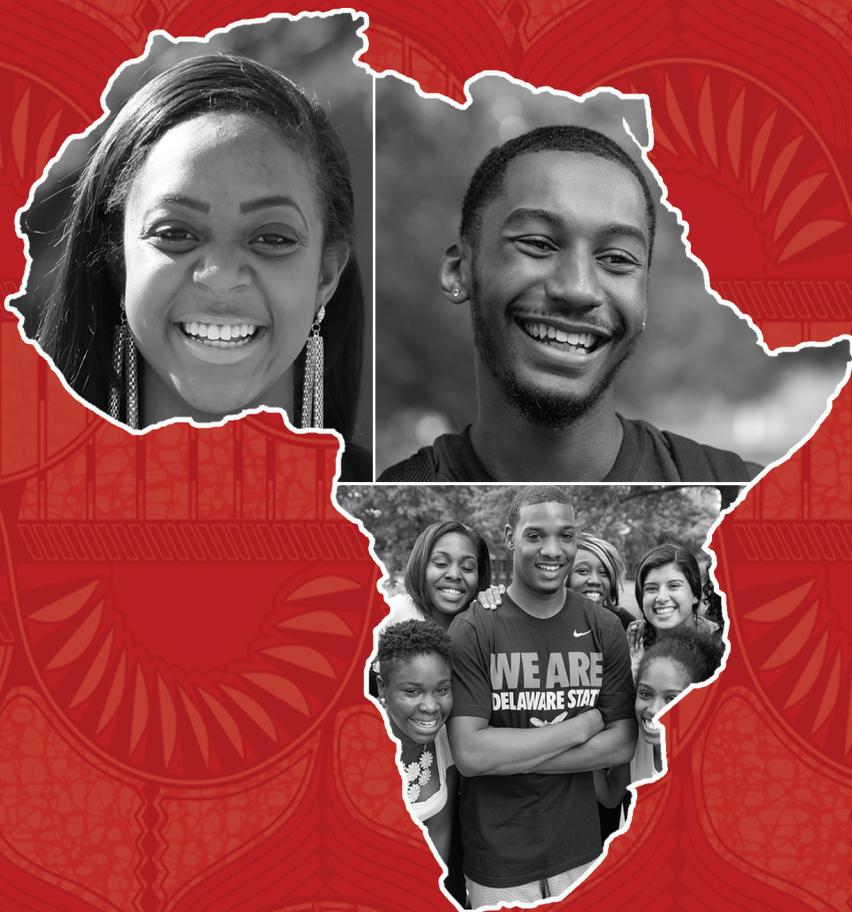


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**6<sup>TH</sup> REGION**  
**OF AFRICA**

DSU-APRM PAN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



April 10 - 12, 2019

Delaware State University Campus

# Conference Agenda

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Campus Tours

**5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

VIP Reception with APRM Officials; Political, Business, and Academic Leaders; and Celebrity Guests with Silent Auction of Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia at the Barros Room, Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building, 4th Floor:

Food, Music, Networking, Photos

Donation: \$50

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11

**11 a.m. – noon**

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center, Parlors A, B & C

Center for Global Africa Announcement and Documentary; DSU-APRM Partnership

Moderator: Professor Akwasi Osei

Greetings from DSU: Dean Francine Edwards, CHES; Dean Michael Casson, COB

Panel members: Professor Ezra Aharone, DSU; Professor Ibrahim Gambari, APRM  
Amb. Fatima Mohammed, AU/UN; Dr. Patson Malisa, ECOSSOC; Minister Defallah, APRM

Audience Q & A

**12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

Education and Humanities Building (EH) Theater

Panel #1

HBCU Students and Reshaping African and Diaspora Images, Narratives, and Relationships

Moderator: Professor Donna A. Patterson

Panel members: Professor Eddy Maloka, Robert 'KOOL' Bell, Maneesh Pandeya, DSU  
Milton Alimadi, John Jay College/Black Star News, Dr. Amystique Church, DSU, Dr. Marshall F. Stevenson, Dean, UMES

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Panel #2

Development Opportunities for U.S. Businesses with APRM Member Countries

Moderator: Professor Leandra Casson Marshall

Panel Members: Minister Defallah, APRM Chair of Focal Points; Dusty Baker, Baseball Legend, Businessman  
KOOL Baker Global; Dean Michael Casson, DSU College of Business; Ms. Zemanay Lakew, Special APRM Advisor

