



## **THE CONSTITUENCY FOR AFRICA ANNOUNCES DATES FOR THE 2017 RONALD H. BROWN AFRICAN AFFAIRS SERIES**

WASHINGTON, DC (March 8, 2017) – The Constituency for Africa (CFA) announces the 2017 Ronald H. Brown (RHB) African Affairs Series will be held September 18<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the 2017 RHB Series will be to bring together stakeholders from the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora to assess the first several months of the Trump Administration’s Africa policy, identify challenges and opportunities, and develop CFA’s updated recommendations for the Administration in the areas of Healthcare Infrastructure, Democracy & Governance, Trade & Investment, Capacity Building, Next Generation Leadership, Agriculture, and Diaspora Engagement.

“The relationship between the United States and Africa has always been dynamic and unpredictable, to say the least. Facts on the ground in Africa and political realities in the United States are certainly drivers. CFA plans for the RHB Series to be a forum where issues can be analyzed and addressed, and recommendations going forward can be proposed,” stated Mr. Melvin P. Foote, CFA’s Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer.

CFA ended last year on a high note with one of its most successful events to date, a U.S.-Africa Policy Forum Co-Chaired by the Honorable Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia; and His Excellency Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia. This Forum was part of CFA’s 2016 RHB African Affairs Series, and was hosted and moderated by Ambassador Reuben E. Brigety, Dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. Ambassador Brigety is a former U.S. Representative to the African Union and Permanent Representative of the U.S. to the UN Economic Commission for Africa. At the conclusion of the 2016 RHB African Affairs Series, CFA published its U.S.-Africa policy recommendations and presented them to both U.S. Presidential campaigns for consideration.

For over 26 years, CFA has established itself as one of the leading, non-partisan organizations in the United States committed to educating and mobilizing the U.S. public and the African Diaspora on matters pertaining to Africa. As a result, CFA has helped to increase the level of cooperation and coordination among a broad-based coalition of international organizations, businesses, and individuals committed to the progress, development, and empowerment of Africa and African people worldwide.