

Session Program

Apr 1 - 2, 2026



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Plenary Session

Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel, Centennial Ball Room
866 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308

Wed, April 1

9:00 AM

Plenary Session: Welcome

Session |
Location: Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel, Centennial Ball Room, 866 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 |
Convener: George White

9:00 – 9:15 AM **Welcome and Provosts Remarks**

Speakers
Dr Charlene Gilbert, Dr Raheem Beyah

9:15 AM

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Plenary Session: Keynote

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Convener: Frances Williams

9:15 – 9:35 AM **Keynote Address + Micron Leadership Panel**

Speaker
Fran Dillard

10:05 AM

10:30 AM

Plenary Session: Panel Discussion

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Location: Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel, Centennial Ball Room, 866 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 |
Convener: Patricia Mead

10:30 – 10:50 AM **Microelectronics Industry Panel**

Speakers
Armond Duncan, Danielle Ferguson-Macklin, Robert Hoogland, Tara McCaughey

11:20 AM

11:30 AM

Plenary Session: Panel Discussion

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Convener: Shyam Aravamudhan

11:30 – 11:50 AM **Government Funding Opportunities**

Speakers
Debbie Black-Conn, Dr James Moore III, Dr LaShauna Evans, Michelle Williams-Vaden, Wayne Churaman

12:20 PM