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*Harnessing the power of migrants: misconceptions and opportunities*

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Dear friends and colleagues,

African Diaspora Network intentionally engages diasporans and friends of Africa to move beyond remittances toward sustainable investment for the betterment of the African continent. We inform, engage, and activate our global community through a series of Impact & Innovation Forums to advance this cause.

As a part of the ongoing discussion, ADN is delighted to be one of the convening partners of the upcoming [Global Forum on Remittances, Investment, and Development \(GFRID\)](#) from June 14-16, 2023. Promoted by the United Nations as a platform to engage all sectors, GFRID 2023 will explore opportunities and challenges in the post-pandemic landscape, with a major focus on main remittance corridors and diaspora investment innovations in Africa.

Diasporans represent a powerful constituency in the economic development of Africa and the countries in which the Diaspora lives through their investments, remittances, and business ventures. The African Diaspora Network looks forward to representing the diaspora during the panel discussion “Harnessing the power of migrants: misconceptions and opportunities” and during a keynote presentation by Almaz Negash, Founder and Executive Director of ADN. This will be a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and be a part of the conversation beyond remittances. For those of you who are based in or live near Kenya, we would love to see you there and encourage you to join us. Please register for the GFRID 2023 Summit [here](#).

As always, thank you,

Almaz Negash  
Founder and Executive Director  
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## Calling All Black Entrepreneurs

ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE)  
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Are you a Black entrepreneur or do you have an entrepreneur in your network who would like to scale their business? The ADN 2023 Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) application portal is open for innovative entrepreneurs now! Participants have the opportunity to expand their social capital, increase their access to venture capitalists and deepen their connection to professional mentorship.

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 or nominate an entrepreneur today!

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## The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa: A Post-ADIS Convening



**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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Hosted in collaboration with Africa No Filter 

During the African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2023, the African Diaspora Network made a commitment to continue to engage African and diasporan youth. One way we are doing this is by partnering with Africa No Filter on the webinar, "The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa" on Wednesday, June 7 at 8am PST, 11am EST, 3pm GMT.

Join us for this important discussion on the role that youth play in making an impact in Africa and in their communities and how we can support them in furthering their reach.

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## Join the ABLE Review Team



ADN seeks seasoned professionals, industry experts, academicians, and volunteers interested in reviewing ADN's Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) program accelerator applications. Help us identify the next 15-20 entrepreneurs to receive a fully paid entrepreneurship and leadership training,

mentorship, and a platform to pitch.

Applications for ABLE will be due by mid June. The estimated time frame for reviews is late May through early July 2023.

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## Community News

### Africa Leadership Academy's Global Scholars Program



The Global Scholars Program (GSP) at African Leadership Academy (ALA) offers a unique blend of leadership experiences, entrepreneurial practice, and adventure for teens aged 13-19 from all over the world. GSP creates a challenging and stimulating environment that enables emerging leaders to learn from each other, global change makers and a team of international educators, while discovering the history, beauty and diversity of South Africa.

The GSP curriculum is built around ALA's Entrepreneurial Leadership curriculum, focused on Human-Centred Design Thinking. Participants are taught to understand global challenges and innovative solutions.

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## Support African Diaspora Network



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

Learn more about ways to engage:

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- Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#)
- Give Through Silicon Valley Community Foundation ([SVCF](#)) Donor-advised fund
- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABE and/or BAF programs. Contact Brett Cave, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at [brett@afriandiasporanetwork.org](mailto:brett@afriandiasporanetwork.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](#)
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