



## FAQs and Important Facts About the IBWPPI

**What does IBWPPI stand for?** The International Black Women's Public Policy Institute.

**When was the organization established?** IBWPPI was founded in September of 2009 in Washington, D.C. and granted its 501c3 nonprofit status in June 2014.

**Where is the office located?** Although, the organization is a Washington, D.C. based organization, its operations headquarters is currently located at 3915 Cascade Rd. Suite T147 - Atlanta, GA 30331. Telephone Number (404)-549-3469.

**Why was IBWPPI established?** We were created to be a policy organization that would support and create public policies to enhance the lives of Black women globally. As the only global public policy institute dedicated to, founded by, and led by Black women, we aim to evaluate the impact of current national and international public policy; and support new policies that will address significant threats and disparities to the safety and well-being of Black women, their families, and communities.

### **What is the focus of the work of IBWPPI?**

The work of IBWPPI is centered around four pillars: The Eradication of Human Sex Trafficking, Black Women's Health and Wellness, Economic Security and Education.

Our key competencies are:

- **Thought leadership** - For the last twelve years, IBWPPI has convened hearings in Washington, D.C., policy conversations in Belize, Nassau Bahamas, Bermuda, Ghana, and policy forums at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference.
- IBWPPI policy agenda includes the Eradication of Human Sex Trafficking, Black women Health and Wellness, Economic Security, and Education.
- **Policy work** - IBWPPI members have testified before state legislatures, the U.S. Congress, and the United Nations to support legislation and international policies that will benefit marginalized Black women and girls at home and abroad. Recently, IBWPPI offered public support of the CROWN Act in the Delaware state legislature, endorsed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, and issued a press statement with leading Black civic organizations to resurrect the protections of the Voting Rights Act.
- **Leadership development** - In 2016, IBWPPI launched the Young Ambassadors Program (YAP) to prepare the next generation of young women leaders ages 25-45 to be change agents in the public policy arena. In 2020, IBWPPI founded the Dorothy I. Height Global Leadership Academy, a six-month intensive leadership development program for high-performing women with an interest in international leadership.

**Who makes up the Board of the organization?** 17 inter-generational women leaders representing the interests of women and girls in countries throughout the African diaspora. Our board includes women from North America, Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Cuba, Haiti, and countries throughout the continent of Africa.



**What is the Vision Statement of the IBWPPI?** Connecting and advocating for Black Women globally through acts of kindness and public policy.

**What are some of the success stories of the IBWPPI?**

- Established three literacy programs in three different countries.
- Launched a Young Ambassadors Program (YAP) in the U.S.A., South Africa, and The Bahamas.
- Launched a Global Leadership Academy, a six-month Leadership Development Program.
- Established a Fellowship and Internship Program for young women attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- Adopted a birthing clinic for women in Kumasi, Ghana where six new babies were delivered in the first month, before we could get running water in the clinic.
- Established a Women's Empowerment Group that is thriving and receiving support from us in Mampong, Bunuso, Ghana.
- Through our Boots on the Ground Program, we have delivered over 2,000 pairs of rain and work boots to Haiti, Houston, Texas, The Bahamas, and Ghana following natural disasters. These boots help to prevent the spread of water borne diseases, as well as protect the feet of women who farm and who are responsible for bringing water to their villages.

**What is the Black Women's Embassy?** The Black Women's Embassy is a proposed destination and official convening center for Black women, that will be built in either Atlanta, Georgia, known as the cradle of the civil rights movement OR Washington, D.C., the capital city of the United States of America.

**Where did the idea originate?** Barbara A. Perkins, Co-Founder/President of IBWPPI shared this vision and is spearheading the building of a massive coalition to support and launch the capital campaign to implement the vision and begin a global movement.

**What is the purpose of the Embassy?** It will be an unmistakable symbol of Black Women's contributions to humanity. It would be in honor of our foremothers, who carried, nurtured, and prayed over so many dreams deferred. This symbol of beauty will connect our rich past with our hopeful future. It will be a place where all Black Women can see themselves, feel welcomed and have a seat at the Queens table.

- It will be a safe, high tech space to gather for international events, galas, conferences, meetings, networking sessions, social gatherings, and trainings.
- A healthy environment for start-up businesses, rental office spaces, brainstorming rooms, self-care rooms, wellness rooms and housing.
- A rewarding opportunity to connect with other professionals, experts in a wide range of industries, international women within the IBWPPI network and affiliates.
- There will be a source of empowerment created by showcasing and preserving the history of international black women for future black women.



**What is the timeline for the opening of the Embassy?** The project is anticipated to be completed in March of 2024. It is a three-to-five-year project to be implemented in phases.

**What are the long-term goals of the Embassy?** One of the major goals is for the Black Women's Embassy to be the preferred convening location for domestic and international Black Women's events. It would also serve as a haven and cultural hub for Black Women traveling to the US from around the world.

**How will the Embassy grow its presence?** The Black Women's Embassy coalition and movement will include approximately 40 countries and a wide range of partnerships, including the **Seed Growers**. The Seed Growers are the first 100 women to sign onto the project and invest an initial contribution of \$1,000. This group will have a place in the BWE history and serve as thinking partners for the project.

- International Partnerships
- Affiliate Organizations
- Women Leaders and Activists
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Civic Organizations
- Labor Organizations
- Foundations
- Corporate Partnerships
- Academic Institutions
- Faith Leaders
- Faith Organizations
- Seed Growers

#### **African States**

1. Angola
2. Burundi
3. Cape Coast
4. Cote D'ivoire
5. Dakar
6. Egypt
7. Ethiopia
8. Ghana
9. Liberia
10. Kenya
11. Madagascar
12. Morocco
13. Nigeria
14. Sierra Leone
15. Senegal
16. South Africa
17. Tanzania
18. Ivory Coast
19. Zambia

#### **Caribbean**

1. Antigua
2. Bahamas
3. Barbados
4. Belize
5. Cuba
6. Haiti
7. Jamaica
8. Trinidad
9. St. Martin
10. St. Maarten
11. St. Lucia
12. Turks & Caicos
13. Puerto Rico
14. St. Vincent & The Grenadines
15. US Virgin Islands

#### **Other**

1. Bermuda
2. Canada
3. United Kingdom
4. Latin American
5. Paris
6. United States of America