



# AFRICAN CANADIAN LEGAL CLINIC

## TAKING CHARGE, ACTUALIZING CHANGE NATIONAL AFRICAN CANADIAN POLICY CONFERENCE AND FORUM ON ANTI-BLACK HATE

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM (PRELIMINARY)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 FORUM ON ANTI-BLACK HATE

8:00 to 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 to 9:15 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>
9:15 to 10:15 am	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>
10:15 to 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 to 12:00 pm	<b>PLENARY:   Voices of Victims of Anti-Black Hate Crimes</b>
12:00 to 1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH:       Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Launch of Tool Kit on Anti-Black Hate</b>
1:00 to 2:30 pm	<b>WORKSHOPS:       Effective Institutional Responses</b>

Workshop 1	Legislative Responses to Anti-Black Hate Crimes
Workshop 2	Educational Institutional: Awareness and Safety
Workshop 3	Law Enforcement: Effective Strategies & Responses to Anti-Black Hate
Workshop 4	Media Coverage: Does Anyone Care?

2:30 to 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 to 4:15 pm	<b>WORKSHOPS:       Best Practices Through Case Studies</b>

Workshop 5	Building on Success: Utilizing Models from Diverse Communities to Challenge Anti-Black Hate
Workshop 6	The <i>Pitia</i> Case: A Study in Meaningful Black Community Mobilization and Empowerment

4:15 to 5:00 pm	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLOSING PLENARY</b>
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#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009 NATIONAL AFRICAN CANADIAN POLICY CONFERENCE

8:00 to 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 to 9:30 am	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>
9:30 to 10:30 am	<b>PLENARY:   The Importance of Public Policy and Civic Engagement to African Canadians</b>
10:30 to 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 to 12:00 pm	<b>POLICY WORKSHOPS</b>

Workshop 7: Criminal Justice Policy	Reclaiming Opportunity: Ending the Over-Criminalization of African Canadians
Workshop 8: Anti-Poverty Policy	From Inequality to Inclusion: Ending Poverty in the Black Community
Workshop 9: Data Collection Policy	Awareness and Accountability: Moving Towards Disaggregated Data Collection and Effective Documentation

12:00 to 1:00 pm           **LUNCH:       Launch of Public Policy Manual**

1:00 to 3:00 pm           **WORKSHOPS: YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY**

Workshop 10	“Safe Schools”: The School to Gang to Prison Pipeline
Workshop 11	Rhyme and Reason: Understanding and Responding to the Rise in Youth Violence and Gang Activity
Workshop 12	Restorative Justice: Healing, Prevention and Empowerment Through Youth Focused Models
Workshop 13	Rites of Passage: Disengaging African Canadian Youth from Violence, Crime and Drugs

3:00 to 3:15 pm           **Break**

3:15 to 5:00 pm           **PLENARY:   The Impact of Violence on African Canadian Families and Communities**

6:00 to 9:30 pm           **INTER-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE & RECEPTION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009**  
**NATIONAL AFRICAN CANADIAN POLICY CONFERENCE**

8:00 to 9:00 am           **Registration**

9:00 to 9:30 am           **Keynote Speaker**

9:30 to 10:30 am           **PLENARY:   Access, Accountability and Transparency in Public Policy and Institutions for African Canadians**

10:30 to 10:45 am           **Break**

10:45 to 12:00 pm           **POLICY WORKSHOPS**

Workshop 14: Educational Policy	Ensuring Sustainable Outcomes: Making Education Work for African Canadians
Workshop 15: Health Policy	Bridging the Gap: Addressing the Health Needs of African Canadians
Workshop 16: International Policy	The Global Perspective: Holding Canada Accountable in International Affairs

12:00 to 1:00 pm           **LUNCH PLENARY:   A Long Time Coming: Redress, Reparations and Commemoration**

1:00 to 3:00 pm           **POLICY WORKSHOPS**

Workshop 17: Labour Policy	From the Margins to the Centre: Removing Barriers to Employment for African Canadians
Workshop 18: Immigration Policy	African Descendants Belong: Transforming Canada’s Immigration and Citizenship System
Workshop 19: Child Welfare Policy	Giving African Canadian Children a Chance

3:00 to 3:15 pm           **Break**

3:15 to 5:00 pm           **CLOSING PLENARY:**  
**Developing an African Canadian Policy Agenda**  
**The Voice of Experience: A Dialogue with African Canadian Legislators and Policy Makers**

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