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FOURTEENTH CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, JULY 24 - 25, 2026

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Urhobo Historical Society cordially invites all Urhobo sons and daughters, as well as friends of Urhobo, to participate in its Fourteenth Conference and General Meeting, which will be held on the 24th and 25th of July 2026 in London, United Kingdom.

VENUE:

Delta Hotels by Marriott, Bexleyheath.

1 Broadway, Bexleyheath, London

DA6 7JZ. United Kingdom.

Tel: +44 208 298 1000

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/londb-delta-hotels-bexleyheath/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>



To book accommodation at the hotel using our group rate for the blocked rooms, please click on this link: <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1778169860172&key=GRP&app=resvlink> . The rate is £116 for single room and £128 for double room. Book now for the blocked rooms are few.

CONFERENCE THEME:

The Urhobo Ethnic Nationality in Nigeria – Past, Present and the Future

SUBTHEMES:

1. The Making of the Urhobo Ethnic Nationality – History and Major Development
2. The Urhobo Ethnic Nationality and Its Neighbors – Relationships and Rivalry
3. The Place and Contributions of Urhobo Ethnic Nationality to Nigeria
4. Urhobo Kingdoms: Diversity and Unity
5. Towards the Creation of an Urhobo State

6. Urhobo Leadership: Evolution and Challenges
7. The Urhobo Progress Union: Evolution, Challenges and Reform
8. The Urhobos in Nigerian Politics
9. Urhobos in the Diaspora

CALL FOR PAPERS

If you are interested in presenting a paper on any aspect of the theme of the conference, please send a one-page abstract of proposed paper with a completed registration form (see form below) to Dr. Emmanuel Ojameruaye, UHS Secretary, ejameruaye@gmail.com and copy Mr. Ochuko Arodowe, UHS Project Director, morulac@gmail.com by March 30, 2026. If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by April 30, 2026, and you will be required to submit the full paper by June 30, 2026, for inclusion in the Conference Papers Booklet.

CALL FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN CONFERENCE BROCHURE

A Conference Brochure featuring the events of the Conference, Goodwill Messages and Advertisements will be published and distributed during the conference. If you wish to place a Goodwill Message or Advertisement, below are the rates:

1) Full Page	₦150,000.00 (or \$100 or £75)
2) Half Page	₦100,000.00 (or \$67 or £50)
3) Back Cover	₦250,000.00 (or \$167 or £125)
4) Inside (Front and Back Cover)	₦200,000.00 (or \$133 or £100)
5) Centre Spread	₦300,000.00 (or \$200 or £150)

Please send copies of your goodwill message and advertisement and evidence of payment to Ms. Zita Onakpoberuo, uhshqtrsecretary@gmail.com (Nigerian residents) or Mrs. Julie Riesa, Chair Organizing Committee, julieriesa@yahoo.com (Overseas residents)

Payment in Naira (in Nigeria) should be made into

- UHS Account No. 2112113200 at Ecobank Plc, Lagos, Nigeria,

Payment in US Dollars or other foreign currencies should be made into

- UHS Bank Account No. 9995450375, Routing No. 221473652, at [Four-leaf Federal Credit Union](#), 899 S. Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, NY 11714, USA

Residents of the United Kingdom can make their payments to:

- Account Name: Onunu Okpako; Bank: Starling Bank; Account Number: 61691837
Sort Code: 60-83-71; Reference: UHSConf26

CONFERENCE AGENDA/ PROGRAM OUTLINE

Friday July 24, 2026

- 4:00 pm: Registration, Mingling and Networking
 6:30 pm: Welcome Dinner
 7: 30pm – 9:00pm: General/Business Meeting of UHS Registered and Prospective Members.

Saturday, July 25, 2026

- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Opening Ceremony & First Plenary Session
 1:00 pm – 2:00pm: Lunch, Exhibition and Video Show

2:00pm – 3:30 pm Second Plenary Session
3:30 pm – 5:30pm Concurrent Sessions
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Break, Mingling and Networking
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Gala Night and Closing Ceremony

2026 UHS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

To register for the 2026 UHS Conference in London, please complete the following form and submit it to uhshqtrsecretary@gmail.com no later than May 31, 2026.

First Name: _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name (Surname) _____

Title: _____

Organizational Affiliation _____

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Do You Wish to Present a Paper? YES NO

If YES, state the Title of your Paper _____

Do you need a letter of invitation to process your visa? YES NO.

If YES, we will send you a letter within two weeks of receipt of your completed registration form. You can also contact Ms. Zita Onakpobero, UHS Headquarters, Okpara Inland, Delta State, Nigeria uhshqtrsecretary@gmail.com, Tel: +234(0)7060647530 to send you a letter. As a non-profit organization with 501(c) designation with the United States Internal Revenue Services (IRS), we accept donations and sponsorships to support the conference and other UHS activities. You can make your donations in Naira to into UHS Account No. 2112113200 at Ecobank Plc, Lagos, Nigeria or in US Dollars or other foreign currencies into UHS Bank Account No. 9995450375, Routing No. 221473652, at [Four-leaf Federal Credit Union](#), 899 S. Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, NY 11714, USA.

Note: Prospective participants can register online by clicking on the following link

<https://forms.gle/A9MJWZFPWLbRzzUs9>

and completing the form, and then pressing the "Submit" button at the end of the form

ABOUT UHS CONFERENCES

Founded in August 1999, in New York City, USA, by a group of Urhobo scholars and professionals in the United States and Canada, the mission of the Urhobo Historical Society (UHS) is to serve and promote Urhobo history and culture. In 2014, the UHS moved its Head Office from the United States to Okpara Inland in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State in Nigeria to be closer to and better serve the Urhobo people. The Conferences of the UHS serve as a formal venue for the presentation and discussion of scholarly papers and research on Urhobo history and culture, as well as matters pertaining to policies, developments, and programs impacting Urhoboland and its people. As much as possible, we strive to hold the Conferences annually or biannually. So far, 13 conferences and general meetings have been held as follows:

Conferences	Dates	Venue
First	November 3-5, 2000	Niagara Falls, Canada
Second	November 2-4, 2001	Parsippany, New Jersey, USA
Third	November 1-3, 2002	Goldsmith College of London University, London, England
Fourth	October 31 – Nov 2, 2003	Goldsmith College of London University, London, England
Fifth	October 29-31, 2004	PTI Effurun & Agharha-Otor, Delta State, Nigeria
Sixth	October 20-23, 2025	PTI Effurun & Sapele, Delta State, Nigeria
Seventh	November 3-5, 2006	PTI Effurun & Agbarho, Delta State, Nigeria
Eight	November 26-29, 2009	PTI Effurun & Ovu, Delta State, Nigeria
Ninth	November 12-16, 2014	PTI Effurun & Olomu, Delta State, Nigeria
Tenth	November 20-22, 2015	PTI Effurun & Evwreni Delta State, Nigeria
Eleventh	May 18-20, 2018	PTI Effurun, Orogun, Agbarha, Ughele & Ogor, Delta State, Nigeria
Twelfth	November 26-28, 2021	Urhobo Cultural Centre, Uvwiamuge, Otor-Udu & Otughievwen, Delta State, Nigeria
Thirteen	July 26-27, 2024	New York University, Stern School of Business, New York, USA