

# ADIS25

SUMMARY AND ACTION REPORT





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## OPTIMIZING INTRA-AFRICA INVESTMENT

Beyond Remittances

Investing platforms for the African diaspora

Reclaiming Our Collective Future

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**IGNITE INVESTMENT**

Ohonme Foundation Launch

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**THEY ALL WERE WONDERFULLY IMPACTFUL**

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The panel of scientific research–Yaw impressed me

Journey of ADIS and Future of Diaspora Investment

Diaspora-led policy innovation

## COMMUNITY DINNER

*Topics & Speakers with the most profound impact on our attendees.*



# A MESSAGE FROM CEO & FOUNDER OF AFRICAN DIASPORA NETWORK

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In 2012, I wrote a [research paper](#) titled **“What is the Role of the African Diaspora in Ensuring the Renaissance of the Continent?”** Later published by Dr. Mammo Muchie of Tshwane University, the paper became more than just an academic reflection, it became an integral contribution to the growing movement for diaspora engagement. In it, I explored the persistent issue of **brain drain** and posed a question that continues to animate our work: What if the very diaspora often seen as **“lost”** could instead become **Africa’s most strategic asset and how do we tell the story?**

That idea remains the driving force behind the African Diaspora Network (ADN). From **brain drain to brain gain**, we have focused on convening and active engagement. We strive to create pathways for grassroots entrepreneurs from both Africa and the United States to access training, mentorship, and funding, through intentional partnerships and collaborations.

What began as a question has evolved into a movement. ADN did not emerge overnight. It was forged over years of reflection, dialogue, and a steadfast conviction that the African diaspora—diverse, dynamic, and deeply connected—can be more than a source of remittances. With humility, determination, and focus for real change, we can be the **architects of transformation**.

Fifteen years later, our mission remains urgent and clear: We convene Africans from the continent, descendants of Africa—including African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans—and allies, to create an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurial spirit and mobilizes intellectual and financial resources for a prosperous future. Our vision is bold: To harness the collective power of the global African diaspora to drive entrepreneurship, forge partnerships, facilitate knowledge exchange, foster human capital development, generate social and business impact,

**ADIS25** was a powerful manifestation of this vision. We gathered to mark a milestone and to ignite momentum. In Washington, D.C., over 300 changemakers, thinkers, builders, and dreamers came together to challenge assumptions, shape new pathways, and recommit to a future in which Africa and her diaspora rise—**together**.

To everyone who joined us—**thank you**. To our **speakers, funders, ecosystem partners, board members**, and the tireless **ADN team**: your contributions transformed this convening into a homecoming, a launchpad, and a renewal of purpose.

But now, the real work begins.

We are entering a new era, one that demands not only innovation but **intergenerational visioning**. And so, I offer a few questions, not as a conclusion, but as an invitation:

- ▶ What would it look like if we shifted our thinking from quarterly results to **century-long outcomes**?
- ▶ As Africans, friends of Africa, and people of African descent, what is the **future we want to see in 50 years**—for our children, for our continent, and for humanity?
- ▶ And more personally, **how do we want to show up today** in service of that future?
- ▶ What must we build, seed, dismantle, or reimagine—**now**—to co-create a future where all Africans live in peace, prosperity, and harmony?

At ADN, we believe the answer lies in **activation**. We have spent the last decade informing and engaging. Now is the time to **mobilize**—from ideas to impact, from vision to structure, from diaspora connection to **deliberate, measurable change**.

Let us move forward with **optimism, strategy and shared purpose**.

Let us **act**—not because we have all the answers—but because we carry the **hopes of many on our shoulders**, and inaction is no longer an option.

Let’s support one another—for the world is better when we live, work, and build in community.



With deep appreciation,  
Almaz Negash  
CEO & Founder  
African Diaspora Network



# ADIS25 OVERVIEW

The 10th anniversary of the African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS25) was convened around the theme of 'Beyond Remittances: the Evolving Role of Africans in the Diaspora in Unlocking Transformational Investments.' The celebratory event marked a powerful moment of reflection and renewed purpose—bringing together changemakers, investors, scientists, policymakers, entrepreneurs, creatives and more to reimagine the role of the diaspora in shaping Africa's future. Across three days of impactful conversations, six key themes emerged



Strategic investment—not just remittances—is key to building scalable ventures and transforming infrastructure across the continent.



