Redefining African American: What’s at Stake?

**Keynote 5:00 – 5:15 pm**
Howard Dodson, Chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, NYPL

**Panel I 5:15 – 6:30 pm**
**Activism & Education - Ativismo y Educación**

**Moderator - Presidente del Paine I**
J. Michael Turner Co-director of Global Afro Latino & Caribbean Initiative, professor of History at Hunter College, CUNY

**Activists—Ativistas**
Monifa Akinwole-Bandele Executive Director for Change the Game, former Field Director for Right to Vote and Coordinating member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

Diva Moreria Political scientist and independent consultant

Esmeralda Simmons, Esq. Director of the Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College, CUNY

**Educational Investment --Investimento Educacional**
Zaire Dinsey Flores Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow on Race, Crime, and Justice—Vera Institute of Justice

Mario L. Baeza Chairman and CEO The Baeza Group, LLC; Founder and Executive Chairman V-Me Media, Inc

**Respondent - Comentarista/Respondente**
Michael Gomez Director of the Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora and professor of History, and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at New York University

**BREAK 6:30 – 6:45 pm**

**Panel II 6:45 – 8:00 pm**
**Constructing/Re-constructing National Institutions for African-Descendant Peoples - Construyendo/Re-construyendo Instituciones Nacionales por Afro-Descendientes**

**Moderador - Presidenta del Paine II**
Marta Moreno Vega President/Founder Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute and Co-director of the Global Afro Latino & Caribbean Initiative

**National Activists - Ativistas Nacionales**
Jesús “Chucho” García One of the founding members of Afro-Venezuelan Network (Fundación Afroamerican)

Romero Jorge Rodríguez Executive board member of Alianza Estratégica de Afro descendientes de America Latina y el Caribe (Afro descendants Strategic Alliance of Latin America and the Caribbean)

Celeo Alvarez Casildo President of Comité Consultivo del Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana(Central American integration Committee) and the President of the Organization of the Black Central American Communities Organización Negra Centroamericana (ONECA)

Zulia Mena Founder of the Consejo Colombiano de Mujeres Negras, COMUN, (The Colombian Council of Black Women) and co-founder of the Ethnic Movement of Black Women

**Respondent - Comentarista/Respondente**
Manuela Arciniegas Founder & Director of The Legacy Circle, a social justice cultural arts project dedicated to empowering youth and teaching artists of African descent

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