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ADIS26
AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM 2026

MARCH 25–27, 2026 SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY IN CALIFORNIA, USA
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African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS26)

Attendee 'Know Before You Go' Guide

Welcome to the **11th annual African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS26)!** We look forward to hosting you at **Santa Clara University** in Santa Clara, California, USA. To help ensure a seamless and rewarding experience, please review the logistical details below and contact the **ADN team** with any questions.

ADN Team Contact Information:

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Code of Ethics

At ADIS, our top priority is to create an engaging, safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where participants can connect, learn, and collaborate seamlessly and effectively. We recognize that our topics may involve sensitive and diverse perspectives. To ensure a positive and meaningful experience for all attendees, we have established - and ask for your help in enforcing - the following guidelines:

1. **Be Respectful and Collaborative:** Engage with others in a spirit of respect, consideration, and inclusivity. Focus on constructive learning and dialogue.
2. **Avoid Harassing Behavior:** Harassment, discrimination, intimidation, and disruption are strictly prohibited. This includes both verbal and physical conduct.
3. **Maintain Professionalism**: Conduct yourself in a manner that upholds the dignity and integrity of the event.
4. **Engage Thoughtfully:** Ensure conversations and exchanges are constructive and aligned with the session's goals. Prolonged discussions should take place during designated networking opportunities.
5. **Report Violations:** Notify ADN staff immediately if you experience or witness a breach of this code.

Read the full code of ethics, including how to report harmful behavior, **here**.

Event Information

Dates: March 25-27, 2026

Location: Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

Best Arrival Airport:

- Domestic Travelers: Arrive at the San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJO), California.
- International Travelers: Arrive at the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), California.
- While SFO is the main hub for international travelers, consider connecting to San Jose if possible, as SJO is closer to Santa Clara University and more convenient.

Transportation from the Airport to your Hotel
We encourage you to use rideshare of your choice or public transportation:
- Lyft
- Uber
- Taxi
- Metrorail system: Train from San Francisco airport to Santa Clara station in San Jose. Check CalTrain Schedule HERE.

Attendee Profile

ADIS brings together a diverse, global community including leaders from the private sector, government, corporations, academia, philanthropy, and NGOs, with intentional outreach to entrepreneurs and investors. Over the past decade, ADIS has welcomed participants from over 100 countries.

Whova Networking App

ADIS26 attendees are invited to our Whova networking app, which will enable you to connect with individuals before, during, and after the symposium. You will receive an invitation to the app **by March 19**. If you do not receive your invitation, please email us at adis@africandiasporanetwork.org.

Before You Arrive

Book Your Room

We recommend booking a room with our hotel partner, **The Element San Jose Airport** located at 1130 Wondo Wy, San Jose, CA 95110. Book your reservation **here.**

Please note: The Element San Jose Airport, the ADIS26 host hotel, **does not accept cash**. You must use **a credit or debit card** to pay for everything, including your room, any extra (or incidental) charges, meals, taxes, and fees.

The hotel **does not accept digital payments** such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, M-Pesa, Orange Money, or others. Payment must be made with a **physical credit or debit card** with a name that matches **your government-issued ID** (such as a driver's license, ID card, or passport).

Alternatively, here are other nearby hotels :

1. Sonesta Simply Suites Silicon Valley (0.1 mile)
Location: 481 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

2. Best Western Plus Airport Plaza (0.4 miles)
Location: 2118 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126

3. SureStay Plus by Best Western (0.6 miles)
Location: 859 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

4. San Jose Marriott Hotel (3.4 miles)
Location: 301 South Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Explore Silicon Valley

ADIS26 will be packed with enriching activities such as panel discussions, networking, and evening receptions. If you arrive early to the symposium or plan to stay after, **visit our website** for a list of places you can visit around San Jose.

Arrival & Registration

Dress code: Business Professional/Business Casual, though cultural attire is encouraged - especially for Friday, March 27

*Note: The Bay Area may have periodic rain. Please prepare accordingly.

Map: You can find a map of Santa Clara University (SCU) here.

Agenda: You can find a copy of the agenda here and on the Whova app.

Registration
- **Main Registration:** Registration opens at **3:30 pm on March 25** and **8:00 am on March 26 and 27**.

- **Registration Location:** SCU's Paul L. Locatelli, S.J. Student Activities Center (Locatelli Center)
(Address: Paul L. Locatelli, S.J. Student Activities Center, Santa Clara, CA 95053)

Registration will be set up outside the center.