The diaspora is more than a funding source; it is a global force for policy influence, systems change, and long-term development.



Reclaiming Africa's story through culture, media, and storytelling is critical to changing perceptions and shaping global engagement.



African-led research and innovation are driving progress, and diaspora scientists are vital to building resilient, tech-enabled health and R&D ecosystems.



Entrepreneurial ecosystems thrive when local innovation is backed by mentorship, capital, and diaspora-led support networks.



Cross-sector, cross-border collaboration is not optional—it's essential. The future lies in fostering relationships that prioritize community over transaction.

## PRIMARY TAKEAWAY:

From finance to science to storytelling, ADIS25 made one truth clear: By aligning our capital, expertise, stories, and collective voice, we can unlock Africa's potential from within and reshape its global narrative. The time for coordination, investment, and unity is now.

**Over the three days of ADIS, attendees enjoying inspiring conversations across these three topics:**

### Day One: Diaspora Innovation and Investment

- » Private Meeting: Kickoff Conversation for the African Diaspora Network's ASCE Program
- » Private Event: Ignite Investment Launch Event
- » Private Event: Ohonme Foundation Launch Event
- » Innovator Showcase: Amplifying African Diaspora Entrepreneurs & Investors
- » Meet the ADN Changemakers: Grassroots Entrepreneurship & Investment

### Day Two: Beyond Remittances Toward Sustainable Investment

- » The Journey of ADIS and the Future of Diaspora Investment
- » Investment in Healthcare: Strengthening Africa's Research & Development
- » Reclaiming Our Collective Future
- » U.S. Africa-Investment Relations
- » Policy and Engagement: Amplifying the Diaspora Voice
- » ADN's African Diaspora Innovation Fund: Unlocking Catalytic Philanthropic Capital To Invest in Africa's Social Innovators

### Day Three: Celebrating African Heritage and Driving Transformational Investment

- » Optimizing Intra-Africa Investments: African Continental Free Trade Agreement
- » Investment in Cybersecurity: Keys to Africa's Financial Future
- » Building Mechanisms for Diaspora Finance in Africa
- » African Heritage & Cultural Celebration





## Investment & Infrastructure



Investment & Infrastructure emerged as a central thread across ADIS25. While remittances support African families, they are not sufficient for long-term development. Speakers emphasized the need for the diaspora to shift from income substitution to wealth-building through strategic investments in businesses, infrastructure, and scalable ventures.



Investing directly in critical infrastructure - such as energy, connectivity, cybersecurity, science, manufacturing and intra-Africa trade - is foundational. These sectors unlock broader investment flows, support business growth and create jobs. To enable these investments, financial infrastructure also requires reform, including reliable money corridors and diaspora-focused investment platforms to reduce risk and build trust.



Africa's rich human capital and market potential offer a powerful opportunity. With the right mechanisms, the diaspora can move beyond charity toward profit-driven, sustainable growth. This shift requires intentional collaboration, policy reforms, and mechanisms that support mid-sized ventures often overlooked between family remittances and large-scale NGO funding.

*"Our biggest strength is not the minerals that are in the ground... it's our people."*  
–Rahama Wright

*"The roles that we play in building enterprises, building corridors where the money moves to support that, that is the single biggest way where over the next 50-100 years we'll see tremendous advancement"*  
–Ham Serunjogi

*"The energy transition is a chance for us to be able to take our resources, transform them in Africa, create wealth and create jobs for all of our citizens."*  
–Lamine Savadogo

## DIASPORA INVESTMENT IN ACTION



As part of ADIS25, ADN was honored to host two private events highlighting diaspora-led investment: a panel by Ignite Investment on crowdfunding in Ethiopia and the launch of the Ohonme Foundation. Both showcased how diaspora capital can drive job creation, local manufacturing, and scalable businesses. Speakers emphasized the need to move from dialogue to action, harnessing investment to build sustainable industries, empower youth, and unlock Africa's economic potential from within.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

**Develop Diaspora Investment Platforms**  
Create and scale trusted, low-risk vehicles for diasporans to invest directly in African enterprises and infrastructure.

**Back Scalable Ventures with Capital and Support**  
Prioritize businesses that create jobs and solve local needs by pairing investment with technical assistance, mentorship, and ecosystem support.

**Strengthen Infrastructure for Intra-Africa Trade**  
Build transport, digital, and regulatory infrastructure to reduce trade barriers and unlock regional value chains.





