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Biographical Statement

A. Gabrielle-Wise is the president of the US Sustainable Development Corp, a certified NGO in consultative status with the United Nations. For nearly three decades, she has been committed to planning, community and economic development. Her effort to see that a federal commission is established in the Southeastern United States has spanned over eighteen years. In 2002, she worked with the University of Georgia, Tuskegee University and several rural southern universities to conduct a congressional study that was commissioned by the late Senator Zell Miller (GA) to determine if and how the southeast could benefit from a federal commission. She later worked closely with the legislative staff of a member of Congress from Alabama to translate the conclusions of the study into a legislative proposal to create the Southeast Crescent Authority. In 2019, she organized the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Coalition to convene the offices of the southern Governors, Congressional members and other leaders around the southeast to discuss the role of federal commissions in rural economic development policy and develop strategy to bring it to fruition. That work has continued to yield results in building momentum around the region to support the activation of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.