mechanisms for deepening domestic and international links between African-Australian communities, governments (state and Commonwealth), universities and the African Union's (AU) Agenda 2063. They build upon a related conference on [African-Australian Settlement & Integration 2030](#) convened in Melbourne by ATT and the University of Melbourne in Nov 2018, from which a key outcome was to move beyond state-based discussions to convene a 'national, Pan-Australian, Pan-African' conversation on deepening engagement between these key stakeholders. These sessions also explore engagement between the AU and the African-Australian diaspora through PAADN, DFAT, the diplomatic corps, and other organisations.

- **For further details on [CONFERENCE 1 and to register \(free\) for the DAYTIME sessions](#), please see: <https://www.afrec.uwa.edu.au/naadec-2019>** Contact: Dr David Mickler, Director, UWA Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC), [david.mickler@uwa.edu.au](mailto:david.mickler@uwa.edu.au)

### Evening sessions: Conference 2

Conference 2, [Succeeding Beyond Borders](#), runs during the evening sessions of 29, 30 and 31 August and is co-convened by [African Professionals Australia](#) (APA) and [Regions International \(RI\)](#). Conference 2 takes place at the City of Perth Library, Murdoch University, and the Duxton Hotel, respectively. These Conference 2 evening sessions will promote knowledge with the aim of contributing positively to the Australian and African economies. It will foster dialogue that promotes the exchange of ideas and innovative thinking amongst government, universities, corporations and entrepreneurs in Australia and Africa. It will also encourage and enhance research on economic, governance and policy issues relating to the development of African economies

- **For further details on [CONFERENCE 2 and to register/buy tickets for the EVENING sessions](#), please see: <http://sbbiconference.com/>** Contact: Tommy Adebayo, Chairman, African Professionals Australia (APA) [chairman@apaau.com](mailto:chairman@apaau.com)

## Who should participate?

- Representatives of African-Australian community organisations and their members from across Australia;
- Representatives of all Australian state and territory governments;
- Representatives of the Commonwealth government in Canberra, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Africa Branch and relevant Australian diplomats;
- African diplomats based in Australia;
- Academics and other researchers;
- University managers responsible for international strategy and community engagement, including from the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN);
- Representatives from the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector;
- Relevant service providers and non-governmental organisations;
- Interested members of the corporate sector, media and general public.

## Australia Africa Week (AAW) 2019 events in Perth

Date	Event	Venue
<b>Thu-Sat 29-31 Aug (pre-AAW)</b>	<b><i>African-Australian diaspora engagement: Parallel conferences</i></b>	<b><i>University of Western Australia / City of Perth Library, Murdoch University, Duxton Hotel</i></b>
Sunday 1 Sept	<a href="#">Australia Africa Week Welcome Reception</a>	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Murdoch University
Monday 2 Sept	<a href="#">Australia Africa Universities Network Annual Forum (AAUN)</a>	University Club of WA, Crawley Host: University of Western Australia
Tuesday 3 Sept	<a href="#">Australia Africa Research Forum (AARF)</a>	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Murdoch University
Tuesday 3 Sept	<a href="#">Australia-Africa Women in Leadership Forum on Trade and Economic Empowerment</a>	Bankwest Pavillion, Perth Host: Aus-Afri Trade
Weds-Fri 4-6 Sept	<a href="#">Africa Down Under industry conference (ADU)</a>	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Paydirt Media
Fri-Sat 6-7 Sept	<a href="#">Africa Trade &amp; Cultural Expo</a>	Yagan Square Host: Aus-Afri Trade
Saturday 7 Sept	<a href="#">WA African Community Awards Gala Night (WAACA)</a>	Pan-Pacific Hotel, Perth Host: Organisation of African Communities in WA (OAC)

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

**PARALLEL AFRICAN-AUSTRALIAN DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCES:  
Integrated schedule, 29-31 August 2019**

**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST**

**CONFERENCE 2: EVENING SESSION**

**THEME: 'Succeeding Beyond Borders' [REGISTER](#)**

**CONVENORS: African Professionals Australia (APA) and Regions International (RI)**

**VENUE: City of Perth Library, 573 Hay Street, Perth**

Time	Title	Speakers
4.45-5.15	<i>Registration</i>	
5.15- 5.20	<i>Introduction to Conference</i>	Tommy Adebayo – APA National Chairman
5.20-6.35	Australia's contribution to the development of Africa in International Education, Trade, Governance and Security.	<i>Speakers/Panellists:</i> Bill Repard- Paydirt Media, William Witham -AAMEG, Doug Horak - Interlek Minerals, Samantha Patuto – Dept.Home Affairs, Jane Caforio – Austrade, Steve Kuria -Caleb Partners Ltd. <i>Panel Curator:</i> Cynthia Wright - Regions International
6.35-7.00	<i>Refreshments and networking</i>	