## Science, Health and Technology



The topic of health, technology, science, and research resonated deeply throughout ADIS. Speakers emphasized the role of African-led research and the diaspora in transforming the continent's innovation landscape. Science was reframed as a tool for development, job creation, and economic growth, with examples including Africa's first drug discovery center. The conversation also addressed barriers such as limited infrastructure, regulatory hurdles, and underrepresentation in global research.

Cybersecurity, AI, and other digital advancements were also highlighted as critical to Africa's economic future and democratic resilience, with a focus on cross-sector collaboration and youth training in these sectors.

Speakers and participants called for deeper partnerships between diaspora and local institutions - and a collective effort to move African science and technology from the margins to the center of global innovation.

*"The money you send home...is simply the ears of a hippopotamus. Much of that elephant is still under the water - and we think it is on the brim of the African scientists in the diaspora."*  
-Dr. Fredros Okumu

*"Almost nothing can get done without collaboration... The cybersecurity situation is a picture perfect situation to collaborate."*  
-Robert Tibbs

*"African science is not dead, it is living in America, or Europe...The question is: what can I do with my science to address the underlying issues of why people move in the first place?"*  
-Prof. Kelly Chibale

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### **Remove Structural Barriers to Diaspora Engagement**

Reform visa policies, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and ease collaboration processes to enable diaspora scientists to return and contribute more effectively.

#### **Invest in African-Led Science and Innovation**

Direct funding toward African-led ventures and institutions, particularly in cybersecurity, AI, biotech, genomics, and pharmaceutical development, to drive scalable, local solutions; and train African youth to excel in these industries.

#### **Elevate African Science Globally**

Increase the visibility and credibility of African-led research by amplifying success stories, ensuring representation in global datasets, and supporting African leadership in high-impact studies.

## ADVANCING AFRICA'S R&D



During ADIS, a private meeting was held as part of the ADN's newest program: African Scientific Community Engagement (ASCE) program, funded by the Gates Foundation. The program aims to harness the expertise, networks, and resources of diaspora scientists to strengthen Africa's R&D ecosystem, with an initial focus on global health. During the session, senior scientists from across the USA, Canada, Europe and Africa deliberated over critical program areas such as convening health science leaders, building a sustainable science hub, and fostering strategic alliances to drive impactful health innovation across the continent.



# Beyond Remittances & the Power of the Diaspora



Across multiple sessions, speakers highlighted that the diaspora possesses not only financial power but also critical expertise, networks, and influence that can be harnessed to drive policy change, investments, and entrepreneurship.

Central to going Beyond Remittances is the need for intentional diaspora engagement, moving away from reactive efforts (e.g., responding only to crises) toward proactive investments in policy, economic development, and narrative change. Speakers urged the diaspora to leverage collective power to transform remittances from simple income substitution into structured investments that fuel private sector growth, job creation, and sustainable wealth on the continent.

Equally, mobilizing the diaspora to influence global policymaking - especially in U.S. aid and advocacy spaces - is seen as essential. ADIS plays a critical role in creating the connections, visibility, and investment pathways that enable this shift.



## BARKA AWARDEE: SIR MO IBRAHIM

At the Community Celebration Dinner, Sir Mo Ibrahim was also presented, in absentia, with ADN's highest honor, the Barka Award. We're grateful to have worked with his team to ensure he received this recognition.



*"Over the last few months we've seen a conversation happen about what the future of US international assistance looks like...and there's a real cohort of people here in Washington that want to make sure that relationship looks better than it has in the past."*  
-Walter Kerr

*"I see why this event is well attended. It is about the diaspora. The diaspora is bigger than any country."*  
-Ambassador Bah

*"The diaspora expands, transforming it into a nation that goes beyond the country's borders."*  
-His Excellency Correia e Silva

## ADIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER



The 10th ADIS Anniversary Community Celebration Dinner at the historic Halcyon House was a powerful testament to the collective strength and enduring impact of the African Diaspora. Surrounded by distinguished luminaries, funders, and partners, the evening celebrated a decade of bridge-building between Africa and the global diaspora. The dinner sparked meaningful conversations about mobilizing the power of the diaspora beyond remittances - toward driving entrepreneurship, innovation, and inclusive development. The following awardees were honored as Diaspora Luminaires: Motaz Attalla, Dr. Menghis Bairu, Thelma Ekiyor-Solanke, Ali Garba, Roland Pearson, and Rahama Wright.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### Mobilize Collective Influence

Harness diaspora expertise and networks to shape and advocate for policies that support economic growth, governance, and diaspora engagement.

