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Black communities Observatory

The genesis of a Black community-based Observatory

Black community organizing

Educational
Professional
Social
Political
needs and services

Black communities and knowledge

Realities, histories, and aspirations

Community institutions

Union United Church (1907):
Sunday school Library

United Negro Improvement Association (1919):
Black Library

Negro Community Center (1927):
Community Library

- “The library, believed to be the first Black Library established in Montreal, contained books on African history and African heroes to tell Blacks of their heritage and contribute to their self-improvement and self-identity in keeping with the general UNIA philosophy.” (Bertley, 1983, p. 91)

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Building knowledge bases

Community libraries

Black authors

Black histories

Black perspectives

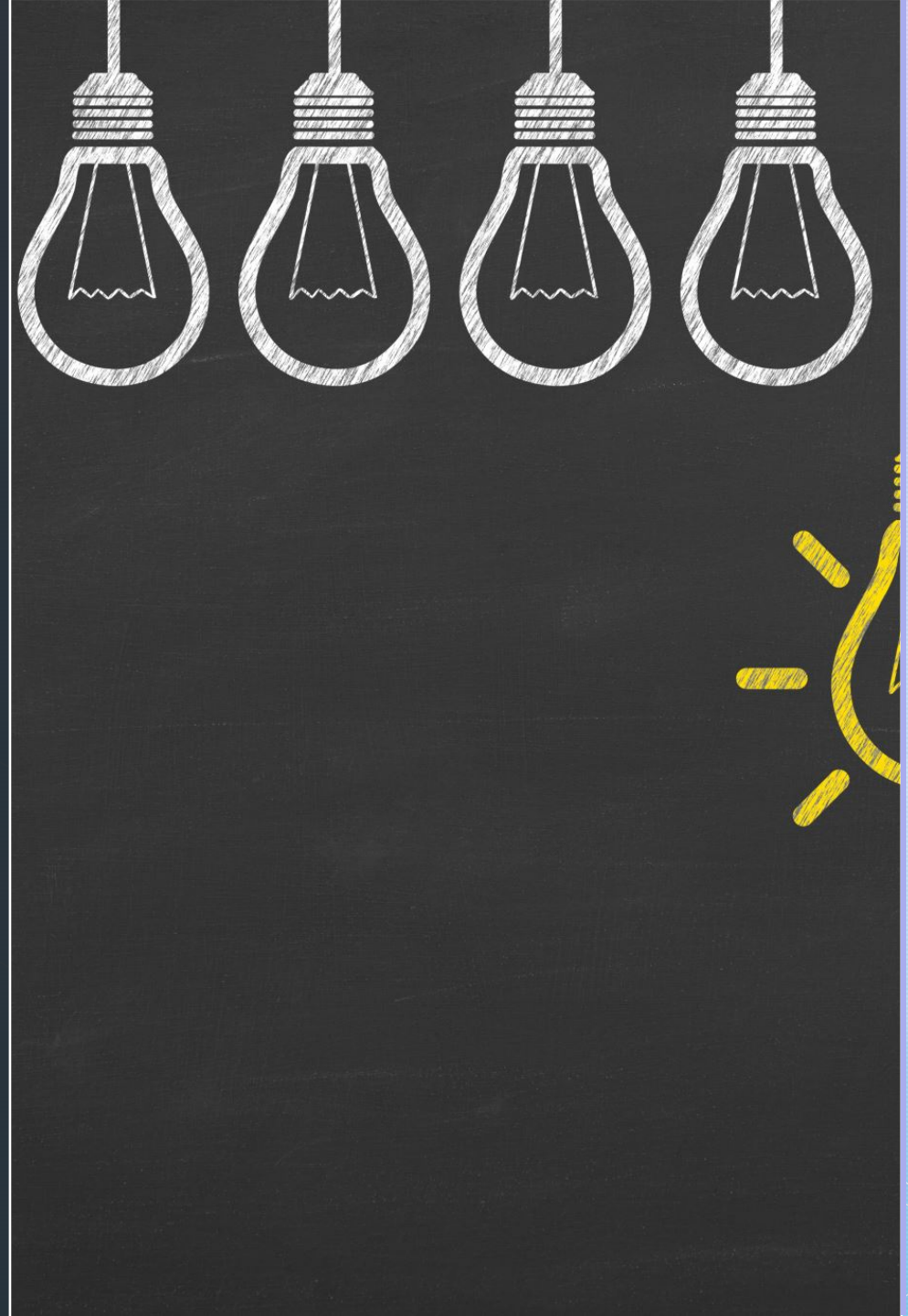
Knowledge for social transformation

Political participation and knowledge

Access to knowledge

Production of knowledge

Preservation of knowledge



Historical underrepresentation in libraries, archives, universities and research centers

Black community libraries

Black community archives

Black Community research

Producing knowledge

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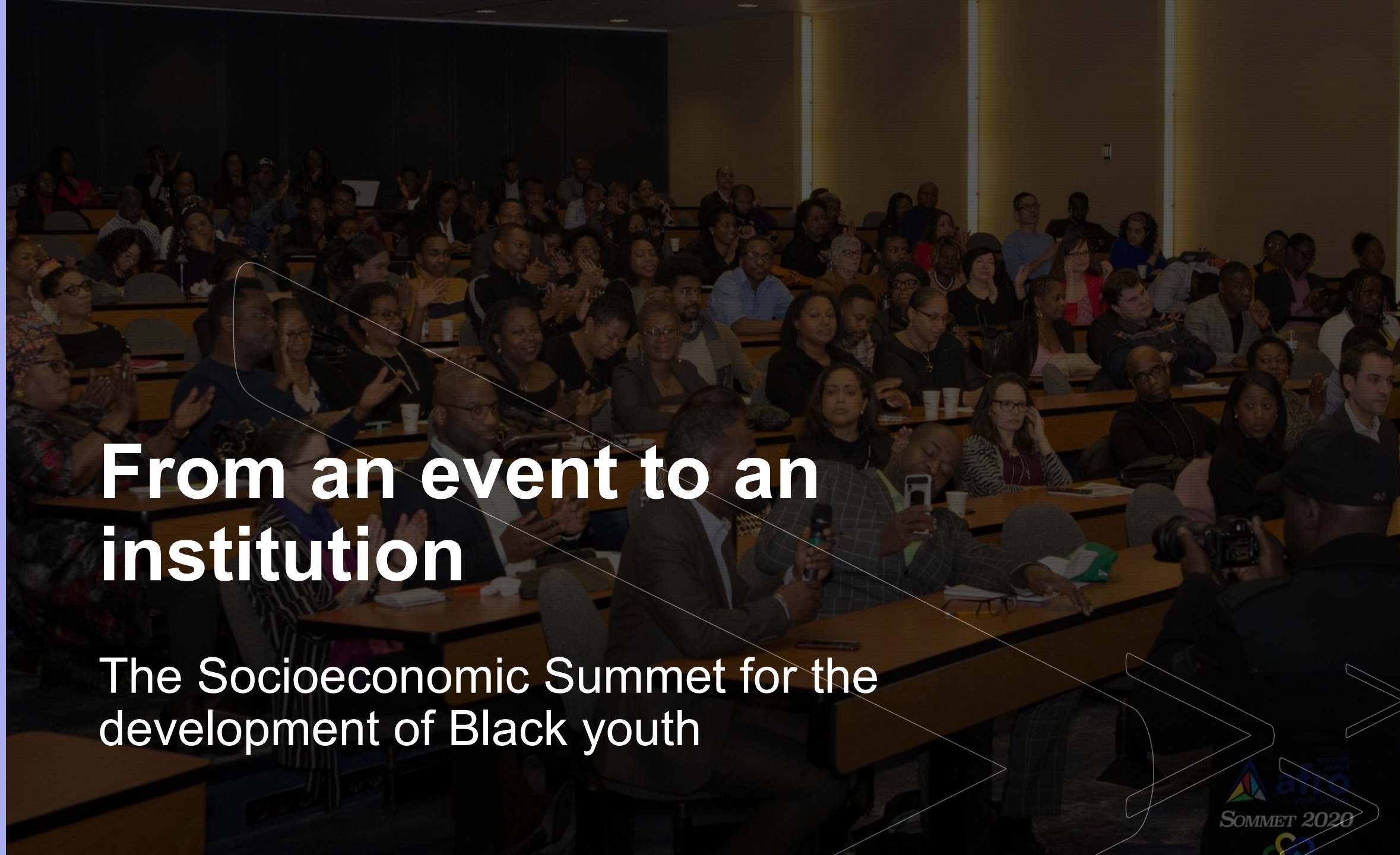
Resarch projects on:

