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### President Kenneth Kaunda Plenary Address

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### **55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS** **ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA PLENARY:**

#### *"Zambia and the Democratization of Southern Africa"*

(Boulder) – March 25, 2003 – **President Kenneth Kaunda** (bio attached), the first President of independent Zambia, will deliver his plenary address on Zambia's historic path to independence and the challenges to democratization. This session is to be moderated by the Mayor of Denver, **Wellington Webb**. President Kaunda's 55<sup>th</sup> *Conference on World Affairs plenary address* will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. As always, CWA events are free and open to the public.

President Kenneth David Kaunda is currently the Balfour African President in Residence at Boston University's African Presidential Archives and Research Center. Kaunda led Zambia to independence and served as the first President of the Republic of Zambia from 1964 to 1991.

In 1992, Kaunda founded the Kenneth Kaunda Peace Foundation, dedicated to the peace and conflict resolution on the continent. Kaunda is now devoting his life to fighting HIV/AIDS and poverty in Africa.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the Conference on World Affairs. The *New York Times* refers to the CWA as "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" with over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances attended by an audience of about 40,000.

**For further information, feel free to contact Ramsay Thurber at 303.492.2526, or e-mail the Conference on World Affairs at [cwa@colorado.edu](mailto:cwa@colorado.edu) . The full CWA schedule and a biographical listing of all our participants in now online at: [www.colorado.edu/cwa](http://www.colorado.edu/cwa)**

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## **Kenneth David Kaunda**

President Kenneth David Kaunda is currently the Balfour African president in residence at Boston University's African Presidential Archives and Research Center. Kaunda led Zambia to independence and served as the first President of the Republic of Zambia from 1964 to 1991.

Formerly an educator, Kaunda began his political career as the founder and Secretary of the Lubwa Branch of the African National Congress (ANC) in 1950. He held various positions until 1953. Kaunda then became Secretary General of the Northern Rhodesia African National Congress.

In 1958, Kaunda formed the Zambian African National Congress, of which he subsequently became president. In 1960, Kaunda became president of the United National Independence Party (UNIP), a post he held until 1962, and again from 1995 to 2000. With the development of a new constitution, and the advent of Zambia's first black government in 1962, Kaunda became Minister of Local Government and Social Welfare from 1962 to 1964 and Prime Minister of Northern Rhodesia from January to October 1964, when he was elected President of the Republic.

In addition to his efforts in Zambia, Kaunda was in the forefront of the efforts to liberate all of Africa, serving as the president of the Pan-African Freedom Movement for East, Central and Southern Africa (Pafmesca) in 1962 and as chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) from 1970 to 1973. Kaunda also played key roles in the mitigation of territorial disputes between Kenya and Somalia and the liberation movements in Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

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