Response: Dr. Patson Malisa, ECOSSOC

**3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Education and Humanities Building (EH) Theater

Panel #3

The Role of APRM and the Mobilization of the 6th Region of Africa  
through HBCU Expertise

DSU Faculty, APRM Officials, HBCUs and Faculty

Moderator: Professor Ezra Aharone, DSU

Panel Members:

Amb. Fatima Mohammed

Professor Eddy Maloka

Dean Marikis Alvarez, DSU

Dr. Vincent Fondong, DSU

Dr. Kankoe Assiongbon, DSU

Dr. Chere Winstead, DSU

Dr. Chieke Ihejirika, Lincoln University

Jamila White, Morgan State University

Dr. Virginie M. Zoumenou, UMES

Response: Professor Ibrahim Gambari, APRM

**5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner

**7 p.m.**

Longwood Auditorium, Bank of America 113

A Discussion on the 6th Region of the African Union (AU) with Ambassadors and Dignitaries  
(Entertainment by Sankofa Dance Troupe)

Reception and Networking

Bank of America Longwood Foyer

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

DTTC Commons

Academic and Economic Action Steps and Resolutions

(Closed Sessions)

**1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

Lunch at Faculty Lounge, Bank of America Building

Closing Luncheon

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Bank of America Building

Student Research Presentations and Panels at DSU Research Day

# Welcome



Welcome everyone to the first annual Pan African Development Conference at Delaware State University (DSU), where we are proud of the 1890 founding of our academic lineage among the over 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the U.S. Special thanks and greetings to all our esteemed guests from Africa, of whom include ministers, ambassadors, CEOs, directors, and administrators. And of course, we acknowledge the distinguished officials and delegation of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), which is our great strategic partner and conference cohost.

While Pan African gatherings are not unusual, this conference uniquely coincides with the 400-year mark (1619-2019) of the Transatlantic Slave Trade in the United States. Along with the importance of understanding our interlocking interests and the global complexities of this period, we at Delaware State University understand the subsequent 21st-century responsibility of Diasporan Africans to now structurally devise and apply our collective intellect and ideals toward institutional collaborations for global and sustainable African progress, as this conference aims to facilitate through our Center for Global Africa (CGA).

Further unique, the CGA's establishment aligns with the African Union's (AU) policy to designate Africans in the Diaspora as the "Sixth Region." So to contribute to Africa's "Renaissance and Revitalization" as recently declared by President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, the CGA's mission is to mobilize Sixth Region resources and expertise through HBCU initiatives that are faculty and student-driven, solution-orientated, development-centered, and revenue-generating in ways that will be mutually beneficial to Africa and the Diaspora.

To this end, we applaud and recognize the value of APRM which is a specialized agency of the AU, on whose behalf we largely gather today. The purpose is to exchange ideas and ideals that will productively contribute and expand APRM's unparalleled work to evaluate the proficiencies of governance and socioeconomic conditions of African nations, with the objective to make recommendations for governments to implement as a means to catalyze 21st-century innovations and development of African nations.

At the center that makes all our activities possible, are our likeminded sponsors who understand the vision of the CGA to link the intellectual capital of HBCUs to the economies of Africa, which in turn will enable African Americans to have a larger cultural and socioeconomic stake in Africa's development.

So again, we welcome and thank everyone for attending our first annual Pan African Development Conference. We look forward to the sharing of your expertise and the prospects of including your great organization within our DSU-APRM Partnership. We are confident that this initiative has the requisite foundation to help organize and improve the functional role and relevance of the Sixth Region, in reflection of the vast and relatively untapped human capital and resource potential of the Diaspora.

Sincerely,

Prof. Ezra Aharone  
Conceptualizer of the CGA Initiative



**African Peer Review Mechanism**  
Africa's Self Assessment for Good Governance

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) was established in 2003 as a self-monitoring initiative to promote good governance in Africa and has contributed to the attainment of the goals of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It is a mutually agreed instrument, voluntarily acceded to by African Union (AU) Member States with the aim of fostering the adoption of policies, standards, and practices that lead to political stability, high economic growth, sustainable development and accelerated regional and economic integration.

