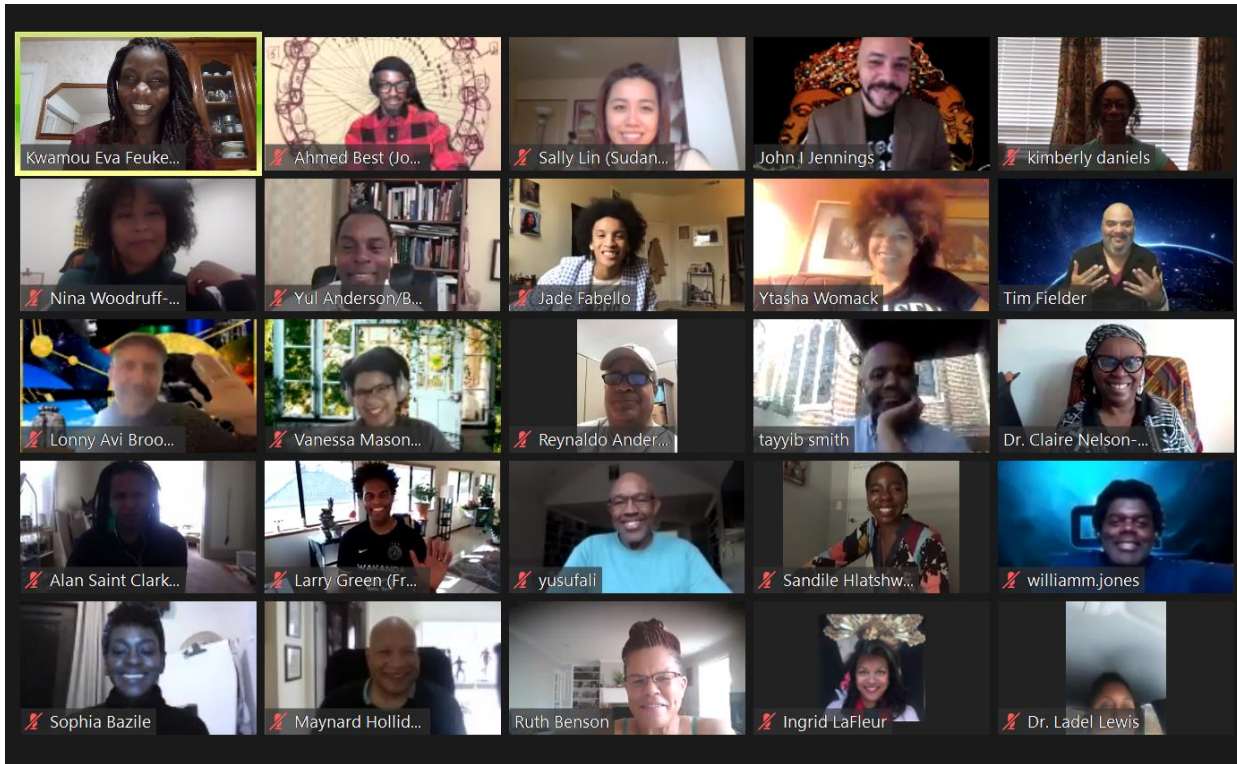


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"There are powerful institutional incentives in the Congress to adopt a short-term horizon: ...we scarcely have time to even consider the long-term future."
--Al Gore

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The African American Future Society Futures Literacy Lab (FLL)

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The African American Future Society convened a meeting to train Black Americans in Future Literacy (FLL) and have serious discussions about the future, and what they would look like for Black American in the year 2050 and beyond. A FLL workshop was co-hosted with members from UNESCO and the IMF.

Thirty leaders, futurists, researchers, economists, academics, writers, authors, storytellers, Afrofuturists, and members of the Black Speculative Arts came together over a three-day ZOOM cast to explore what a Future Black America would look like in 2050.

One recommendation that stuck out was the need to propose a Presidential Commission to research, study, analyze and develop a report on the Future of Black America.

The Commission on the Future of Black American (CFBA) will serve as a clearinghouse on the Future of Black America designed to alert Congressional members to policy implications of emerging demographic, technological, and economic trends, to help members develop legislative initiatives to address emerging policy challenges, and help members communicate with their constituents on long-range issues.

Congressional members are forced to keep short-term constituent needs as the priority. The CFBA is intended to provide members the chance to look beyond the here and now and allow legislators and the public the opportunity to do more than react to crises.

The CFBA will be supported by the President and members of Congress who want to bring more foresight into the legislative process. The Commission will be comprised of 100 members of both the House and Senate, and

by a parallel sub-committee of 200 organizations and associations focusing on the Future of Black Americans.

The CFBA modeled after the 1984, Congressional Institute for the Future. The initial goal is to establish a budget shall be \$1,000,000 and shall be level funded for a period not to exceed four years. The CFBA shall be administered by 5 members of the original organizing Committee and oversight shall be provided by a three-member board made up of a Presidential appointee and one member from the House and one member from the Senate. The Offices of the Commission shall be located at government building of the President's choosing suitable for such research and a parallel member office location.

The Commission and sub-committee shall meet 4 times each year. The purpose of the meetings is to:

- Advise the President of the potential effects of Government policies on critical trends and alternative futures for Black Americans.
- Promote the public discussion of critical trends and the use of analyses of such trends to create alternative futures for Black Americans.
- Identify and analyze critical trends and alternative futures for the next 20 years.
- Evaluate the effects of Government policies on such trends.
- Prepare for publication an Executive Branch Report on Critical Trends and

Alternative Futures every year beginning in 2021.

- Make draft copies of the report available to interested persons for review and comment.
- Requires that such report be made available as a public document.
- Directs the President to submit such report, with his or her comments, to Congress.
- Issue report to Government, nonprofit organizations and association, private and public agencies responsible for areas of policy and seek comment on such effects; and (2) include such comments in any reports provided to the President.

The Commission on the Future of Black American (CFBA) is a project of the African American Future Society

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