

The International Academy of African Business and Development held its 2008 Conference at the University of Florida Hotel & Conference Center on May 20 – 24, 2008. Cosponsors included the International Center for Research in Accounting and Auditing (ICRAA), the Fisher School of Accounting, and Ernst & Young.

ICRAA, through the generous support of .F.C.A. Corporation and its CEO Robert Scharar (an accounting graduate from the class of 1970), was able to provide funding to four individuals who attended the conference from African Universities:

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| Dr. Rosemond Boohene | University Cape Coast, Ghana |
| Babatunde Oke | University Logos, Nigeria |
| Muhsin Masoud | University Dar es Salaam/Tanzania |
| Grace Kibanja | Makerere University, Uganda. |

Over one hundred and sixty scholars from 157 countries and representing all disciplines of business met to discuss current issues in African business. More than 100 papers were presented on a wide variety of topics including banking, agri-business, regulation and business education. The multidisciplinary conference included presentations relevant to African business and economic development and also focused on emerging social, political and humanitarian issues.

Countries represented at the conference included:

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| The United States | South Africa | Kenya |
| Australia | Ghana | Kazakhstan |
| United Kingdom | Okoro | France |
| Finland | Tanzania | Ivory Coast |
| India | Nigeria | Malawi |
| Portugal | Botswana | Zambia. |
| Canada | Uganda | |