These objectives are achieved by sharing experiences and reinforcing good practices, including identifying deficiencies and assessing the capacity building needs of participating countries. The APRM promotes peer learning and sharing through constructive dialogue and persuasion. APRM assessments are conducted within the framework of agreed values, codes and standards enshrined in the AU declaration on democracy, political, economic and corporate governance under the following substantive four areas:

- Democracy and Political Governance
- Economic Governance and Management
- Corporate Governance
- Socio-Economic Development

The African Peer Review Forum is the Committee of Participating Heads of State and Government and is the highest decision-making authority. The current APR Forum Chairperson is H.E Idriss Déby Itno, President of Chad (elected in January 2018).

The Panel of Eminent Persons oversees the review process to ensure its independence, professionalism and credibility, and reports to the Forum. The APR Panel is also responsible for selecting and appointing and the Review Teams. The current Chairperson is Prof. Ibrahim Gambari.

The Committee of Focal Points comprises representatives of Heads of State and Government who manages the budgetary process, resource mobilization through Member States, Strategic and Development Partners, and the APRM Trust Fund and Audit. The current Chairperson is Minister Khayar Defallah.

The National Governing Council (NGC) is the body that oversees implementation of the APRM process at the Member-State level. In addition to providing guidance in terms of policy direction, the NGC ensures professionalism, credibility and independence of the national APRM self-assessment and review processes. The NGC is composed of key stakeholder groups from government, civil society and the private sector, in line with the APRM principle of broad-based participation.

The APRM Secretariat provides technical, coordinating, and administrative support services which must have sufficient capacity for the analytical work that underpins the peer review process.

Membership of the APRM is voluntary and open to all AU countries, of which there are presently 38 Member States: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Republic of Niger, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zambia.



Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations. Ms. Mohammed previously served as a Senior Special Adviser to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, with a focus on peace and security, regional integration and organizational development. Before ECOWAS, she was Executive Director at West Africa Conflict and Security Consulting. Earlier, she worked as a Programme Manager at the European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS; and as Regional Project Manager for Security Policy Projects in West Africa with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. She holds a Master of Arts in peace, security, development and conflict transformation from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, as well as a master's degree in sustainable economic development from the United Nations University of Peace. Additionally, she holds a Master of Business Administration from the European University, and a bachelor's degree in environmental design from the Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria.



Dr. Ibrahim Gambari is a Nigerian scholar and diplomat who is the Chair of APRM Panel of Eminent Persons which oversees the review process to ensure independence, professionalism and credibility, and reports to the Forum (Heads of State and Government, which is APRM's highest decision-making authority). He was Minister for External Affairs between 1984 and 1985. He has been appointed by the secretary-general of United Nations Ban Ki-moon and the chairperson of the African Union Commission as Joint African Union-United Nations Special Representative for Darfur. He is currently the Special Adviser on the International Compact with Iraq and Other Issues for the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Previously, he was Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA). In 2013 he was named Chancellor of the Kwara State University. From 1986 to 1989, he was Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Georgetown University and Howard University. He has also been a research fellow at the Brookings Institution and a Resident Scholar at the Bellagio Study and Conference Center, the Rockefeller Foundation-run center in Italy.



His Excellency Khayar Oumar Defallah is currently serving as Minister, African Peer Review Mechanism Focal Point for Chad (APRM-CHAD) and Chairperson of the Steering Committee of APRM Focal Points and the APRM Committee of Focal Points. The Committee of Focal Points are representatives of Heads of State and Government (the Forum) who manages the budgetary process, resource mobilization through Member States, Strategic and Development Partners, and the APRM Trust Fund and Audit. His president, H.E Idriss Déby Itno, is Chair of the APRM Forum. Previously, Minister Defallah has served as Cultural Advisor to the President of the Republic, Prime Minister, Head of Government and as the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.



Dr. Eddy Maloka is a South African and the CEO of African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and Adjunct Professor (University of Witwatersrand, School of Governance, Public and Development Management). He was previously a Special Advisor to the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (Republic of South Africa), South Africa's Special Representative to the Great Lakes Region, and Special Advisor to the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa. He has also been an advisor to the Governance, Public Administration and Post-Conflict Reconstruction (NEPAD Secretariat), a member of the African Legacy Delegate, 2010 FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee, Chief Executive Officer at the Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA), and a lecturer at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.