Employment
Housing
Demographics
Needs
etc.



From an event to an institution

The Socioeconomic Summet for the development of Black youth

From a study committee to a research observatory

The Black communities Observatory

Observatoire des communautés noires

Black communities Observatory

Du rêve à la réalité: un succès collectif!

From dream to reality: a collective success!

1er Sommet
1st Summit

Adoption de la déclaration commune
dans la laquelle on exprime le besoin de documenter, de partage et de veille sur nos enjeux.

adoption of the joint declaration in which we express the need to document, share and monitor our issues

2e Sommet
2nd Summit

26 janvier 2019, le 2e Sommet convient de travailler à la mise sur pied d'un observatoire sur les questions et enjeux relatifs aux communautés noires.

January 26, 2019, the 2nd Summit agrees to work on setting up an observatory on questions and issues relating to black communities.

3e Sommet
3rd Summit

25 Janvier 2020, l'équipe de conceptualisation présente ses travaux à l'occasion du 3e Sommet annuel.

January 25, 2020, the conceptualization team presents its work during the 3rd Annual Summit

Aujourd'hui
Today

Nous sommes fiers d'annoncer la création de l'observatoire doté d'un budget de 6M$ pour les 5 prochaines années.

We are proud to announce the creation of the observatory with a budget of $ 6M for the next 5 years.

Observatoire des communautés noires

Black communities Observatory

La mission de l'observatoire est de documenter et comprendre les enjeux auxquels font face les jeunes des communautés noires afin de proposer des solutions concrètes favorisant leur développement socioéconomique.

The mission of the observatory is to document and understand the issues facing young people from black communities in order to propose concrete solutions that promote their socioeconomic development.

Recherche
Research

Documenter le développement socioéconomique des jeunes pour mieux cerner les enjeux et proposer des solutions concrètes

Document the socio-economic development of youth to better understand the issues and propose concrete solution

Éducation et formation
Education and Training

Soutenir les organismes en leur fournissant de l'information permettant l'amélioration et la normalisation de leurs pratiques

Support organizations by providing information to improve and standardize their practices

Mobilisation communautaire
Community mobilization

Favoriser le réseautage, la mutualisation des connaissances, le partage de compétences et l'apprentissage collectif

Promote networking, knowledge sharing, skill sharing and collective learning

Vulgarisation scientifique
Scientific vulgarization

Favoriser l'accessibilité de la connaissance à un public varié, autant communautaire que gouvernemental et scientifique.

Promote the accessibility of knowledge to a diverse audience, from the community to the government and scientific community.

Connecting research and community development

2 programs

1. Research and experimentation

- Socioeconomic axis
- Youth axis

2. Community development

-Community mobilization axis
-Education and training axis
-Communication axis
-Political watch

Research that aims to bring together, mobilize and participate in community development

Collaboration, co-construction, communities of practice, experimentation, knowledge mobilization.

The Black communities Observatory

Black communities pooling, organizing and producing knowledge for social transformation