#### Strengthen Policy and Advocacy Capacity

Equip diaspora communities with the tools and knowledge for effective advocacy at national and international levels

#### Provide Mechanisms to move Beyond Remittances

Leverage philanthropic and catalytic capital to de-risk early investments and attract larger private funds.





## Innovation & Entrepreneurship



Across multiple panels and sessions at ADIS, Innovation & Entrepreneurship emerges as a central driver for Africa's future growth, emphasizing that purpose-driven, grassroots entrepreneurship is essential to transforming African economies. Entrepreneurs on the continent face challenges like lack of infrastructure, limited access to capital, and the loneliness of building in fragmented ecosystems. However, the diaspora's role in providing not just funds but also networks, mentorship, and strategic partnerships is critical.

The discussions highlight that innovation isn't confined to tech alone but also includes biotech, pharmaceuticals, climate solutions, and communications. There's a shared belief that African-led innovation can tackle not only local challenges on the continent but also contribute globally. Moreover, investment in storytelling, narrative change, and communication strategies is essential to elevate African entrepreneurship and shift perceptions from aid to agency, from poverty alleviation to wealth creation.

*"AI innovation can emerge from the continent itself."*  
—Oula Tarssim

*"The reason startups succeed in the United States is not just because of funding, but because of the incredible mentorship they receive. Yes, the money is very helpful, but the mentorship you get just changes everything. You have connections."*  
—Josh Ghaim, PhD

*"I am not interested anymore in sending money as a patchwork to address deep social issues... Philanthropic money is not free—the impact is the return."*  
—Kady Sylla

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### Catalyze Diaspora Entrepreneurship and Investment

Unlock diaspora potential by reducing barriers to cross-border investment, building trust through transparency and data, and expanding access to capital via blended finance models, impact funds, and trusted networks that scale African and diaspora-led ventures.

#### Build Inclusive Innovation Ecosystems

Strengthen Africa's innovation infrastructure by linking diaspora talent with local startups, universities, and tech hubs; support co-creation of context-driven solutions in health, climate, and fintech; and promote policies that incentivize public-private R&D collaboration.

#### Develop the Next Generation of Entrepreneurial Leaders

Invest in leadership pipelines for African and diaspora youth with a focus on entrepreneurship, digital skills, and systems innovation; scale mentorship and peer networks; and ensure equitable access for women and marginalized communities.

## AFDIF: INVESTING IN IMPACT



ADN and Myriad officially launched the African Diaspora Innovation Fund (AfDIF) at ADIS25 to transform how the diaspora engages with Africa's social entrepreneurship ecosystem. The fund is designed to shift financial contributions from traditional aid and remittances toward sustainable philanthropic investments in vetted African and diaspora-led social-impact ventures. This model fosters social and economic empowerment within African communities and also democratizes philanthropic capital. AfDIF serves not only as a philanthropic investment vehicle but also as an educational tool for diaspora to better understand on-the-ground realities, engage with Africa's vibrant social-entrepreneurship landscape, and directly contribute to scalable, locally-driven solutions. Interested donors can find out more here.





## Narrative Shift



ADIS25 speakers emphasized the urgent need for the African diaspora and allies to take control of how Africa and Africans are portrayed globally. The current global perception is often rooted in negative stereotypes, risk aversion, and a deficit-based narrative that undermines Africa's immense potential. Speakers across sessions echoed that changing this narrative is foundational - not just for Africa's image - but for unlocking investment, fostering intra-diaspora collaboration, and empowering sustainable development.

Central to this shift is the idea that Africans must become the primary storytellers of their own experiences, industries, and cultures. This involves leveraging media, art, communications, and intentional storytelling to present Africa not as a continent of problems, but as one of opportunities, creativity, resilience, and wealth. The diaspora's role is not only to invest financially but also to advocate, correct misconceptions, and highlight success stories, innovations, and the vibrancy of African economies and cultures.

This narrative shift is intrinsically tied to fostering unity among Africans globally. It calls for moving beyond surface-level divisions of nationality, tribe, and geography toward a collective identity rooted in shared heritage and goals. The success of diaspora-driven initiatives, like ADIS, lies in building community-first connections rather than transactional relationships, amplifying African voices, and creating platforms for African-led success stories.