Sandjima Dounia is the Executive Secretary of the National Secretariat of APRM in Chad. He is also a University Lecturer and an Independent Consultant in Environment and Governance. He was formerly the Minister of Regional Development, Urban Planning and Housing; Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Fishery; Technical Monitoring Committee Chairperson of the Monitoring Mechanism of the Sectoral Meeting on Rural Development; a Member of several Boards of Directors; Vice-Chairperson of the Bureau of the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; President of the African Group on Combating Desertification; Executive Secretary of the National Technical Monitoring and Control Committee; and Project Manager for Capacity Building in Oil Sector Management.



Tumi Dlamini is a South African attorney with a multi-disciplinary background in African development, public policy, public-private cooperation and corporate governance. She is currently an Advisor and Head of Global Partnerships at APRM of the African Union, and the Founding Director of the African Network on Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises within APRM with a membership of 37 African member states. The Network is a platform of policymakers, regulators and experts in Africa to dialogue and cooperate on enhancing governance policies within SOEs in Africa. She is also the Lead Convenor and Facilitator on the development of the African Principles and Guidelines on Corporate Governance, a joint project of APRM, the African Development Bank and the UN Global Compact.



Zemenay Lakew is a consultant/advisor in programme management, capacity development, planning and monitoring of multi-million dollar regional programmes and projects for Africa. She is a member of the High Level Task Force on Deepening the Review of the APRM. She is the former Senior Manager of the UNDP Support to Regional Initiatives where she played a significant role in supporting the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the development of the concept of the African Peer Review Mechanism. She established and managed a multi-donor Trust Fund for APRM with initial UNDP contribution of US\$2.5 million and raised resources to bring the total to over \$20 million over a period of five years. She set up the APRM Secretariat and supported the implementation of the APRM until her retirement. In addition to the above, she worked for the United Nations system for several decades in the Caribbean, Africa as well as at headquarters in New York.



Liziwe Masilela is the Head of Communications at APRM, where she is tasked to raise the public awareness and image of the APRM, as well as forge collaborations with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the continental and global public is informed of APRM's achievement of its milestones and to ensure that Member States are aware of APRM's challenges and successes



Dr Padson Malisa is a Diplomat and Advocate, currently serving as Deputy Presiding Officer of the African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC). Patson is the youngest Deputy Presiding Officer to be elected to the ECOSOCC Bureau. He is also President of the Organization of African Youth, the Vice President of the United Nations Association of South Africa (UNASA), as well as High Commissioner for Africa on the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of the Open Treaty called the Universal Education Charter. Prior to his election, Patson served as Head of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, as well as Acting Secretary for the Infrastructure and Energy Cluster of ECOSOCC.



Dusty Baker is a former 19-year player of Major League Baseball (MLB) and television sports analyst. Along with numerous playing achievements of being an All Star, a Gold Glove Award player, and winning the World Series in 1981, Dusty is also distinguished as a 3-time "Manager of the Year" honoree. Moreover, he is the 15th all-time winningest manager in MLB coaching history with 1,863 victories over a 20-year career with 4 teams. As an entrepreneur, in 2014 Dusty conceptualized and established Baker Energy Team (BET) which is a renewable energy development and consulting company that now has strong investment relationships and creative financial structuring for customized energy solutions. In 2018, in partnership with Robert "Kool" Bell he cofounded Kool-Baker Global to bring smart off-grid energy technology to Africa.



Robert "Kool" Bell is a founder of Kool & The Gang which has performed continuously for the past 50 years, longer than any R&B group in history. Along with the distinction of being the most sampled band of all time and having hit records that are played every day worldwide, they earned 2 Grammy Awards, 7 American Music Awards, 9 Top Ten Pop hits, 25 Top Ten R&B hits, and 31 gold and platinum albums. In addition to playing his "message music" globally, Kool has a lengthy history of humanitarian and social concerns for Africa, coupled with enduring relationships with numerous African government officials and key leaders of industries. Since the early 1980s Kool has traveled throughout Africa performing and gaining firsthand knowledge of the lives and circumstances of African people. Along with cofounding Kool-Baker Global with Dusty Baker in 2018 to address Africa's energy shortfalls, Kool is committed to using his global music platform to advocate for African development in general.

Also attending from APRM are Sandjima Dounia, Secretary General of APRM, Chad; Special APRM Advisor; and Arlette Yemek, Special APRM Assistant.

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Dear Professor Aharone:

Congratulations to you and Delaware State University on your Pan-African Development Conference and your Center for Global Africa, which demonstrates your foresight and commitment to play a distinguished role of leadership among Diaspora institutions towards Africa's reemergence of greatness.

