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## 'PLACING AN AFRICAN FACE ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT'

NATIONAL **A****R****I****C****A****N** STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2010

REGISTRATION INFORMATION PACKET

EMORY UNIVERSITY - ATLANTA, GA

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup>, 2010

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PACKET

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Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National A.S.A. National Conference Registration Information!

Through its conferences, the National African Students Association seeks to empower and unite its members while creating service opportunities to foster progress on the African continent. We understand that the time is now for Africans in the Diaspora to rise to the challenge of creation solutions for afflictions in Africa. This National Conference will be one of the largest, but the most far-reaching, networking event of African students in America and we encourage all who are genuinely interested in African progress to attend. The conference is a place for the foundation for the development of new ideas and solutions, new partnerships, and better formulated goals. We believe that much will come out of this endeavor as it continues to expand over the years.

**Web registration** for the conference will be available from **November 9th 2009 until 11:59pm on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2010. The link for registration is: <http://www.nationalasa.org/annual-conference/conference-registration>**

Please learn more about our online registration process by taking a couple of minutes to read the following information regarding registering online. It is in your best interest to read all of the information on this page so your arrival at the conference will be smooth. Please note that as the conference approaches, email volumes to the [nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org](mailto:nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org) email will drastically increase and will delay response. Therefore, it will be advantageous to refer to this information for answers to your questions and send emails with questions that are not addressed below. *Certain sections have been marked for special attention.*

### **Registration:**

Conference attendees are encouraged to register as a group although individual registrations are still welcome. Our payment system through PayPal for credit card payments is a secure site and we encourage our guests to pay online, though other forms of payment are acceptable.

### ***Steps to successful registration:***

1. Read through all of the General Information page.
2. Click the link at the bottom to take you to the Conference Registration page.
3. Register an individual for the conference by inputting all necessary information.
4. Click the 'Payments' Tab above to pay for your conference registration fees
5. Receive confirmation email with personalized link to hotel registration and book hotel rooms.
6. Call Event Savers at AirTran to book your discounted flight (see code below).
7. Confirm that all has been paid for and prepare yourself for an exciting conference!



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### **Delegation caps:**

As we would like to receive representation from all our member universities, delegations are currently limited to 12 attendees. For universities needing to bring larger delegations please contact us directly at [nationalboard@nationalasa.org](mailto:nationalboard@nationalasa.org) to negotiate.

### **\*\*\*Conference Fees and Discounts (per person) - fees subject to change as conference approaches**

Affiliated School (Dues Paid)	\$35
Unaffiliated School/Individual	\$45
On Site Registration Unaffiliated	\$45

### **\*\*\*Payment**

All major credit/debit cards are accepted for payment. If you cannot pay on-line via Paypal, here are the **ONLY** other acceptable other forms of payment:

- Money Orders
- Cashier's checks
- Checks cut from organizations or institutions, such as a University

These forms of payment should be mailed with the name of the registrant(s) and the words “National Conference” noted on the check/money order in \$U.S., drawn on a U.S. bank and made out to:

National African Students Association  
P.O Box 125527  
Atlanta, GA 30322

- Checks/Money Order must be made out to “National African Students’ Association”
- Checks/Money Order must be made for the **correct amount** (based on affiliation) and signed/dated
- Checks must be sent to the above provided address. In extreme cases discussed with the National ASA *in advance*, the checks can be brought to the conference. It is our policy, however, that if an attendee has not paid, he/she will not be granted admittance.

Please note that for each registrant, the National ASA expects full registration amount at time of payment. It is in your best interest to verify with the National ASA the total amount based on your school's affiliation status and number of registrants so as to avoid discrepancies.



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### **Participant substitutions:**

Substitutions (swapping) may be made for any attendee until Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. Please note that penalties may exist for your airline carrier if a substitution is made after a certain date. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, no changes will be made. If you need to make a change before this date, please send your changes to [nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org](mailto:nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org)

### **\*\*\*Cancellations/Refunds:**

- If you **must** cancel your registration for this conference, please e-mail your written cancellation notice by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 to [nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org](mailto:nationalasaconference@nationalasa.org)
- For cancellations before Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, a fee of \$10 will be assessed and subtracted from the refund amount.
- For cancellations made after Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009, absolutely no refunds will be made.

### **\*\*\*Travel**

AirTran will be the official National Conference Airline! Through arrangement with the National African Students Association, AirTran will deduct 10% off the lowest fares available for both to and from the conference.

In order to receive this discount, you **MUST** call the Event Savers Program at **1-866-68EVENT (1-866-683-8368)** and provide the code, **ATL031910** (NATIONAL AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE). Your destination must be Atlanta to receive the discount.

