



# About ADN

The African Diaspora Network (ADN) believes that the collective power of Africans and friends of Africa can unlock solutions that transform local and global communities. ADN is a convener, catalyst, and connector that activates intellectual, financial, and social capital to drive entrepreneurship, innovation, and inclusive economic growth across Africa and the diaspora.

What makes ADN unique is not only its platforms and programs, but their purpose. We unite the global African diaspora - entrepreneurs, investors, academics, corporate leaders, and changemakers - around a common vision of prosperity. Our work shifts narratives, moving from remittances as a lifeline to remittances as a catalyst, and from isolated efforts to collective impact. We forge cross-sector partnerships, nurture emerging leaders, and create spaces where ideas translate into action. ADN is a movement that harnesses diaspora capital, talent, knowledge, and resources for lasting transformation.

<b>SUPPORTED</b>  <b>200</b> ENTREPRENEURS	<b>AWARDED</b>  <b>\$1.04M</b> TO ENTREPRENEURS	<b>CONVENED</b>  <b>11K</b> PEOPLE BETWEEN 2016-2024	 <b>OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION</b>  As a leading global network, ADN advances diaspora engagement through our strategic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge exchange and human capital development</li><li>• Partnerships</li><li>• Entrepreneurship and Social Impact</li><li>• Beyond Remittances</li></ul>
<b>BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER FROM</b>  <b>115+</b> countries		<b>FUNDRAISED</b>  <b>\$5M</b> over 3 years (2022-2024)	
<b>COLLABORATED WITH</b>  <b>75+</b> ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS	<b>GROWN A NETWORK OF</b>  <b>15K</b> PEOPLE		

**Engagement Opportunities**  
Whether you're new to ADN or a long-time supporter, there's a place for you to grow, give, and make a difference. Join us in building bridges across the diaspora and the continent.

**Explore meaningful ways to connect and contribute:**

- Support grassroots entrepreneurs across Africa and the U.S. through the African Diaspora Innovation Fund : [bit.ly/investinafdif](https://bit.ly/investinafdif)
- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABLE and/or BAF programs [bit.ly/ADNmentors](https://bit.ly/ADNmentors)
- Fill out the ADN Engagement form: [bit.ly/adnengagement](https://bit.ly/adnengagement)
- Invite a friend to subscribe to our newsletter: [bit.ly/adnnewsletter](https://bit.ly/adnnewsletter)



## KEY ADN PROGRAMS

### AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM (ADIS)

ADIS is an annual conference that celebrates and fosters the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of descendants of Africa and allies. Leaders and entrepreneurs from across the globe explore innovative strategies and approaches that go beyond traditional remittances and collaborate to drive investment on the continent and in the diaspora.

### GRAND CHALLENGES AFRICAN DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT ACCELERATOR (GC-ADEA)

Funded through a partnership with the Gates Foundation, GC-ADEA is designed to strengthen connections between African scientists, innovators, and other change-makers and their peers across the global diaspora, while advancing health and well-being in African countries and diaspora communities around the world.

### ACCELERATING BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE)

ABLE strengthens, energizes, and supports impact-orientated businesses in the United States by providing business leaders from historically disadvantaged communities with connections to Africa and with access to capital, investor-readiness training, and a supportive network of peers and mentors.

### BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE (BAF)

BAF is an accelerator program that supports innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprises. It showcases and awards for-profit and non-profit entrepreneurs who are addressing Africa's unique needs through technology or differentiated business models.

### IMPACT AND INNOVATION FORUMS (IIFs)

IIFs are part of a year-round speaker series across Silicon Valley, Washington D.C., New York City, and virtual audiences with thought-provoking discussions promoting strategic and consistent diaspora engagement in issues and solutions impacting Africa's future.

### AFRICAN DIASPORA INNOVATION FUND (AFDIF)

AfDIF is an integral part of African Diaspora Network's Beyond Remittances initiative, which shifts the narrative of diaspora engagement from financial transfers toward catalytic investment, innovation, and long-term development.

Created in partnership with Myriad USA, AfDIF is designed to unlock catalytic funding for high-impact, grassroots entrepreneurs of African descent in Africa and the United States. It reflects ADN's strategic work convening diaspora leaders, mobilizing intellectual and social capital, and building trust-based partnerships to channel resources for sustainable impact.

