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A PANEL DISCUSSION

IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2007

African Societies in Development: Critical Challenges and Successes

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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THE PROGRAM

African Societies in Development: Critical Challenges and Successes

Introduction..... Dr. Georgia A. Persons, Moderator

The Panel Discussion

Dr. Ruth Uwaifo

"Critical Economic Development Issues for Africa in the
21st Century"

Dr. Michael Best

"Information Technologies and Developmental Change in
Africa"

Mr. Jumbe Sebunya

"Challenges of Managing Change in Support of
Development in Africa"

Audience Questions and Comments

Closing Statement..... Dr. Sue Rosser, Dean
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Light Refreshments Served



SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

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