*"One thing we need to have is unity... it doesn't matter where we come from... let's see each other as brothers and sisters and walk together."*  
—Hon Dr. Abike Dabiri-Erewa

*"Whether you are in fintech, in the pharmaceutical industry, etc., make sure you have somebody on your team to share your story well."*  
—Chike Nwoffiah

*"Let us change the narrative and build a generation that is not just civilly active, but cyber active and economically smart."*  
—God Bless Otubure



### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### Transform Narrative Around African Investment

Educate the diaspora and global investors on the misperception of African risk, highlighting the continent's high-reward potential.

#### Invest in Communications and Storytelling

Support storytellers, filmmakers, artists, and media creators who can authentically narrate African stories.

#### Utilize Events Like ADIS as Narrative Platforms

Leverage gatherings like ADIS to amplify success stories, celebrate African excellence, and form authentic, narrative-driven partnerships.

## THE POWER OF STORYTELLING



At ADIS25, storytellers took center stage to powerfully shape narratives about Africa's future. Emi Mahmoud, award-winning poet and activist, delivered stirring performances of Sudan Baladee and Mama, both earning standing ovations. Her poetry highlighted how war, gender inequities, and systemic crises are man-made - and therefore solvable. Emi's reflections reminded the audience that when we speak to people's humanity, it resonates deeper than politics or academia.

Alongside her, performers like Jean-Francis, Sahel Global, and other artists brought African and diaspora stories to life.

This storytelling movement was mirrored in initiatives like the Ohonme Foundations shift from giving shoes to making shoes in Africa - an embodiment of fueling youth employment, climate solutions, and women-led enterprises across the continent.



## Community & Partnerships



A core thread across ADIS is the understanding that progress within the African diaspora and the continent does not occur in isolation but through intentional community building and cross-sector collaboration. The pathway to meaningful diaspora investment and development hinges on building trust, networks, and shared narratives that uplift the collective rather than focusing solely on individual gain.



Speakers repeatedly stressed that for the diaspora to realize its full potential, members must collaborate across borders, sectors, and disciplines - leveraging shared expertise, lived experiences, and cultural knowledge. Whether through policy advocacy, business investment, or cybersecurity, the call to action was clear: the diaspora must act in unison, create spaces for mutual growth, and drive narrative shifts that reclaim Africa's dignity and agency.



Furthermore, collaboration is seen not just as a value but as a strategy - whether mobilizing for policy change, building cybersecurity infrastructure, or ensuring that Africa's resources benefit Africans first. The narrative moves away from charity and remittances toward empowerment, ownership, and partnership grounded in community-led solutions.

*"ADIS from day one, Almaz made it very clear that this was a real pan-African community she was building... the community continues, and that community is you, every one of you."*  
—Yohannes Assefa

*"It is through the exchange of ideas that opportunities and doors are opened."*  
—Nicholas Bassey

*"Look more at collaborative policy frameworks... no country is a silo."*  
—Pape Cissé, PhD

## RECLAIMING AFRICA'S NARRATIVE



The African Heritage & Cultural Celebration showcased how culture, creativity, and storytelling are not just expressions of identity but critical drivers of Africa's economic growth and global perception. Speakers emphasized that art, fashion, entertainment, and cultural products are deeply woven into the fabric of African life and must be recognized as powerful industries. A key message was that perception is everything—the narratives told about Africa directly influence how its people, products, and businesses are valued globally. Changing this requires intentional investment in the creative economy and in storytellers who can counter negative narratives with authentic, empowering ones.

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

#### Strengthen Connections Within the Diaspora

Focus on community-first thinking rather than transactional relationships. Foster authentic, trust-based relationships and create spaces – both physical and digital – for diasporans to connect, collaborate, and grow together.

#### Facilitate Cross-Sector Alliances

Promote pan-African collaboration that transcends geographic and sectoral boundaries and align capital and expertise to drive solutions that are locally grounded and globally scalable.

#### Invest in Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange

Build platforms that support knowledge-sharing and collaboration among diaspora professionals and African institutions. Strengthen tools for advocacy, innovation, and long-term impact.



