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AGOA 2024

“Beyond 2025: Reimagining AGOA for an Inclusive, Sustainable and Prosperous Tomorrow.”

**DC Small Business Development Center (DCSBDC) at Howard
University Presents:**

**Empowering U.S.-Africa Trade: Women
and Youth SME Partnerships**

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Networking Marketplace

Howard Auditorium July 25th 10:00am-1:00pm



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Agenda

10:00 a.m.

Registration

Location: 2nd Floor Landing

10:15 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Location: Auditorium

Dr. Laurie-Ann Agama
Assistant US Trade Representative for
Economic Affairs

Nnamdi Kalu Ezera
Senior Counsel, CLDP
Co-Lead, African Women and Youth
Empowerment Group (AWYEG)

Diedra Henry-Spires
Senior Advisor to Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Carl E. Brown Jr., State/Executive Director
DCSBDC

10:40 a.m.

Women and Youth SME Partnerships Panel

Location: Auditorium

A discussion on how U.S. entities can better
connect with and support women, youth, and
underrepresented SMEs in U.S. - Africa trade



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ACCREDITED MEMBER



Moderator: Dr. Krista Johnson
Director, Center for African Studies
Howard University

Vanessa Adams
CEO and Founder, Level4 International

Larry Yon,
President, CyberAlliance

Kimberly Edmonds-Nelson
President, Global Impact Industries

D. Yvonne Rivers, Global Business Expert
Success Coach

Alicea Gay
Vice President External Affairs, ByBlack

12:00 p.m.

Networking Marketplace
Location: Auditorium

African women and youth entrepreneurs
interact with potential buyers and investors of
their goods and services

1:00 p.m.

Event Close Out
Yodit Shibru, Director for Government
Contracts and Procurement Services,
DCSBDC