



Innovators and Changemakers

Dear friends and colleagues,

At the African Diaspora Network, we are dedicated to promoting entrepreneurship and economic development on the African continent and the communities in which we live. As we begin the month of June, we are delighted to amplify an exciting opportunity for the rising stars of entrepreneurship in the United States.

Applications are open for [Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship \(ABLE\)](#)! This enterprise accelerator program is designed for startups and small businesses led by Black entrepreneurs in the United States, and we are looking forward to welcoming our third cohort this autumn. Applications are due by June 14, at 11:59 PM PST, and we encourage you to nominate an entrepreneur or [apply today!](#)

Aligned to our mission of bringing visibility to changemakers, we are looking forward to spotlighting youth leaders among the African diaspora at our upcoming virtual Impact and Innovation Forum event, "[The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa.](#)" Meet student leaders invested in creating change on the African continent and communities in which they live. [Register today!](#)

As always, thank you,

Almaz Negash
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[Apply or nominate an entrepreneur for ABLE today!](#)

Calling All Black Entrepreneurs

ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE)
United States



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The ADN 2023 Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) application portal is open for innovative entrepreneurs now! If you are looking for a platform to help you scale your business, expand your social capital, increase your access to venture capitalists and deepen your connection to professional mentorship, and more then the ABLE application is for you.

ABLE is a premiere enterprise accelerator program designed to strengthen, energize, and support startups and small businesses led by Black entrepreneurs in the United States. ABLE identifies Black business leaders with impact-oriented solutions at the local and national level addressing essential community needs while spurring sustainable growth.

ABLE has graduated 27 entrepreneurs since the program's inception and is looking to expand the graduate pool to 20 for this 2023 cohort. Applications are due June 14th, 11:59 PM PDT.

[Apply Today](#)

ABLE Cohort 2 Testimonials



"The ABLE Program helped me accelerate being prepared to discuss my business in a short concise way and teach my team the same approach. The greatest takeaways from the program is being a part of a dynamic supportive cohort."

- Lori White, Founder and CEO, VITAVATE



"The ABLE program provided our cohort with valuable content and mentorship in a supportive environment that was tailored to our cohort and affirming for Black founders."

- Chukwunonso Arinze, Founder, Kaoshi Inc

The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa



**2023 AFRICAN DIASPORA NETWORK
IMPACT AND INNOVATION FORUMS**

Webinar: The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa
Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 AM PST, 11:00 AM EST, 3:00 PM GMT



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The African Development Bank's 'African Economic Outlook 2017' [report](#) states that Africa has the highest rate of new business startups among its working-age population at 22%. Additionally, 20% of these new African entrepreneurs offer new products or services.

How are the enterprises of African and diasporan youth impacting Africa and the communities in which they live? How do their enterprises shape the narrative of Africa?

Join African Diaspora Network and Africa No Filter on Wednesday, June 7 at 8am PST, 11am EST, 3pm GMT for a webinar on "The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa."

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- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABE and/or BAF programs. Contact Brett Cave, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at brett@afriandiasporanetwork.org to learn more.
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