



Press Statement

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Dr. Fallon Wilson Joins MMTC as Vice President, Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 4, 2021): The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is pleased to announce that **Dr. Fallon Wilson** has joined the team as **Vice President, Policy**. Dr. Wilson will lead MMTC's work on three focus areas in the tech, media, and telecommunications (TMT) sectors. The sectors include: Technology, Data Privacy, Artificial Intelligence, and Civil Rights in the Digital Age; Infrastructure, Broadband Connectivity, and Digital Inclusion; and Multicultural Media Ownership and Content Diversity.

"I am thrilled to celebrate 2021 and the launch of MMTC's 35th year with the appointment of Dr. Fallon Wilson to lead our policy advocacy and thought leadership," said **MMTC President and CEO, Maurita Coley**. "Our board **Chair Ronald Johnson** and I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Wilson during our service on the **Federal Communications Commission's Advisory Committee for Diversity and Digital Empowerment**, (ACDDE), on the Tech Subcommittee. Dr. Wilson is a powerful advocate who is deeply committed to resolving issues that disproportionately impact our communities, such as access to and proficiency with broadband, digital equity and inclusion, artificial intelligence and civil rights, and media diversity."

"I'm so happy to join the MMTC team and help chart a new path forward for the 35-year-old organization," said Dr. Wilson. "Given its historical prominence, I believe MMTC is in a great position to promote a liberatory tech policy and advocacy agenda at the national level, fueled by new partnerships, new coalitions, and new thought leaders of color."

Dr. Wilson is a strategically data-conscious leader and public interest technologist with over 10 years of experience in developing, launching, and growing programs, partnerships, departments, and organizations in K thru 12th, Higher Education, and non-profit educational sectors with a strong lens of equity, tech inclusion, and workforce outcomes. Prior to joining MMTC, she launched and managed UmanityEDU, a consulting firm that builds Black tech innovation ecologies, with Black joy, research, and community-centered programming, to build a national Black tech ecosystem. She co-founded #BlackTechFutures Research Institute, a national network of city-based researchers and practitioners conducting research on sustainable local Black tech ecosystems. Also, she served as the co-founder and Research Director at the Black Tech Mecca, a data-driven think tank that assesses cities' commitments to and investments in developing and scaling thriving Black Tech Ecosystems.

As the Assistant Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Strategic Partnerships at the American Baptist College, Dr. Wilson developed an advancement office and created a vibrant fundraising culture through donor cultivation and rebranding. Currently, she is a member of the FCC's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment and serves as the Inaugural Board Chair, HBCU Success Office Tennessee Higher Education Commission. In addition, she serves on the Metro Nashville Public Schools STEAM Advisory Board and as a Present Learning Technology Team Member of Alignment Nashville. In 2019, she was selected as one of Nashville Business Journal's 10 People to Watch. She served as a TEDxNashville Speaker on "Stop Ignoring Black Women and Hear Our Tech Prophecies." She earned her B.A. in Political Science at Spelman College, and M.A. in Political Science and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting equal access and representation in tech, media, and telecommunications through opportunity creation, awareness building, and advocacy. Our vision is to achieve a fully connected, educated, healthy, and empowered society in which all communities thrive.