The State of Black Atlanta Summit 2010 To Be Held At Clark Atlanta Feb. 20

ATLANTA (Feb. 18, 2010) -- The State of Black Atlanta Summit 2010 will be held at Clark Atlanta University on Saturday, February 20, 2010, as a part of the Black History Month celebration. The summit will take place in the Carl and Mary Ware Academic Center, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in room 101.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Robert D. Bullard, a noted author and scholar who directs the Environmental Justice Resource Center at CAU. Bullard said, “Top leaders from academia, public health, environmental groups, civil rights, business, media, and local community-based organizations will also be on hand to present a shared vision for leading Black Atlanta into a just, healthy and sustainable future.” He explained that the summit provides a forum for diverse aspects of the community to come together to learn about and share priorities for the year.

The event is free and open to the public. The Carl and Mary Ware Academic Center is located near the corner of Fair Street and James P. Brawley Drive. Visit http://www.ejrc.cau.edu/SBAAgenda2010.html to view the program for the summit.

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The Environmental Justice Resource Center (EJRC) at Clark Atlanta University was formed in 1994 to serve as a research, policy and information clearinghouse on issues related to environmental justice, race and the environment, civil rights and human rights, facility siting, land use planning, brownfields, transportation equity, suburban sprawl and smart growth, energy, global climate change, and climate justice. The overall goal of the center is to assist, support, train and educate people of color students, professionals and grassroots community leaders with the goal of facilitating their inclusion into the mainstream of decision-making. The center is multidisciplinary in its focus and approach. It serves as a bridge among the social and behavioral sciences, health professionals, natural and physical sciences, engineering, management and legal disciplines to prevent and solve environmental and health problems. The center's programs build on the work that its staff has been engaged in for more than two decades.

Formed in 1988 by the consolidation of two historic institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), Clark Atlanta University is the largest of the United Negro College Fund institutions with an enrollment of nearly 4,000 students. Clark Atlanta University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone 404-679-4501) to award the Bachelor’s, Master’s, Specialist and Doctor’s degrees. The Carnegie Classification lists CAU as a Research University – High Research Activity. CAU is listed as one of the best southeastern colleges by The Princeton Review and has been selected to the Washington Monthly’s 2008 list of best colleges and universities. National business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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