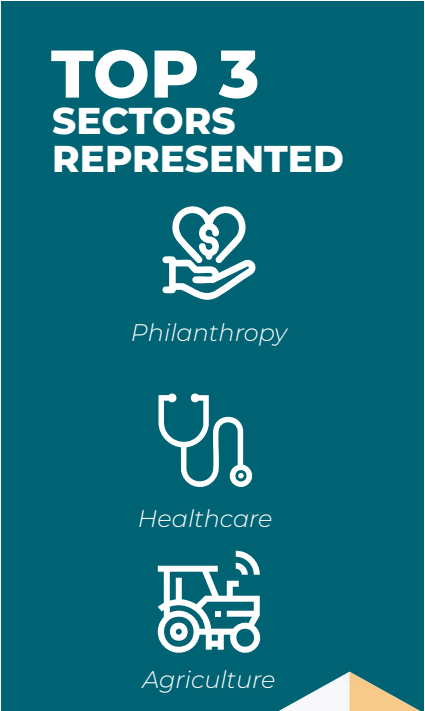
# IMPACT & FEEDBACK

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## ADIS25 IN NUMBERS

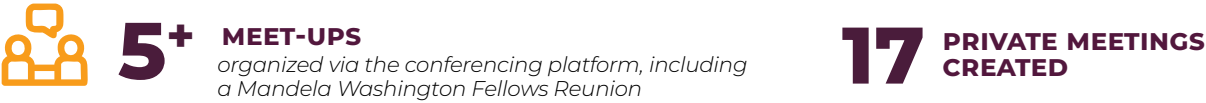


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## NETWORKING

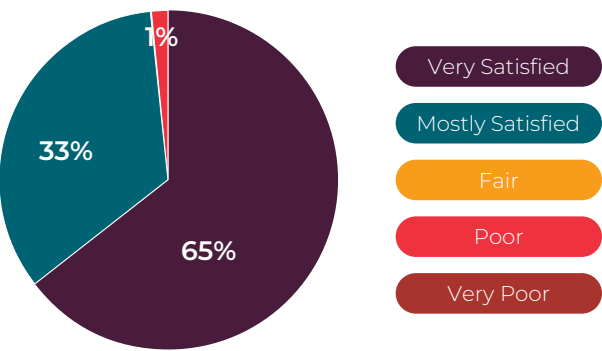
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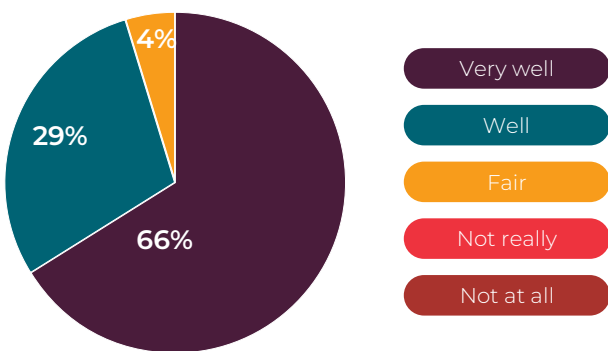
## MEDIA & REACH



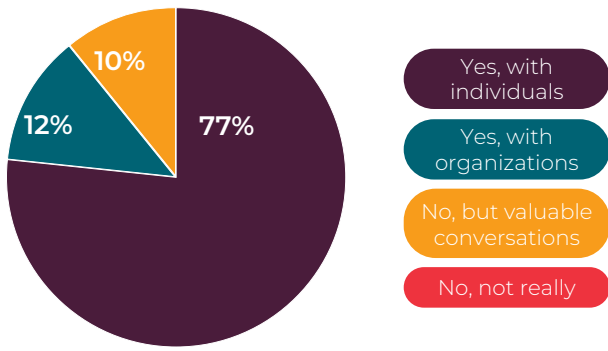
Overall, how would you rate your experience at ADIS25?



How well did ADIS25 reflect and address key themes centered on African innovation, investment, and diaspora engagement?



Did ADIS25 help you make meaningful connections or partnerships?



Were the sessions accessible, inclusive, and representative of diverse voices and perspectives across the diaspora and Africa?

- » “I enjoyed the diversity of topics, themes, formats and cultures represented.”
- » “I loved that we also embraced our Caribbean counterparts as part of the conference”
- » “The panels and the surprise guest for me was the UNHCR Ambassador, the poet and author, she was so gifted.”
- » “Two Diaspora panels stood out: 1) focusing on entrepreneurs and 2) the health focused innovators. I was impressed by ADN’s ability to arrange for senior level address by the Prime Minister.”

