

# ADIS24

AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Monde Muyangwa**  
Assistant Administrator,  
Bureau for Africa, USAID



**Hon. Susan Ellenberg**  
President, Santa Clara County  
Board of Supervisors



**H.E. Ramatoulaye Diallo**  
CEO of Great Green Wall  
of Africa Foundation  
and Former Minister of  
Culture in Mali



**C.D. Glin**  
President,  
PepsiCo Foundation,  
Global Head of Social Impact,  
PepsiCo, Inc.



**Thelma Ekiyor-Solanke**  
Chairperson,  
The Nigeria Office for  
Philanthropy and  
Impact Investing

For nine years, the African Diaspora Network has brought together our global community for meaningful networking, knowledge exchange, and a celebration of innovation and entrepreneurship at our flagship African Diaspora Investment Symposium.

**We are delighted and honored to showcase our incredible line up of keynote speakers this year:**



### **Dr. Monde Muyangwa**

*Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, USAID*

Dr. Monde Muyangwa serves as the Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Africa.

She has over 25 years of senior-level experience on Africa and U.S.-Africa relations, including working with African governments, international partners, civil society, academia, and the US and African private sector.

**Honorable Susan Ellenberg**

*President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors*



Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg represents the almost 400,000 residents in District 4, which includes the unincorporated community of Burbank, much of West San Jose, and the cities of Campbell and Santa Clara.

She serves as President of the Board of Supervisors as well as the Chair of the County's Public Safety and Justice Committee and Vice Chair of the Finance and Government Operations Committee.

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**H.E. Ramatoulaye Diallo**

*CEO of Great Green Wall of Africa Foundation and Former Minister of Culture in Mali*



Founder and CEO for Great Green Wall of Africa (GGWoA). Ramatoulaye (Rama) Diallo is the founder and CEO of GGWoA Foundation.

The foundation is aimed at enabling climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives across Africa, to improve lives for millions of African, particularly women, children, and youths.

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**C.D. Glin**

*President, PepsiCo Foundation, Global Head of Social Impact, PepsiCo, Inc.*

C.D. Glin is President of the PepsiCo Foundation and Global Head of Social Impact for PepsiCo. In this role, Glin leads the organization's social- and community-driven impact efforts and a portfolio of global employee engagement programs.

Glin oversees the Foundation's strategic direction, leading internal and external engagement around The PepsiCo Foundation's three core pillars of creating equitable access to nutritious food, safe water, and economic opportunity.



**Thelma Ekiyor- Solanke**

*Chairperson, The Nigeria Office for Philanthropy and Impact Investing*

Mrs. Thelma Ekiyor-Solanke brings over 23 years of dedicated experience in the development Philanthropy and Impact Investing sectors.

She is the current pioneer Chairperson of the first-ever Nigeria Office for Philanthropy & Impact Investing (NPO)- a private sector led coordinating Office, domiciled in the Office of the Vice President.

ADIS24 focuses on activating with Africa around climate change, connections, and action, and our esteemed speakers are set to deliver a series of inspiring and thought-provoking keynote addresses. We are grateful to each of our keynote speakers for sharing their time, expertise, and insights with us. We invite you to register for ADIS24 today!

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The BAF program annually awards 15 to 20 of Africa's most promising entrepreneurs with enterprise development training, mentorship, and networking opportunities, and a platform to boost brand visibility and investment potential in Silicon Valley. Since 2018, Builders of Africa's Future has recognized and catalyzed 62 African startups.

Awardees will receive training from the African Management Institute of Kenya and be eligible to apply for funding from the U.S. African Development Foundation.

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**Africa No Filter: A Conversation About  
Being African In the Diaspora**



On February 15, 2024, Africa No Filter presented, "A Conversation About Being African In the Diaspora." The session provided deep insights into the lives of young African diasporans in France, the U.K., and the U.S., with significant contributions from participants including Almaz Negash, CEO and Founder of the African Diaspora Network.

This discussion, based on the "Being African: How Young Africans Experience the Diaspora" [report](#), delved into the challenges of discrimination and the vibrant quest for heritage among African youth abroad. It addressed the impact of discrimination, the importance of heritage pride, the pursuit of authentic connections to Africa, and the role of media in shaping perceptions.

Highlighting the diversity of diasporic experiences and the need for more collective narratives, Almaz Negash emphasized ADN's role in amplifying youth voices, fostering belonging, and empowering the diaspora through initiatives that bridge African heritage and global experiences.

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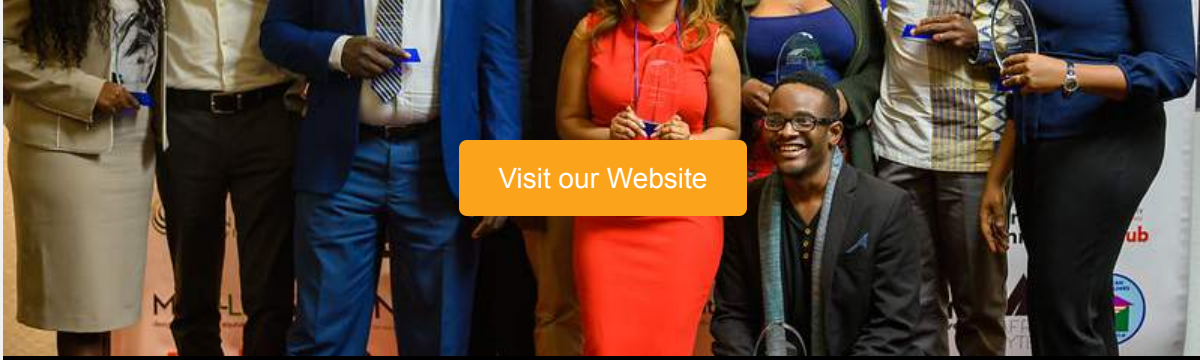
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