For faster registration, use your ticket QR code and enter the general registration line. Your QR code can be accessed via Whova and directions for accessing the code will be shared.

If you prefer not to use a QR code, our registration team will check you in **using the email address that you entered into our online registration system**. After registration, you must wear your name badge for the duration of the event.

To promote sustainability and best environmental practices, we ask that you return your name badge to the registration table at the end of the program. We will recycle it.

See the campus map below

Santa Clara University Campus Map

⭐ (red) Locatelli Activity Center

⭐ (teal) Sobrato Campus for Discovery & Innovation (SCDI)

⟷ (orange) Walkways between Locatelli & SCDI

Room Information

- **Registration and Plenary:** Locatelli Center

- **Breakout Sessions:** This year's breakout sessions will focus on building collaborations, partnerships, and tangible outcomes through three sector-focused breakout sessions: **Healthcare & Bioscience, Finance & Investment, and Education & Talent**.

  Attendees are encouraged to come with a **project, investment, idea, or goal that** they wish to advance. Developed actions and commitments will be shared during the Closing Showcase, and key takeaways on policy, advocacy, and governance will be highlighted in **ADN's Summary & Action Report** and **Diaspora White Paper**.

  - Refer to the Whova app to add a breakout session to your agenda
  - Breakout sessions will be held in the Locatelli Center and the Sobrato Campus for Discovery (SCDI) building (Mechanical Engineering, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053) Room 2302, and Room 3115. Visit the Whova app to confirm your session's location.

See the map below

Meals and NetworkingOpportunities

- **March 25:** Light Refreshments, Snacks offered at Evening Reception
- **March 26 and 27**: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, and Reception offered
- **Daily:** Coffee, Tea, and Water will be offered throughout the symposium

Share Your ADIS26 Experiences with Your Network!
Enjoying ADIS26? Please post photos, key takeaways, or reflections on panels and speakers that inspired you. Be sure to **tag the African Diaspora Network** using these hashtags:

Facebook - @African Diaspora Network
Twitter - @AfricanDNetwork
LinkedIn - @African Diaspora Network
Instagram - @africandiasporanetwork

<mark>Main Hashtag: #ADIS26</mark>

Supporting hashtags: #AfricanDiaspora #InvestInAfrica #BeyondRemittances #BridgingAfricaandSiliconValley

Photo and Video Policy
The African Diaspora Network is committed to our guests' right to privacy and to the ethical use of information online. We do not rent, sell, give, exchange, or otherwise share contact information with any third parties. ADIS26 is intentionally an in-person experience. **Please do not livestream or broadcast any portion of the program.**

ADN actively records audio and video, takes photographs, and transcribes, publishes, and archives content from its events. This material may be shared through ADN publications, social media platforms, Vimeo, YouTube, and our website. **By participating in an ADN event, you grant African Diaspora Network permission to record and use your image, voice, and likeness.**

WiFi
SCU-Guest provides a secure way for campus visitors to access the internet. **SCU-Guest** is for conference attendees, and other campus visitors.

Please note that connection time on SCU-Guest is limited to 8 hours. *(A single session lasts up to 8 hours, but after that time expires, users can reconnect and accept the terms again to continue using the network).*

How to connect to **SCU-Guest**
- Choose SCU-Guest from the list of available WiFi networks.

- Use a browser to navigate to any web page to load the login page. Click on the "terms and conditions" link to review SCU's policy to use this network.

Meals Served at the Symposium
ADIS will offer a variety of meals, accommodating dietary preferences and restrictions submitted during registration. Refer to the agenda and the Engagement Opportunities above for meal times. If you have any dietary restrictions that were not captured during registration, kindly email adis@africandiasporanetwork.org **by Friday March 13.**

Cultural Experience
To celebrate Africa's rich heritage, ADIS26 will feature live performances by African artists throughout the symposium. For details of when these performances are scheduled, please access the event program on our website and on the Whova app.

