Overview

Modeled on the highly successful France-Atlanta Initiative, Africa-Atlanta 2014 is designed as a robust cross-cultural interdisciplinary collaboration of multiple stakeholders across the City of Atlanta, including: universities, visual and performing arts organizations, African Diaspora heritage communities, governmental organizations and agencies (local, state, national, international), non-governmental organizations, business, and industry. The initiative will be anchored by a touring exhibit from the Royal Museum of Central Africa (RMCA) in Tervuren, Belgium, “Kongo Across the Waters,” which will originate at Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida in the Fall of 2013.

The exhibition, arriving in Atlanta the Summer of 2014, will be co-curated by The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art. In collaboration with the Consulate General of Belgium in Atlanta, the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech will serve as the general coordinator of the year-long initiative offering a richly endowed cross-cultural experience through various research, technology, and education related activities, and robust public engagement.

Project Goals

1. To showcase in a dramatic way holdings from magnificent collections of art, artifacts, and special exhibits from the RMCA.
2. To build around the exhibit(s) an array of activities with a capacity to:
   a. Bring the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, and technology together in a richly textured and dynamic way in support of research, education, and public engagement.
   b. Build a local, national, and international network of active stakeholders who are interested in exploring innovative ways to engage the arts, in increasing cross-cultural understanding, not only of the world’s past but our present and future challenges and opportunities, and in using human-centered knowledge and experience more dynamically to address local and global challenges.

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