

Welcome to the UML

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Full Professor Dr. Denis KANDOLO KAKONGO - Rector

Global Bridges, Shared Legacies: FAMU CoPPS, IPH Hosts African Delegation



A powerful moment for FAMU CoPPS, IPH and a beautiful bridge-building opportunity between African institutions and the #1 HBCU-FAMU. Photos courtesy of James L. Moran, Jr., FAMU CoPPS, IPH Alumni Engagement Director

Tallahassee, FL - Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health (FAMU CoPPS, IPH) proudly welcomed a distinguished delegation of African educators and global partners for a dynamic exchange of ideas and vision this November. The delegation, hosted by Interim Dean **Dr. Seth Y. Ablordeppey**, was led by **Dr. Kandolo Kakongo Denis**, Rector of Middle Lualaba University of Kalima in Maniema Province, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and included **Sir Fred O. Oladeinde**, President of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa, **Sir Francis Shako**, Coordinator, Foundation for Democracy in Africa, and **Dr. Karl S. Wright**,



Dr. Seth Y. Ablordeppey, Dr. William T. Hyndman II, and Dr. Kandolo Kakongo Denis (center), Rector of Middle Lualaba University of Kalima in Maniema Province, Democratic Republic of Congo, discuss strategies.



Sirs Fred Oladeinde and Francis Shako President/Co-Founder and Coordinator Foundation for Democracy in Africa



Dr. Karl S. Wright President, Strategic Academic Consultants, LLC

President of the Strategic Academic Consultants, LLC. **“FAMU is the HBCU of choice for this global engagement,” Dr. Wright** reemphasized during the one-hour brainstorming session.

This milestone gathering was co-facilitated by **Dr. William T. Hyndman II, Assistant Vice President | FAMU Office of International Education & Development (OIED)**, amongst former Fulbright Scholars, faculty, and staff. **Dr. Ablordeppey** joined institutional leaders in open dialogue to explore further collaborative pathways between African institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), with FAMU at the helm of global engagement. **Dr. Ablordeppey** acknowledged existing Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between FAMU and African nations, along with plant research for medicinal purposes ongoing in the college’s basic sciences laboratories.

Some Key Themes from the lively discourse:

- Advancing academic and research partnerships across Africa and the diaspora
- Exploring learner and faculty/staff exchange programs rooted in cultural pride and innovation
- Strengthening public health and pharmacy initiatives through global collaboration
- Celebrating shared legacies of resilience, equity, and institutional excellence
- Eliminating any language barriers using interpreters and/or artificial intelligence
- Finding solutions to overcome health disparities wholistically
- Joint research initiatives in pharmacy and public health
- Student-Learner and Faculty-Learner exchange opportunities
- Strengthening institutional ties across continents
- Celebrating shared legacies of resilience, innovation, and fairness

This convening reflects FAMU’s unwavering commitment to and involvement with international education, culturally responsive leadership, and transformative partnerships that uplift communities across borders. The future partnerships and desired outcomes are limitless!

To be continued, let’s stay tuned...“FAMU made, world ready!”