Transportation & Parking
For attendees staying at the Element Hotel, ADN will provide a complimentary shuttle for transportation to and from Santa Clara University. Please note that seating is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shuttle Schedule:
- **Wednesday March 25**
  - Pick up: 4:00 PM- 4:30 PM
  - Return: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
- **Thursday, March 27**
  - Pick up: 7:45 AM- 8:15 AM
  - Return: 6:45 PM -7:15 PM
- **Friday, March 28**
  - Pick up: 7:45 AM- 8:15 PM
  - Return: 4:30 PM **-** 5:00 PM

If you drive to the symposium, please allow extra time for traffic, especially during rush hours. We recommend checking your navigation app to avoid delays.

SCU offers multiple parking options for visitors. Daily permits are available from the Main Gate kiosk, which is located at the University's main entrance at Palm Drive and El Camino Real, opposite the Santa Clara Transit Center.

We recommend using the F - Leavey Center Lot. This lot is located immediately east of the Leavey Center and can be accessed via Accolti Way from El Camino Real.

Parking information and rates: You can get a pass at the Main gate kiosk or pay for parking directly from your smartphone using AMP Park.
  - Half day rate: $4-$5
  - Full day rate: $6-$9

[Click here](#) for more information on all the other parking options available.

Parking at the The Element San Jose Hotel
Guests staying at The ElementHotel are allowed to park one vehicle per room. Upon check in, please let the front desk know if you have a vehicle so the agent can provide you with a parking pass. You can park anywhere within the perimeter of the hotel parking lot.

Please contact Adrian Guerra at Adrian.guerra@evolutionhospitality.com with any questions about parking at The Element Hotel.
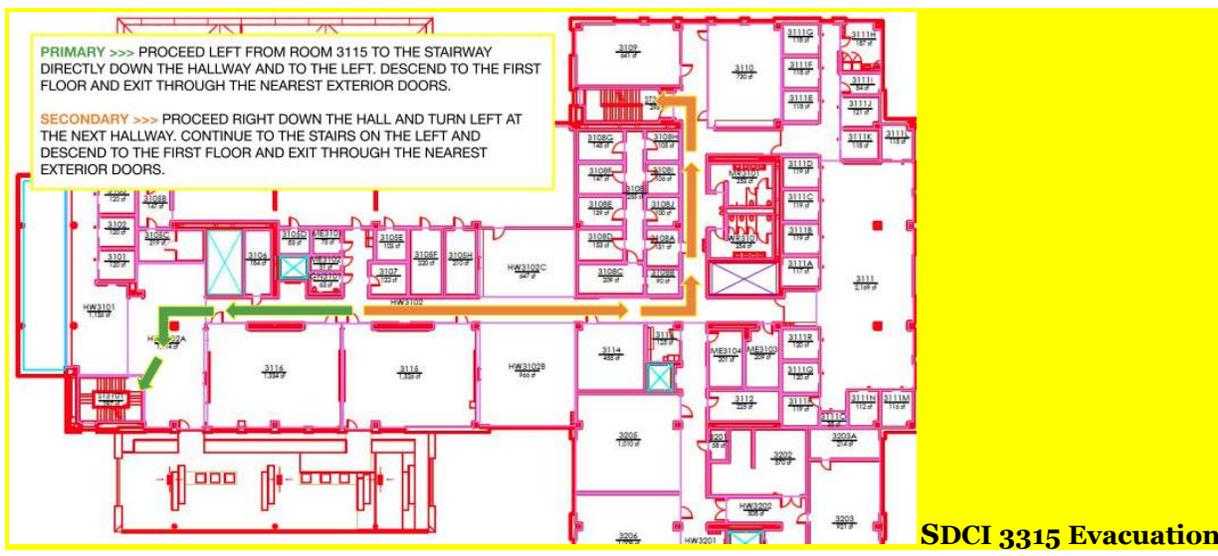
Emergency Contacts

