



## MEET THE BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE 2022 COHORT



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# Congratulations to the Builders of Africa's Future 2022!

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of African Diaspora Network, I am delighted to announce the Builders of Africa's Future 2022 cohort. This year marks our fifth annual enterprise accelerator dedicated to supporting grassroots African entrepreneurs. I am proud to share that the 2022 cohort is composed of eleven 100% fully-African led and owned organizations spanning six countries: Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Morocco, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Congratulations to the 2022 Builders on this achievement! The Builders of Africa's Future training begins this month, leading up to their pitch session at the June 23 African Diaspora Investment Symposium. We invite you to learn more about each of the entrepreneurs [here](#).

A special thank you to our funders, **the United States African Development Foundation** and **Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**, for your dedication and commitment

to supporting these changemakers making a meaningful impact in Africa.

As always, thank you,



Almaz Negash  
Founder & Executive Director  
African Diaspora Network

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

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## BAF22 Learning Journey

African Diaspora Network welcomed the 2022 Builders of Africa's Future at the 2022 program orientation and kick-off!

Throughout their journey, the participants will engage in a virtual enterprise training by the African Management Institute of Kenya on topics including innovation and identifying growth opportunities, getting ready for investment, and building talent for growth. The entrepreneurs will also engage in online courses that support their business and help them to track and analyze their financial performance.

The Builders also receive the following benefits:

<p><b>MENTORSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE 23 PITCH DAY AT AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM 2022</b></p>
<p><b>OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE AMI GROWTH NETWORK</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL AWARD UPON PROGRAM COMPLETION FOR THOSE WHO MEET THE FUNDING CRITERIA</b></p>

We look forward to supporting the Builders along their entrepreneurial journey!

## Skoll World Forum Ecosystem Day 2022



On April 8, African Diaspora Network, in collaboration with Global Fund for Women, hosted “Paving the Path Forward: Investment in Women,” as part of the 2022 Skoll World Forum Ecosystem Day.

Grounding the context of the event in current events, Almaz Negash, Founder and Executive Director of African Diaspora Network, shared her own experiences of growing up in Africa during a period of war and devastation. She referenced the tragedy of Ukraine in witnessing how the devastation of war does not discriminate and has touched on the lives of mothers and children. “With all the challenges, we recognize that there are women, mothers, struggling and suffering in the war we are seeing right now,” said Almaz. “As a global citizen, I see this as my problem too.”

Learn more in the recording [here](#).

Summary Report

Recording

## Be a Mentor for Builders of Africa’s Future (BAF) 2022



African Diaspora Network (ADN) seeks mentors to provide guidance and support to grassroots African entrepreneurs in the Builders of Africa’s Future 2022 Cohort. 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 April to June 2022. For more information, please contact Debra Pacio at [debra@afRICANDIASPORANETWORK.ORG](mailto:debra@afRICANDIASPORANETWORK.ORG).

# Register for Upcoming ADIS22 Sessions



## SAVE THE DATE! **ADIS22** African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2022

Foundations for the Future: Policy and Infrastructure in Africa

Virtual Sessions: January-June 2022

Celebrate Builders of Africa's Future 2022 ~June 23, 2022 @ 8:00 AM PST

African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS22) is the seventh annual global convening that celebrates and champions the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of Africans, Diasporans, and friends of Africa.

Click the links below to register for upcoming sessions.

[April 2022: Energizing Investment in the Solar and Renewable Sector](#)

April 27, 2022 8am - 9:15am pst

[May 2022: Bridging the Connectivity Gap](#)

May 18, 2022 8am - 9:15am pst

Africa Day Media Roundtable

May 25, 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM PDT

More info available soon.

[Celebrate Builders of Africa's Future 2022](#)

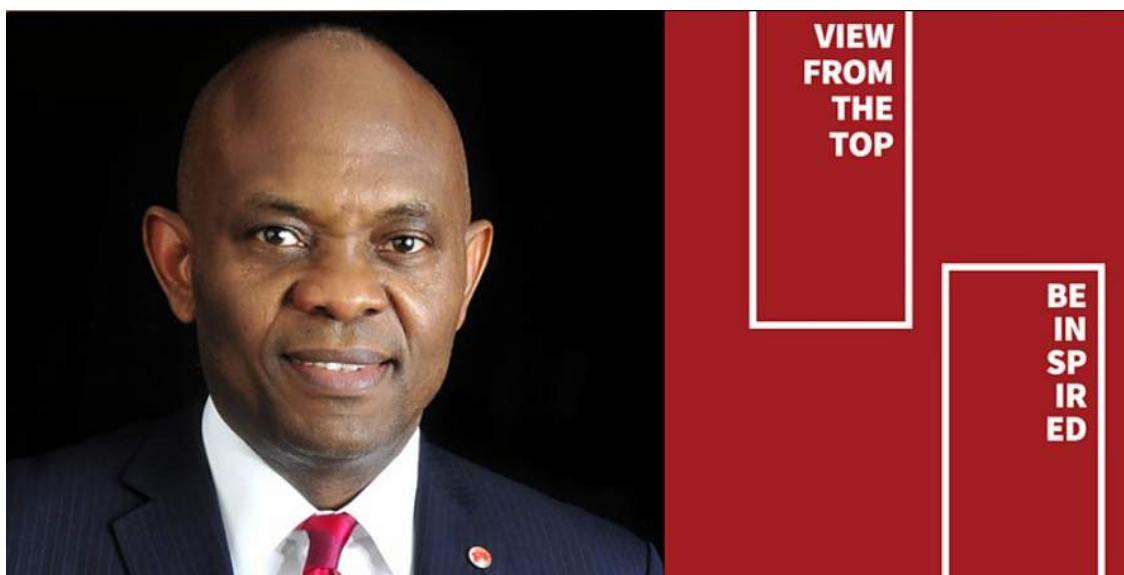
June 23, 2022 8am - 10am pst

Visit the ADIS22 Webpage



# Community Announcements

## Tony Elumelu Visits Stanford



Stanford Graduate School of Business and Stanford Seed are hosting Tony Elumelu on May 5, 2022 at 12pm PST, as part of the school's "View From the Top" series.

Tony Elumelu is one of Africa's leading investors and philanthropists. He is the Founder and Chairman of Heirs Holdings, his family owned investment company committed to improving lives and transforming Africa, through long-term investments in strategic sectors of the African economy, including financial services, hospitality, power, energy, technology and healthcare.

[Register Here](#)

## 2023 Vilcek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science

# THE VILCEK FOUNDATION

The Vilcek Foundation raises awareness of immigrant contributions in the United States, and fosters appreciation of the arts and sciences. Through their prizes, grantmaking, and art collection, they celebrate immigrant artists and scientists, and leaders who advocate for immigrant rights.

The Vilcek Foundation will award three Creative Promise Prizes of \$50,000 each to young, immigrant biomedical scientists who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. Applications are open through June 10, 2022. Learn more about eligibility requirements [here](#).

[Learn More](#)

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- 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 a volunteer and support African Diaspora Network initiatives
- 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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