As you know from our talks in South Africa and at the African Union in Ethiopia, I am concerned and involved with Sixth Region initiatives to strengthen cultural, political and socioeconomic ties. So I look forward to visiting your Center and engaging your students to share my experience to further the mutual goals we share.

So again, I applaud your vision and the efforts of all your colleagues that I met who are also working to implement the ideals of your Center for Global Africa. Please include and keep me informed of your plans and progress.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Adonia Ayebare  
Permanent Representative

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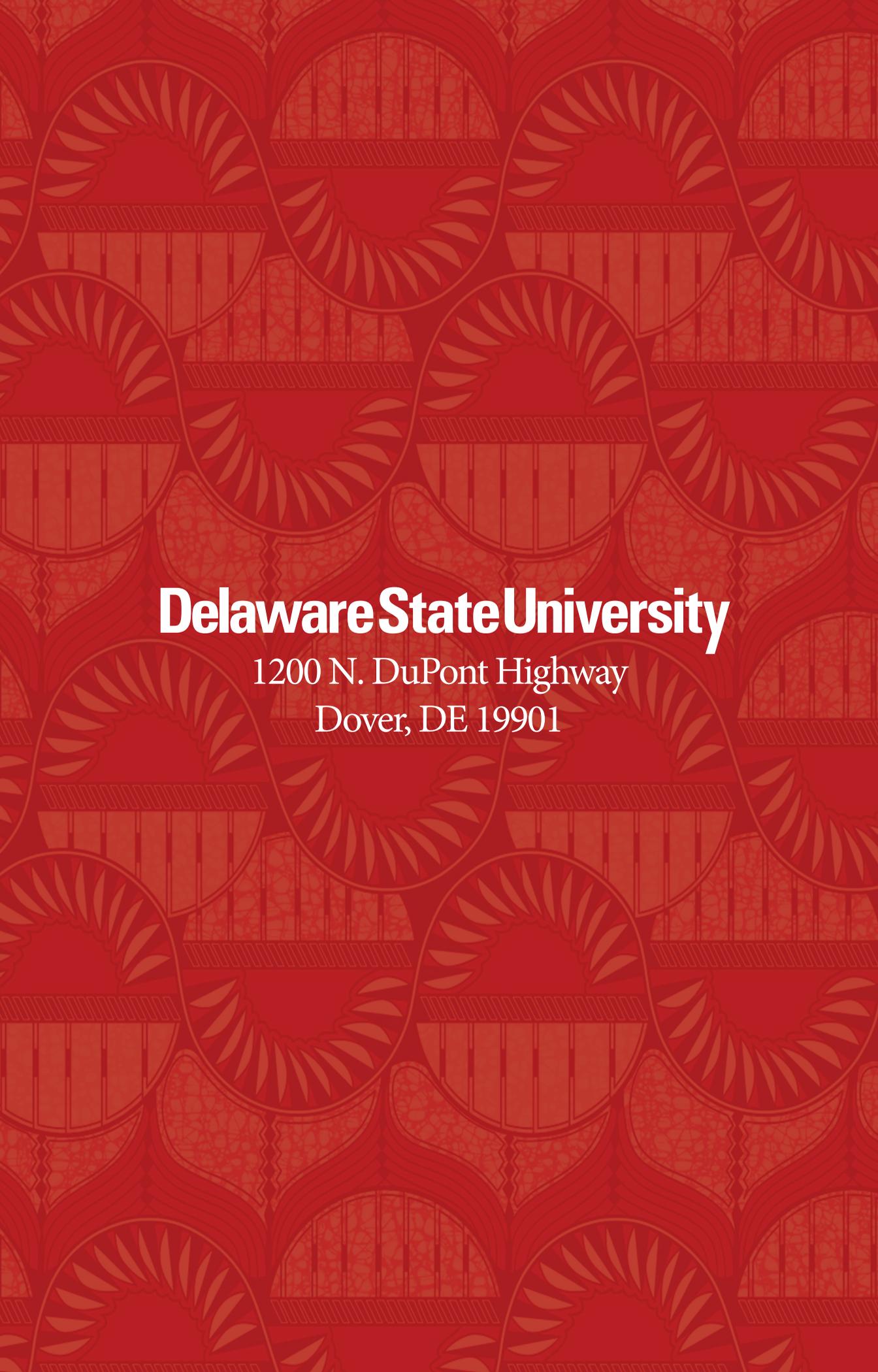


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