



Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

Rural African Summit

Meeting Agenda

Location: Radisson Suite Hotel, St. Cloud, MN
Sunday, October 26, 2008 & Monday, October 27, 2008

Sunday, October 26 (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

5:30 pm — 6:00 pm Registration

6:00 pm — 7:00 pm Introductions, Keynote Speaker and Dinner

Jim Harkness, LATP

Mayor Dave Kleis, St. Cloud

Rev. David Ostendorf, Center for New Community

Hussein Samatar, Executive Director of the African Development Centre

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm Entertainment - Music and Dance

Monday, October 27 (7:30 am to 3:30 pm)

7:30 pm — 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast Buffet

8:30 am — 9:30 am Plenary, Overview of Conference and Introductions

Jim Harkness, LATP, Moderator

Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State

Gus Avenido – Minnesota State Resettlement Coordinator

Fonzia Adde, Director of IDC, Fargo, ND

9:45 am — 10:45 am Small group discussions.

Law

Discussion opened by:

*Assistant Police Chief Tom Smith, St. Paul Police Department , Gang
Unit*

Economic Development

Discussion opened by:

Hussein Farah, African Development Centre

Housing

Discussion opened by:
Doug Clark, St. Cloud Legal Aid

11:00 am — 12:00 pm Small group discussions.

Human Rights

Discussion opened by:
Baba Odukale, Human Rights Director, City of St. Cloud

Employment

Discussion opened by:
Julie Collins, Lutheran Social Services

Health

Discussion opened by:
U CARE representative
Hassan Samantar, PACER Center

Education

Discussion opened by:
Professor Abdulkadir Alason, Mankato State University

12:00 pm — 1:30 pm Lunch – food provided
Video Messages from Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congressman
Keith Ellison

1:45 pm — 3:00 pm Evaluation and Next Steps