#### Event Savers Benefits:

- A 10% discount on the lowest available AirTran Airways one way fare.
- Advance seat assignments at time of booking.
- A one time waiver of Change Fee per reservation for any name or itinerary change, but any applicable fare increase will apply.
- Travel Agents and attendees must book all EventSavers reservations directly with the EventSavers Desk to receive the 10% discount. Reservations booked through a travel agent General Data System or the internet will not qualify for the 10% discount.
- Attendees may travel three days prior to the event start date and three days after the event close date if they wish to spend any additional time at the event location.
- Receive special EventSavers rates from rental car partner Hertz, just for being transferred to the Hertz Desk by our EventSavers Coordinator!

Please review TSA guidelines for baggage here: <http://www.tsa.gov/311/index.shtm>



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If you are travelling by train (Amtrak), please note that there are only two arrival times at the Atlanta Amtrak station, which may or may not be convenient for you. Contact 1-800-USA-RAIL for more information or inquiries about group travel.

### **\*\*\*Hotel Registration and Reservation**

Each room will hold 1-4 students; the National ASA strongly encourages students to have four students in the hotel rooms to decrease your respective costs.

Please click on the link for Hotel Registration above or input the url: [www.nationalasa.org/annual-conference/hotel-registration](http://www.nationalasa.org/annual-conference/hotel-registration) to find out more information concerning the hotel itself and hotel reservations.

### **Shuttle Services**

Airport Metro Shuttle	404-766-6666
Airport Perimeter Connection	404-761-0260
Atlanta Superior Shuttle	770-457-4794
Gwinnett Airport Shuttle	770-638-0666

### **Taxicabs**

Taxicab service is available from the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport. Follow the Airport Signs to “Ground Transportation.”

Taxicab service is available from the Atlanta Amtrak Station. Cabs are sometimes available in front of the station, though calling a cab is simple.

### **Public Transportation**

MARTA

[www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

Take the Northbound Train (Yellow or Red Line) from the airport to Five Points station. At Five Points station, take the #16 bus Southbound toward Avondale Station. Your stop is at Executive Park Drive & North Druid Hills Road, an intersection. The hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott, is a short distance from the bus stop.



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## Conference Schedule Overview

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### Friday, March 19th 2010

Time	Event	Location
2:00PM-7:00PM	Registration	Lobby of Respective Hotel
5:00PM-6:45PM	Meet and Greet!	Medical School Lobby
7:00PM-8:30PM	Welcome Ceremony (DINNER)	Cox Hall Ballroom
9:00PM-10:30PM	Concert	Cox Hall Ballroom

### Saturday, March 20th 2010

Time	Event	Location
7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast	Respective Hotel
9:00AM-9:45AM	Introductory Session	Med School Classrooms
10:00AM-11:00AM	Workshop Block A	See below
11:15AM-12:15PM	Workshop Block B	See below
12:30PM-1:30PM	Workshop Block C	See below
1:30PM-2:45PM	Lunch	Business School Lobby
3:00PM-6:00PM	Professional Networking Event	Medical School Lobby
6:15PM-7:30PM	Break - Change/R&R	Respective Hotel
8:00PM-12:00AM	Traditional/SemiFormal Party	Winship Ballroom

### Sunday, March 21st 2010

Time	Event	Location
7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast	Respective Hotel
8:15AM-9:30AM	Optional Non-Denominational Sermon	Canon Chapel
9:45AM-11:30AM	'My Vision' for Africa Contest Finale	White Hall 208
11:45AM-12:00PM	Group Photo	White Hall
12:00PM-1:00PM	Closing General Caucus	White Hall



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## Workshop Schedule

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### Workshop A

Workshop	Location
1. Using your Medical Career/Background to Benefit Africa	Auditorium 130
2. Human Rights and Public Policy in Africa	GBS 201
3. Sustainable Agricultural Development in Africa	GBS 208
4. Creating a Non-Profit: The Ins and Outs	GBS 231
5. Entrepreneurship 101	GBS 234
6. Peace Corps Presentation: Current Needs in Africa	GBS 301
7. Advocacy: The Ins and Outs	GBS 304

### Workshop B

Workshop	Location
8. Using your Literary Background to Benefit Africa	GBS 334
9. Niger Delta/Oil Conflicts	GBS 304
10. The Importance of Knowing Your African History	GBS 301
11. Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	GBS 201
12. Women in Africa: Victories and Challenges	GBS 231
13. Using your Engineering Background to Benefit Africa	GBS 234
14. Economic Development in Africa	GBS 208

### Workshop C

Workshop	Location
15. Global Networking	GBS 234
16. African Contemporary Politics	GBS 208
17. Using your Public Health/Research Interest to Benefit Africa	GBS 201
18. The Truth about Child Soldiers	GBS 231
19. The Follies of Foreign Aid	GBS 334
20. Oral Presentations – Student Research	GBS 301
21. The Importance of Youth Activism	GBS 304