

# ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE)

United States



African Diaspora Network is delighted to announce the official application launch for the third cohort of [Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship \(ABLE\)](#).

ABLE is an enterprise accelerator designed to strengthen, energize, and support startups and small businesses led by Black entrepreneurs in the United States. The program identifies Black business leaders with impact-oriented solutions at the local and national level addressing essential community needs while spurring sustainable growth. A special thank you to our ABLE funders for your support in making this third cohort possible. We also thank our ecosystem partners for amplifying this exciting opportunity.

Since the inception of the ABLE program in 2021, the program has graduated 27 innovative entrepreneurs in various sectors from technology to renewable energy to agriculture. This year, we seek to expand our reach and support 15-20 Black entrepreneurs from underrepresented sectors such as engineering, sciences, architecture, art and education, and more.

[Apply today!](#) Applications are due by 11:59 PM PDT on Wednesday, June 14th. Interested applicants can learn more at the [June 1 ABLE Info Session](#).

[Apply Now](#)

## What's All the Buzz?



African Diaspora Network is launching our new monthly newsletter, “The Buzz.” This newsletter features updates, engagement opportunities, and upcoming events for the Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE). Check out the latest Buzz newsletter [here](#).

If you are an entrepreneur, investor, venture capitalist, or organizational leader excited about learning about innovators and changemakers leading the way in underserved sectors, then this newsletter is for you. Don't miss out – subscribe to stay connected as we share announcements and exciting opportunities as we prepare for ABLE cohort 3.

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## Join the ABLÉ Evaluation 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 the end of June. The estimated time frame for reviews is late May through early July 2023. [Sign up today!](#)

Sign Up Today!

## Mentor Grassroots African Entrepreneurs



African Diaspora Network (ADN) seeks mentors to provide guidance and support for grassroots African entrepreneurs in the Builders of Africa's Future 2023 program. The BAF Mentor Community welcomes seasoned entrepreneurs, founders, and experts in sectors pertinent to building successful enterprises.

Sign up to mentor an entrepreneur once or twice a month from June to September 2023. Learn more on our [mentor flyer](#) and sign up today!

For more information, e-mail [brett@africandiasporanetwork.org](mailto:brett@africandiasporanetwork.org)

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# Upcoming Events

## 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



**VICTOR MARK-ONYEBU**  
Grants Lead,  
Africa No Filter



**AMBROSE KANYA**  
2019 Mandela Washington Fellow and  
Founder of Kinga Safety



**MEHRET AMSALU**  
2016 Mandela Washington Fellow  
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Coordinator at London School of  
Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,  
University of London



**MICHEAL OMEKA**  
MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLAR  
ALUMNUS, INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER,  
FITNESS SPECIALIST

Hosted in collaboration with Africa No Filter 

The African diaspora plays a pivotal role in shaping the narrative of Africa. The African Diaspora Network, based in the Silicon Valley, Santa Clara, CA, is made up of many diasporan leaders and institutions who are making a tremendous impact in Africa and the communities in which they live.

Among these leaders are students who are invested in creating change – whether it be in promoting a positive narrative in their daily interactions with fellow students and professors, creating impact-driven businesses with the continent in mind, and intentionally engaging in cultural experiences where they can be a part of conversations around Africa.

Join the African Diaspora Network and Africa No Filter for the webinar, "The Role of Youth in Shifting Narratives of Africa" on June 7, 2023 at 8am-9am PST to hear from students who are shaping the narrative of Africa in the communities they live.

[Register Today](#)

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**Almaz NEGASH**  
CEO and Founder  
African Diaspora Network



**Dare OKOUDJOU**  
CEO  
MFS Africa



**Dilip RATHA**  
Lead Economist, Migration  
and Remittances and Head  
of Knomad  
World Bank

Diasporans contribute much to Africa through remittances. How do we further engage the diaspora beyond remittances? Join us from June 14 to 16 at the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment, and Development Summit in Nairobi to find out. Register for this free summit today!

[Register Today](#)

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- Follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#)
- Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#)
- Give Through Silicon Valley Community Foundation ([SVCF](#)) Donor-advised fund
- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABLE and/or BAF programs. Contact Debra Pacio, ADN's Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement Manager, at [debra@africandiasporanetwork.org](mailto:debra@africandiasporanetwork.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](#)
- Fill out the ADN Engagement form [here](#).

[Engagement Opportunities](#)

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