Please elaborate on the connections or partnerships you formed at ADIS25:

- » “I exchanged contact information with several people who are key players in the burgeoning Biotechnology sector of Africa”
- » “Met meaningful connections from DC which is nice as we will start a WhatsApp group”
- » “ADIS25 provided a valuable platform to connect with like-minded professionals, diaspora advocates, and policy influencers. These interactions opened doors for potential collaborations on migration research, policy advocacy, and diaspora engagement initiatives”
- » “I met with great people who may help us raise capital and/or be investable”
- » “Reconnected with many who I knew in my former role with USG and discussed partnerships in my new role!”

ATTENDEE FEEDBACK:

**Ojeikere Akhadelor**  
*Diaspora Academic*  
I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredible experience at the African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2025. It was an honor to participate in such a dynamic gathering of changemakers, visionaries, and advocates from across the globe...

**Monde Muyangwa**  
Thank you ADN team for a great and substantive ADIS2025 conference. Keep up the great work and may ADN continue to grow and soar into its next decade. Thank you!

**Sherif Nessim**  
*Jedar Capital*  
Great first day and looking forward to the second day - thank you for a great organization

**Maureen Chege**  
Thank you for organizing this event. You did a really good job:)



# NEXT STEPS

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES: TURNING CONVERSATIONS INTO ACTION

ADIS25 marked a powerful moment of reflection, connection, and commitment to advancing African and diaspora-led innovation. As we move forward, the African Diaspora Network invites you to stay involved and help transform the energy of this convening into sustained, collective action. Whether you're new to our work or a long-time supporter, here are tangible ways to continue the journey **Beyond Remittances**:



### SUPPORT THE WORK OF ADN

Your unrestricted donation helps fuel our mission - allowing us to scale impact, foster intentional collaborations, and serve more entrepreneurs and communities across the diaspora. Scan the QR code to donate or [click here](#).



### VOLUNTEER WITH OUR ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS

Lend your time and expertise as a mentor, pitch coach, or application reviewer for our accelerator programs: **ABLE** (U.S.-based) and **BAF** (Africa-based). Your guidance shapes the future of emerging entrepreneurs. Express Your Interest in Volunteering [here](#).



### GET INVOLVED WITH THE AFRICAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ASCE) PROGRAM

Our newest program bridges African and diaspora scientists to accelerate innovation in health, science, and R&D. Learn more and get involved [here](#).



### CONTRIBUTE TO OR SHARE THE AFRICAN DIASPORA INNOVATION FUND (AFDIF)

Help unlock philanthropic capital for social entrepreneurs in Africa and the U.S. through AfDIF. Learn more or donate [here](#).



### PARTNER WITH US OR MAKE STRATEGIC INTRODUCTIONS

Explore collaboration opportunities ranging from ecosystem partnerships to **co-hosting a future ADN convening**. You can also help expand our reach by introducing us to funders, thought leaders, and ecosystem partners aligned with our mission.

Interested in becoming an **ecosystem partner**?

Learn more and submit your interest [here](#).

A special call for **African diaspora organizations and associations** interested in joining the African Diaspora Network. Submit your interest [here](#).



### ATTEND UPCOMING ADN EVENTS

Stay engaged by joining us at future ADN gatherings - virtually or in person. Our convenings are designed to connect, inspire, and mobilize action across the global African diaspora. Sign up for our newsletter [here](#) to receive updates on upcoming events.



### SHARE YOUR ADIS STORY

We want to hear how ADIS25 - and other ADN convenings - have sparked new ideas, relationships, or collaborations. Your story helps inspire others and grow our impact. Submit your story [here](#), on social media or email a member of the team.

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to connect with so many accomplished and purpose-driven Africans. Out of the over 20 conferences I attended this past year or two, it was refreshing to see how friendly and open everyone was to sharing ideas, information, and support for one another and Africa's bright future"*

# MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

We're so grateful for everyone who shared about their ADIS25 experience and the media outlets who are committed to amplifying the stories and work of the diaspora.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

The Street Journal: ***"Mo Ibrahim To Receive 2025 Barka Award."***

The Africa Report: ***"With US aid dwindling, African diaspora turns to philanthropic investment model"*** by Julian Pecquet.