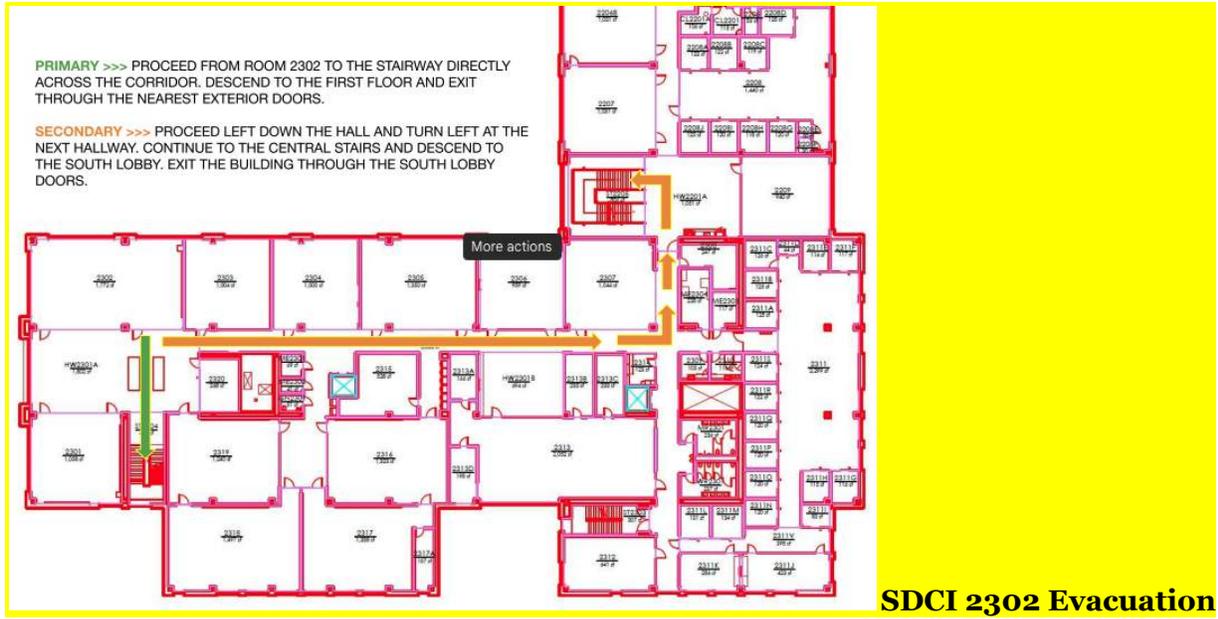In the event of an emergency or catastrophic event requiring a partial or complete evacuation of the venue or particular area, please refer to [SCU Emergency Procedures](#).

The following individuals must be contacted:
- Fire, Police, Ambulance | Call 911
- Santa Clara Police Department | (408) 615-4700
- Campus Safety | 408-554-4444

See below for ACU evacuation routes

Locatelli Evacuation

PRIMARY >>> PROCEED FROM ROOM 2302 TO THE STAIRWAY DIRECTLY ACROSS THE CORRIDOR. DESCEND TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND EXIT THROUGH THE NEAREST EXTERIOR DOORS.

SECONDARY >>> PROCEED LEFT DOWN THE HALL AND TURN LEFT AT THE NEXT HALLWAY. CONTINUE TO THE CENTRAL STAIRS AND DESCEND TO THE SOUTH LOBBY. EXIT THE BUILDING THROUGH THE SOUTH LOBBY DOORS.

SDCI 2302 Evacuation

PRIMARY >>> PROCEED LEFT FROM ROOM 3115 TO THE STAIRWAY DIRECTLY DOWN THE HALLWAY AND TO THE LEFT. DESCEND TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND EXIT THROUGH THE NEAREST EXTERIOR DOORS.

SECONDARY >>> PROCEED RIGHT DOWN THE HALL AND TURN LEFT AT THE NEXT HALLWAY. CONTINUE TO THE STAIRS ON THE LEFT AND DESCEND TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND EXIT THROUGH THE NEAREST EXTERIOR DOORS.

SDCI 3315 Evacuation

Hospitals

Central Medical Center (1.8 miles)
2344 El Camino Real Gallery 1, Santa Clara, CA 95050
408-249-1212

O'Connor Hospital (2.3 miles)
2105 Forest Ave, San Jose, CA 95128
408-947-2666

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (2.8 miles)
2400 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95128

408-885-6950

Valley Health Center San Jose (formerly Bascom) (3 miles)
750 S Bascom Ave, San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 885-5000

Local Agencies / Department Contacts
Department Of Health: Santa Clara County Public Health Department (6 miles)
976 Lenzen Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126
408-792-5040

Pharmacies
SafeWay Pharmacy (0.2 miles)
2605 The Alameda, Santa Clara, CA 95050

CVS Pharmacy (1.5 miles)
2004 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Valley Health Center At Lenzen Pharmacy (1.6 miles)
976 Lenzen Ave #1100, San Jose, CA 95126

Walgreens Pharmacy (2.1 miles)
1399 W San Carlos St, San Jose, CA 95126