



# ADIS24

AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

# Supporting African and Diaspora Entrepreneurship and Innovation

As we kick-off Black History Month, ADN is looking forward to celebrating, learning from and supporting Black entrepreneurs in Africa and the diaspora who are making history everyday.

Grassroots African entrepreneurs and African diasporan entrepreneurs are actively innovating and realizing solutions to global challenges, including climate change. Yet, the biggest challenge they face and continuously work to overcome in evolving from a startup to a sustainable business is fundraising and investment.



Join us at the first day of ADIS24, Wednesday March 20, for an opportunity to hear firsthand from graduates of ADN's accelerator programs, Builders of Africa's Future and Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship, to learn about their individual journeys as entrepreneurs and their advice for building toward success.

Entrepreneurs, foundations, VCs, and investors are invited to discuss and share best practices that enrich and enable a beneficial ecosystem on the part of both investors and entrepreneurs.

[Register Today](#)

**Did you know that participants get a special rate if they book at the Hayes Mansion?**



[The African Diaspora Investment Symposium \(ADIS24\)](#) will be held at a new venue this year, the beautiful Hayes Mansion in San Jose, CA. Nestled within Northern California's Silicon Valley, Hayes Mansion is part of the National Register of Historic Hotels and offers expansive meeting and networking spaces and spacious secluded rooms for guests to rest in after an eventful day at the symposium.

You can learn more and book your room [here](#). As you plan your trip to San Jose, consider taking in the other amazing attractions the city has to offer. A few of these have been highlighted below for you. We can't wait to host you!

[Book Your Hotel Room](#)

**ADIS24 Pitch Competition Reminder  
Closes February 4**



Have an early stage business, social enterprise, or NGO you would like to present at ADIS24? This is your last chance to apply to be a part of the pitch competition for up-and-coming entrepreneurs and changemakers.

The top three applicants will be invited to present in person at ADIS24 in Silicon Valley, California. Pitch Competition contestants at ADIS24 will have 5 to 7 minutes to present their ventures and expand upon the next steps of their launch or growth process. All 3 will receive mentorship from BAF and ABLE alumni, but the top pitch will be awarded a \$10,000 grant to be used towards launching or growing their venture.

**Applications close on Sunday February 4th, 2024. To learn more and apply visit the [ADIS24 website](#).**

**Apply Today**

# Builders of Africa's Future Program Applications Open



Applications are now open for the 2024 Builders of Africa's Future program!

Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) celebrates innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprises. The program identifies African entrepreneurs running early-stage nonprofits or for-profit businesses that address key community needs through technology or differentiated business models. The goal is to help scale their ventures and impact in the areas of health, education, energy, agriculture, financial inclusion, gender inclusion, nutrition, commerce, industrial development, and other socioeconomic goods.

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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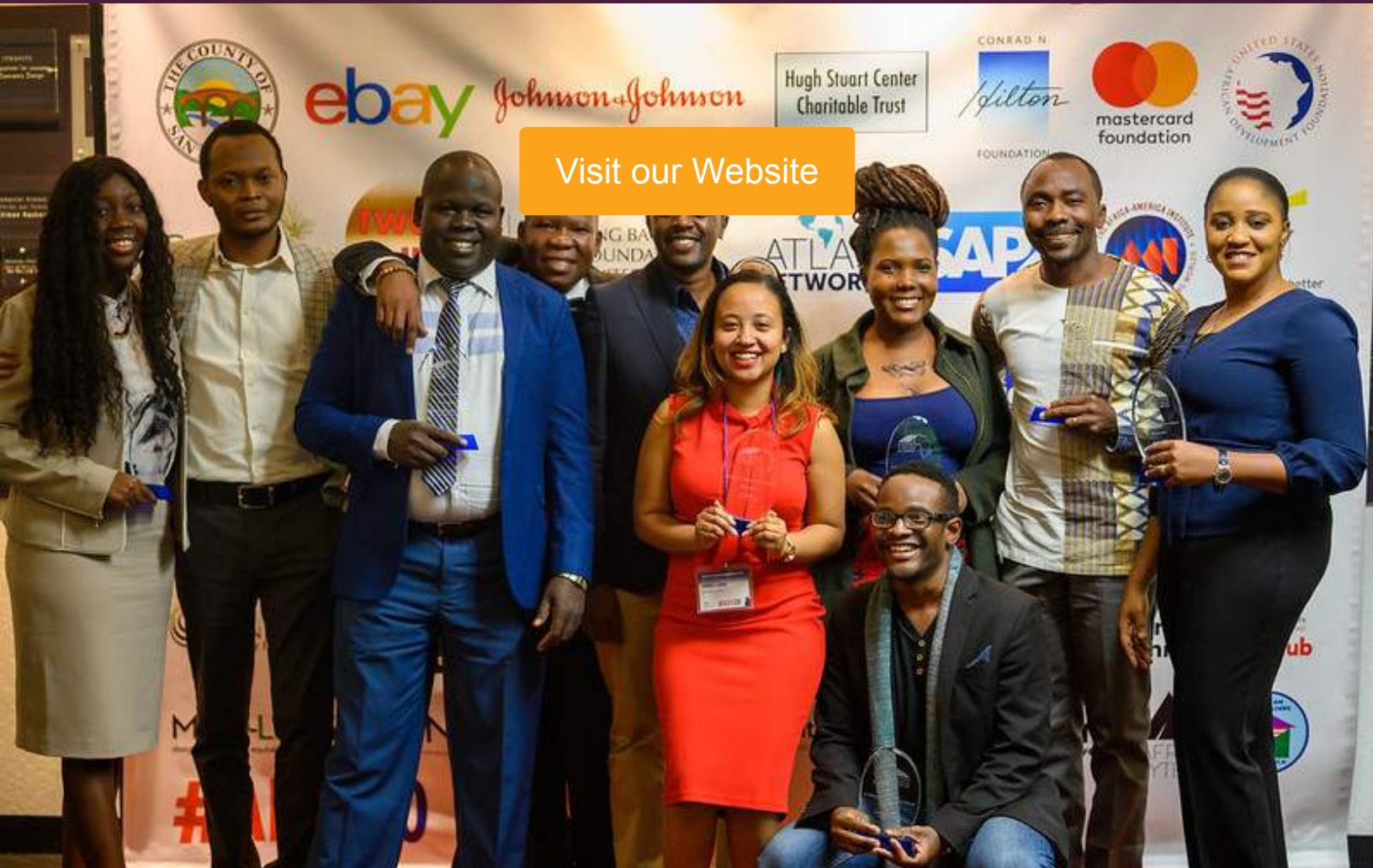


Looking to have a more active role as a member of African Diaspora Network?

Learn more about ways to engage:

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- Give Through Silicon Valley Community Foundation ([SVCF](#)) Donor-advised fund
- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABLE and/or BAF programs. Contact Brett Cave, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at [brett@africandiasporanetwork.org](mailto:brett@africandiasporanetwork.org) to learn more.
- Be an organizational sponsor and support the African Diaspora Network to bring together diverse people from around the world to collaborate and work together. Support ADN [HERE](#)
- Fill out the ADN Engagement form [here](#).

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