

Metropolitan Communities in Transition: Lessons from Spartanburg and the World

Friday, March 23, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**University of South Carolina Upstate
Campus Life Center**

Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 Registration and coffee

8:30 **Welcome**

Dr. York Bradshaw, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, USC
Upstate: Call to Order

Dr. Regis Robe, Director of the Center for International Programs, USC
Upstate: Introduction of Chancellor John Stockwell

Dr. John Stockwell, Chancellor, USC Upstate: Welcome to the University

Mayor Bill Barnet: Welcome to the City of Spartanburg

Dr. York Bradshaw: Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

8:45 **Keynote address:**

Mr. Coetzee Bester

*Executive Director, Africa Institute for Leadership, Research and Development &
Former Member of the South African Parliament*

“Metropolitan Communities in Transition: Learning the Important Lessons”

9:25 Brief Question & Answer Session

9:45 – Noon **Three simultaneous, pre-assigned “break out” sessions**

Session 1: Community Health in Global Perspective

Chair: Dr. Marsha Dowell, Dean, Mary Black School of Nursing, USC
Upstate

Panelist: Mr. George Newby, Executive Director, ReGenesis Community Health Center, Spartanburg

Focus: The challenge of meeting the health care needs of a diverse, low-income community in Spartanburg

Panelist: Dr. Nataliya Lishchenko, Director of the Nursing Institute, Ternopil Medical University, Ukraine

Focus: The challenge of health-care delivery in the Ukraine – a country that gained its independence from the former Soviet Union

Panelist: Mr. Kgosi Maepa, ABSA Brokers (South Africa); and Deputy CEO of Young Entrepreneurs for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Focus: The challenge of addressing the AIDS pandemic in previously disadvantaged communities (prior to 1994) in South Africa

Panelist: Dr. Veena Khandke, Assistant Professor of Psychology, USC Upstate

Focus: The challenge of providing health-care resources for children in low-income communities in developing countries

Panelist: Mr. Glenn Robinson, CEO, Mary Black Health System, Spartanburg

Focus: The challenge facing hospitals that provide health-care resources to people living at the margins of society

Session 2: Changing Trends in Global Education

Chair: Dr. Audrey Grant, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Spartanburg County School District 7

Panelist: Ms. Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, Dade County [Miami] School District

Focus: The challenge of developing curriculum and instruction resources within multi-ethnic school districts

Panelist: Ms. Laura Meyer, National Board Certified Teacher and Literary Coach, Boiling Springs (South Carolina) Elementary School

Focus: The challenge of preparing teachers to work with increasing numbers of students speaking a variety of languages

Panelist: Ms. Penny McNair, Headmistress, Pretoria High School for Girls, Pretoria, South Africa

Focus: The challenge facing schools during times of remarkable societal transition, and effective strategies emerging from this transition

Panelist: Mr. Jun Fang, First Secretary for Education, Chinese Embassy, Washington, DC

Focus: The challenge facing educational systems in a country experiencing dramatic economic transitions

Panelist: Professor Guenter Wendt, Professor of Social Science, Magdeburg Technical University, Germany

Focus: The challenge facing higher education systems in a country experiencing significant political transitions

Session 3: Community Development around the World

Chair: Mayor Bill Barnet, City of Spartanburg

Panelist: Dr. Stephen Ndegwa, Senior Public Sector Specialist, The World Bank, Washington, DC

Focus: The challenge facing global institutions that are creating and managing community development programs throughout the world

Panelist: Ms. Mary Thomas, Executive Vice President, Spartanburg County Foundation

Focus: The challenge facing non-profit community foundations that support local development initiatives

Panelist: Mr. Roy Johnson, Executive Director, Spartanburg Housing Authority

Focus: The challenge of providing adequate housing to low-income communities

Panelist: Mr. Coetzee Bester, Executive Director, Africa Institute for Leadership, Research and Development, South Africa

Focus: The challenge of getting NGOs and Governments to work together for community development

Panelist: Mr. Ingo Angermeier, CEO, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

Focus: The challenge facing healthcare systems in community development

Noon **Lunch** for all conference attendees; hosted by Dr. Regis Robe, Director, Center for International Programs, USC Upstate

Welcome by Mr. Leon Wiles, Vice Chancellor, Office of Student and Diversity Affairs

Introduction of the Lunch Speaker by Dr. Reginald Avery, Executive Vice Chancellor, USC Upstate

12:30 **Lunch address:**

Representative Harold Mitchell

State of South Carolina House District 31

Title TBA

1:00 Brief Question & Answer Session

1:15 **Final Plenary Session – Metropolitan Communities in Transition: The Lessons**

Facilitated by Dr. Jim Brown, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USC Upstate

1:15 Reports by the Chairs of the three morning sessions on Health, Education, and Community Development

- 1:45 Questions from the Audience
- 2:15 Final Comments
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Social Hour in the University Readiness Center Lobby**

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