

Chronological Timeline of Development Activities

June 15, 2007

Instrumental to the works of the Planning Committee was the Transatlantic Conference on Race and Xenophobia held in Chicago by the PEOPLE Programme in October 2002. That conference was the first of three meetings designed to bring together U.S. and European academics, non-governmental organization representatives, business and opinion leaders, journalists and elected officials to analyze, critique and compare what we have learned during the latter decades of the 20th century about addressing racism and xenophobia politically and economically, in theory and in practice, on both sides of the Atlantic. The second conference was held at Howard University, and the third at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium in spring 2003. These meetings helped launch a planning process that produced the Trans Atlantic Commission on Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Citizenship.

November 2006 – Planning Committee held at the London School of Economics

Currently, the Commission includes a standing Planning Committee. In November 2006, the Planning Committee for the Trans Atlantic Commission on Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Citizenship held its inaugural meeting at the London School of Economics. Participants included Cedric Herring, Bobby Austin, Meghnad Desai (Co-Chair), David Campt, Glyn Ford, Edward Palmer, Robert Rhodes, Henry English, Dorith Grant-Wisdom, Alice Palmer, Anver Versi, James Jackson (Co-Chair), Beate Winkler, and Robert Rich (absent). This Standing Committee includes representation from social science scholars and analysts, policymakers, civil society organization leaders, and business leaders. This Standing Committee will also include Ex Officio members from charter member institutions.

May 2007 – Dr. David Campt hired as consultant to facilitate Planning Committee

Dr. David Campt is engaged as consultant to facilitate the Planning Committee. Campt has served as senior policy advisor for President Clinton's Initiative on Race. While at the initiative, Dr. Campt led efforts to produce a national racial dialogue guide, spearheaded a project to highlight programs focused on racial reconciliation, organized meetings of the advisory board, created publications that were published in newspaper nationwide, and created national and statewide dialogue campaigns.

June 2007 - Meeting with former Mississippi Governor Winter

In July Buzz Palmer will meet with former Mississippi Governor William Winter to discuss formation and expectations of Trans Atlantic Commission on Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Citizenship. Governor Winter is an author and historian, and was a member of the President's Advisory Board on Race in 1997-1998. The Center for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi is also named in his honor.