

Energizing Investment in the
Solar and Renewable Sector

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African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2022

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April ADIS22: Energizing Investment in the Solar and Renewable Sector



Join us on April 27, at 8AM PST, for April ADIS22: "Energizing Investment in the Solar and Renewable Sector."

Solar and renewable energies are rising as a commercially viable resource across Africa, being cheaper than coal, diesel, or gas. Recognizing that fossil fuel energies tend to be historically concentrated across the developed world, there is a huge opportunity to leapfrog energy infrastructure in Africa through decentralized solar grids that accommodate and optimize for renewables. This session explores models of effective renewable energy output across Africa and opportunities for future expansion of investment in solar and renewable energies.

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Speakers



Thomas Debass

Moderator
Chief Partnerships Officer and Managing Director of the Office of Global Partnerships at U.S. Department of State

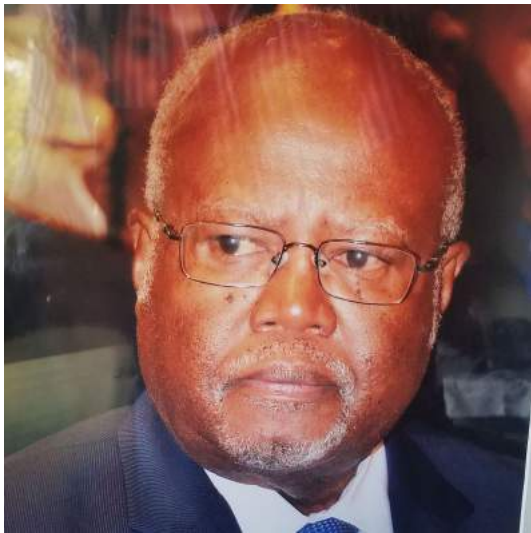
Thomas Debass currently serves as Chief Partnerships Officer and Managing Director of the Office of Global Partnerships at the U.S. Department of State, providing thought leadership on partnerships related to economic growth, global finance, environment, and sustainability governance, impact investing, and innovation. He has served under five secretaries of State with various partnership and program accomplishments.



Abbie Laugtug

Private Sector Team Lead, Power Africa

Abbie Laugtug is a Private Sector Team Lead with Power Africa. She supports the Private Sector Engagement team and US companies to engage with specific power generation transactions and market opportunities. Ms. Laugtug provides tailored support and connects US businesses with access to the Power Africa network (12 U.S. Government Agencies, 19 Development Partners, 170+ Private Sector Partners and 70+ on-the-ground technical advisors) to discuss market trends and specific projects, or potentially receive assistance.



Frederick Mallya

CEO, Safi Power Renewable Energy Company

Frederick Mallya is CEO of Safi Power Renewable Energy Company based in Tanzania and Kenya. (“Safi” is clean in Kiswahili). Safi Power is championing the introduction of renewable energy, mainly solar in industrial use. A former Senior Policy Advisor at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for 25 years, also based in Africa, Asia and Europe. Previously he was Environment Consultant with the World Bank in Washington DC where he developed environmental policies for Africa and Asian countries.



Evans Wadongo

Partner, Wadson Ventures, Co-founder, GreenWize Energy, Founder, Sustainable Development For All

Evans Wadongo is a Partner at Wadson Ventures, an early stage venture builder working with promising African start-ups. He is a Co-founder at GreenWize Energy, which is advancing cutting-edge African-designed renewable energy solutions in Sub Saharan Africa. He is also the founder of Sustainable Development For All, an organization that has helped lift thousands of mostly rural people out of poverty.

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Skoll World Forum Ecosystem Day 2022



Webinar: Skoll World Forum Ecosystem Day 2022
Paving the Path Forward: Investment in Women
Friday, April 8, 2022, 8:00 AM PST, 11:00 AM EST, 4:00 PM BST

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According to a [2019 report](#) by the McKinsey Global Institute, women account for more than 50% of Africa's combined population, but generated only 33% of the continent's collective GDP in 2018. These indicators point to stagnation in gender parity in Africa, already behind compared to indicators of gender equality worldwide. Investment in human capital, creation of economic opportunities, and leveraging technology will be key to opening doors to women.

Despite the widening gaps from the pandemic, women have adapted and persevered to support their workplaces, communities, and families. How are women paving the path forward? In what ways are women continuing to make significant strides in the face of challenge? How can we better support women and invest in women-led organizations? This session examines how women continue to lead the way in reimagining the future of social entrepreneurship, healthcare, education, and other areas.

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U.S. – Nigeria Accelerator/Startup Connector



U.S. – Nigeria Accelerator/Startup Connector
Wednesday, April 13
8am PST/11am EST/5pm Lagos
Register @ bit.ly/usnigeria

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The U.S. – Nigeria Accelerator/Startup Connector on April 13, 2022, brings together Silicon Valley-based accelerators and VCs who will share how they are working with global tech firms in the U.S. and abroad. You'll also hear from Flutterwave, known worldwide as Nigeria's most recent fintech gazelle, as well as FoodLocker, a leader in Nigeria's fast-growing food delivery market. Flutterwave and FoodLocker will share best practices and their own set of "golden rules" that any start-up can apply.

Tying these elements together are U.S. government experts from Prosper Africa, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos, who will share how to engage the many government resources to support tech startups in the U.S. as well as those that want to be here.

This program is hosted by the Silicon Valley-based African Diaspora Network, whose mission is to harness and engage the intellectual, financial, philanthropic and entrepreneurial capacity of Africans and friends of Africa in support of economic and social development across Africa.

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ADIS22 March Recap

Thank you to all who participated in the ADIS22 March 23 forum on changing the Landscape of Agriculture in Africa. We are delighted to share the recording and summary notes with you below.



[Recording](#)

[Summary Report](#)

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@afriandiasporanetwork.org.

Mentor an Entrepreneur

Register for Upcoming ADIS22 Sessions





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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

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

June 23, 2022 8am - 10am pst

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Partner Announcements

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program



The U.S. Department of State launched a new paid student internship program. It is intended to expand global opportunities for students from all backgrounds who are pursuing post-secondary degrees. The internships and fellowships provide opportunities to gain experience and insight into the business of diplomacy as employees work to advance U.S. interests worldwide.

Apply for the Fall 2022 Paid Internship Program through April 12 or until the first 1,000 applications are received.

Learn More

UC Berkeley's 7th Annual Africa Business Forum



The 7th Africa Business Forum will be Friday, April 15, 2022 11:30–5:30pm PST at Spieker Forum, Chou Hall -6th floor, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley.

The theme for Africa Business Forum this year is "Innovation as a Driver for Growth in Africa". This will be a great opportunity to explore the innovation ecosystems that are fueling the African business landscape as we dive deep into conversations with industry leaders focusing on Health-Tech, Fin-Tech, AI, Sustainability and Investment in Africa.

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