**FRIDAY 30 AUGUST**

**CONFERENCE 1: DAYTIME SESSION**

**THEME: NAADEC 'Comparing Engagement Strategies and Models: African-Australian Communities and Australian State Governments' [REGISTER](#)**

**CONVENORS: UWA Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC) and Organisation of African Communities in WA (OAC)**

**VENUE: University of Western Australia, 39 Stirling Highway, Crawley**

Time	Title	Speakers
8.30-9.00	<i>Registration</i>	
9.00-10.00	Introduction to Conference; Keynote Address	Convenors Keynote speaker
10.00-10.30	<i>Morning tea and networking</i>	
10.30-12.30	Perspectives from African-Australian Organisations	African-Australian community organisations from across Australia
12.30-1.30	<i>Lunch and networking</i>	
1.30-3.45	Australian State Governments & the African-Australian Diaspora	Representatives from Australian state and territory governments
3.45-4.15	<i>Afternoon tea and networking</i>	
4.15-5.00	<i>Group bus transportation from UWA to Murdoch University</i>	
<b>CONFERENCE 2: EVENING SESSION</b>		
<b>THEME: 'Succeeding Beyond Borders' <a href="#">REGISTER</a></b>		
<b>CONVENORS: African Professionals Australia (APA) and Regions International (RI)</b>		
<b>VENUE: Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University, 90 South Street, Murdoch</b>		
5.00-5.15	<i>Registration and light refreshments</i>	

5.15-6.20	Unlocking Africa's Natural Wealth: The Role of Africans in Australia (Interview session with Max Jarrett, former BBC radio journalist)	Guest Speaker: Kojo Annan – Global Entrepreneur & Founder of Pan Africa Youth Organisation for excellence and Innovation. (Son of former UN Seventh Secretary General Kofi Annan).
6.20– 6.30	China and Africa current and future business ties and contribution of Africa Diaspora	Adam Handley, President Australia China Business Council WA
6.30– 6.50	Ideas worth sharing	King David Oyewopo – MPB, Josephine Gamboripai -OAC, Melvin Hachuma APA
6.50-8.00	<i>Networking Drinks</i>	
8.00	<i>Group bus transportation from Murdoch University to Perth CBD &amp; UWA</i>	

## SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

### CONFERENCE 1: DAYTIME SESSION

**THEME:** NAADEC 'Development, diplomacy and the diaspora: Deepening engagement between African-Australian communities, the diplomatic corps and the African Union's Agenda 2063.' [REGISTER](#)

**CONVENORS:** UWA Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC) and Organisation of African Communities in WA (OAC)

**VENUE:** University of Western Australia, 39 Stirling Highway, Crawley

Time	Title	Speakers
8.30-9.00	<i>Registration</i>	
9.00-9.15	Introduction	Convenors
9.15-11.00	The African-Australian Diaspora & Africa's Development Agenda	African-Australian organisations; African Union Commission; Academics and researchers
11.00-11.30	<i>Morning tea and networking</i>	
11.30-1.30	The African-Australian Diaspora & Africa-Australia Relations	DFAT Africa Branch; African & Australian diplomats; AGAAR; Academics and researchers
1.30-2.30	<i>Lunch and networking</i>	
2.30-4.30	The African-Australian Diaspora & Australian Universities	Australian university representatives (AAUN); African student bodies & ASIWA; AFSAAP; Academics and researchers; StudyPerth
4.30-4.45	Conclusions, Actions and Thanks	Convenors
4.45-5.15	<i>Refreshments, networking and close</i>	

### CONFERENCE 2: EVENING SESSION - BLACK TIE EVENT ([Get tickets](#))

**THEME:** 'Migrant Professionals Affair: Celebrating the Contributions of Migrant Professionals to the Australian Economy'

**CONVENORS:** African Professionals Australia (APA) and Regions International (RI)

**VENUE:** Duxton Hotel, Perth, 1 St George's Terrace, Perth

6.00-6.30	<i>Registration and red-carpet photo session</i>	
6.30-7.20	<i>Cocktail hour &amp; networking</i>	
7.20-7.30	<i>MC Welcome Address</i>	
7.30-late	<i>Dinner and evening entertainment</i>	