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Event Spotlight

Students and professionals interested in better understanding the medical, health and socioeconomic challenges facing Haiti are invited to attend this year's Florida International Summit. The event takes place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville - and it is not too late to register!

Participants can expect a full day of speakers, panelists and vibrant discussion on key issues surrounding global health and medical diplomacy between Florida and Haiti. Presenters include Amb. Pamela A. White, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti; Dr. Jean Claude Cadet, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, State University of Haiti; P.K. (Ken) Keen, Lieutenant General, USA (Ret.) and Associate Dean for Leadership Development, Goizueta Business School, Emory University, and more.

The Florida International Summit is the signature event of the Florida Network for Global Studies (FNGS). Established in 2003 and supported by U.S. Department of Education Title VI funding, FNGS is a consortium of Florida universities dedicated to fostering activities that strengthen expertise and interest in transnational and global issues. More information about the summit or about FNGS can be found at <http://floridanetworkforglobalstudies.com/>.

A 'Universal' Look at Food Systems

In late January, GP staff members attended a special small group conversation on global food systems with former Miss Universe, Mpule Kwelagobe. The discussion was hosted by the [East End Market](#) and the Rollins College Social Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Initiative, and included interested members of the community.



From left: Jessica Gagnon, Ms. Kwelagobe, Stephanie Jarvis & Jocelyn Figueroa

"There is a danger of the single narrative," Kwelagobe warned, which became evident as she discussed the work of her organization. Green growth, gender equality, women's and youth empowerment, and sustainable development are just some of the issues included in the MPULE Institute for Endogenous Development's work to champion agriculture-led development in Africa. As founder and CEO of the institute, Kwelagobe underscored the importance of building your "tribe" - farmers, private corporations, educational institutions, government agencies, etc. - to convey different parts of the interrelated and interdependent issues.

When asked what she took away from the discussion, GP Public Affairs Coordinator Jessica Gagnon answered that "global issues can be so complex; we could never hope to better understand them through soundbites and news clips. Having time and a space for conversations like these helps us connect, through our community, to important global issues, such as food systems, and realize our role in the process."

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