African Solutions Media Hub: ***"Beyond Remittances: How the African Diaspora Network is reshaping philanthropy and investment for Africa's future."***

Business Day Nigeria: ***"Asides remittances, other diaspora investments can be catalysed into Africa- Expert"*** by Ngozi Ekugo.

Baobab Consulting: ***"ADIS 2025: Positioning Africa's Diaspora as Strategic Partners in Investment and Institution-Building."***

Africalivenetwork: ***"Jack Chimbetete Interviews Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa on Nigeria's Diaspora Impact."***

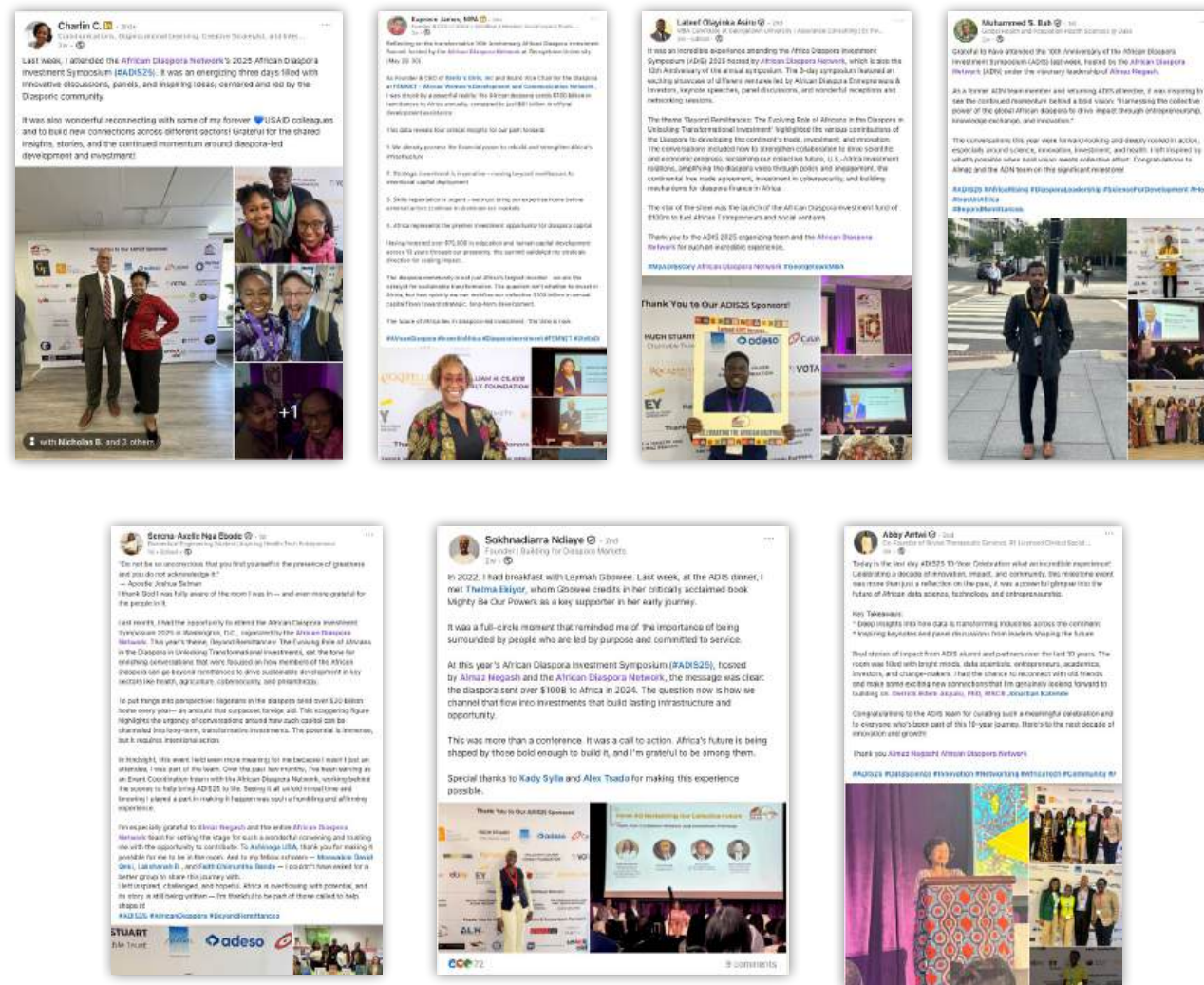
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