

LEJA BULELA'S 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



OUR STORY, OUR LEGACY

University of Michigan - Dearborn
June 30 - July 2, 2023

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DAY 1

Friday, June 30
Superior Room, Doubletree



LB CULTURE NIGHT 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Moderator: Mukala Kabongo

Panelist: Blanche "Nzeba" Kabengele, Kadima Tshimankinda, Julie Buatu & Mathilde Tubajika

Kick off the conference with a captivating LB Culture Night as we immerse ourselves in the rich tapestry of Congolese traditions, music, folktales and dance.

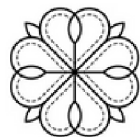


VENDOR MARKETPLACE 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Vendors: Rho & Nya, Zapenda, HWGG, Fit4YouMKE

Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate and appreciate the captivating vendors with food, clothing, and other cultural products.

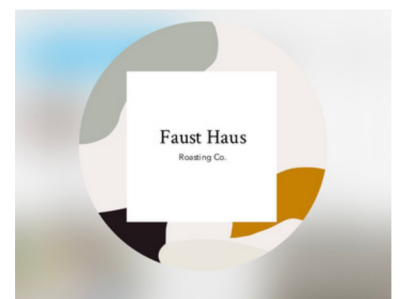
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ZAPENDA
BY STELLA SAFARI



Little Caesars® Pizza



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DAY 2

Saturday, July 1
Room 110/111, U of M Dearborn



A LEGACY THAT LASTS: TEACHING LUBA CULTURE TO YOUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Moderators: Jacky Kalubi & Lena Kalubi

Panelist: Misumba Kalala-Gandy & Crystal Gandy; Augustin Kabongo & Clarisse Kabongo

Celebrate the enduring legacy of the Luba people and explore ways to integrate their cultural wisdom into our families and communities, ensuring that their traditions live on for generations to come.



IDEAS IN ACTION: HOW WE SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF GRAND KASAI 10:20 AM - 11:20 AM

A Q&A with LB's Board of Directors moderated by the Executive Cmte.

This panel showcases successful projects, shares best practices, and fosters partnerships to create a lasting positive impact in Grand Kasai.



DOING BUSINESS IN THE CONGO 11:35 AM - 12:25 PM

Moderator: Kayowa Kasongo

Panelist: Mr. Delex Ilunga, Thierry Tubajika, Stella Safari

This will be an essential program designed to equip entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the dynamic business landscape of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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DAY 2

Continued

*Saturday, July 1
Banquet at Quad E, U of M Dearborn*



CONGOLESE REFUGEES IN AMERICA: THE SUCCESSES AND PITFALLS

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Moderator: Tshijuka Kalala

Panelist: Brian Nigala & Sophia Fisher, Samaritas, Juma Kaburu

This thought-provoking program sheds light on the journey and experiences of Congolese refugees in the United States. Through personal stories, expert insights, and engaging discussions, we aim to highlight the triumphs and challenges faced by this resilient community.



VOLUNTEER WITH SAMARITAS

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us as we partner with Samaritas, a renowned organization dedicated to providing essential services and support to recent Congolese immigrants. This event offers a unique opportunity to lend a helping hand and create meaningful connections with our newly arrived brothers and sisters from Congo.



LB'S FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

This extraordinary event is dedicated to honoring outstanding individuals who have made remarkable contributions to Leja Bulela. Join us for an unforgettable evening of recognition and celebration as we acknowledge the exceptional achievements and inspiring leadership demonstrated by the award recipients.

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DAY 3

Sunday, July 2
Dearborn Southfield, DoubleTree



OUR LEGACY: LB BUSINESS MEETING 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Ilunga Kalala, Board Chairman

This program will discuss what's next for Leja Bulela. Discover new avenues for collaboration, mentorship, and mutual support. From intergenerational knowledge exchange to exploring joint ventures and philanthropic endeavors, this meeting will inspire and empower members to make a positive impact together.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a captivating praise and worship session that will uplift your soul and ignite a profound connection with the divine.

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Dear Leja Bulela Annual Conference Participants,

We would like to thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Leja Bulela. By joining us in this annual gathering, you have shown that you care! Your commitment makes a positive impact in the lives of people living in Grand Kasai (and beyond)!

As the conference concludes, we encourage you to carry forward the knowledge, ideas, and relationships you have cultivated here. We appreciate your presence and look forward to the positive transformations that will emerge from our shared efforts.

With our heartfelt appreciation,

The 2023 Leja Bulela Planning Committee

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