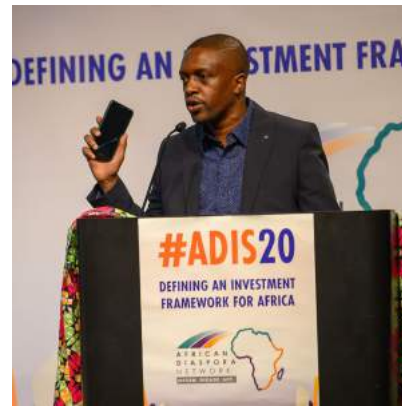




Diasporans represent a powerful constituency in the economic development of Africa. The [World Bank](#) records over \$52 billion USD sent to and within Africa in 2022. The magnitude of these remittances strongly reflects the commitment of Africans in the diaspora to participate in the economic development of the continent. Additionally, Africans in the diaspora possess valuable knowledge, skills, and expertise they can share through mentorship or by participating in business partnerships.



Diasporans recognize the immense talent and intellect on the continent and want to be a part of furthering the continent's growth. They only need a channel through which they can share their resources. African Diaspora Network's vision is to activate capital from the African diaspora and friends of Africa, providing a channel for their support. One such channel is ADN's [Builders of Africa's Future program](#), which supports African startups with entrepreneurship and leadership training, one-on-one mentorship, community building, and a platform to pitch to potential investors.



Through Builders of Africa's Future, diasporans and friends of Africa are able to invest their time, treasure, and talent in grassroots African enterprises that are making a huge impact. Builders of Africa has seen tremendous growth. Now in its sixth year, the program has grown to be able to offer each member of the BAF cohorts a \$25,000 grant from the United States African Development Foundation.



Members of the BAF cohort have gone on to achieve incredible impact. For example, inaugural cohort member, Wawira Njiru, Founder and Executive Director of Food 4 Education went on to receive the 2021 UN Person of the Year and is now working with Nairobi County on a [\\$8.6m initiative](#), the largest school meals program in Africa.

Looking for a channel to invest your time, treasure, and talent in African startups? In September there are two great engagement opportunities through the African Diaspora Network: the Builders of Africa's Future pitch day on Tuesday, September 12 and the United Nations 78th General Assembly (UNGA78) Side Event: "Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment" on September 20. You can read more details below. We hope you will join us in supporting the Builders of Africa's Future and learning how we can move beyond remittances to direct investment in local African enterprises.

[Register for BAF Pitch Day](#)

2023 Builders of Africa's Future Pitch Day

September 12, from 8 AM - 9:30 AM PDT

BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE 2023 PITCH SESSION AND CELEBRATION

Entrepreneurs:

- Adela Ayoola**, CEO & Co-Founder, Famas Africa (Nigeria)
- Gedwin Benson**, CEO & Founder, Tuteria (Nigeria)
- Olufunso Boraffice**, CEO & Founder, Chanya Datti Ltd. (Nigeria)
- Henry Ngalo Faretia**, Founder, AIT Group (Cameroon)
- Sister Josephine Nabulya**, Treasurer & Marketeer, Ssunga Coffee Social Enterprise (Uganda)
- Grace Nakibala**, Architect & Founder, PedalTap (Uganda)
- Virtue Oboro**, CEO & Founder, Tiny Hearts Technology (Nigeria)
- Sserubiri Joseph Uhuru**, Co-Founder & CEO, Maisha Pay (Uganda)
- Patrice Wachira**, CEO, Patvention Limited (Kenya)
- Mathias Charles Yabe**, CEO & Co-Founder, Akofresh (Ghana)

FUNDERS: Ford Foundation, UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

ACADEMIC PARTNER: African Management Institute

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 8:00AM PDT
Register @ bit.ly/bafpitch23

Tuesday, September 12, from 8 AM - 9:30 AM PDT African Diaspora Network hosts the 2023 Builders of Africa's Future pitch day, a virtual celebration spotlighting changemakers on the continent.

According to the [2017 African Economic Outlook Report](#), 22% of Africa's working age population are starting new businesses, the highest rate of any region in the world. The Builders of Africa's Future program seeks to bolster those statistics by launching annual cohorts for innovative-impact African enterprises.

In celebration of the sixth year of our annual enterprise accelerator supporting grassroots African entrepreneurs, Ms. Wawira Njiru, Founder and Executive Director of Food 4 Education will deliver a keynote speech. Please join us to celebrate her incredible accomplishments and the 2023 Builder of Africa's Future entrepreneurs.

This year's cohort is composed of [10 changemakers](#) leading 100% fully-African led and owned organizations spanning five countries from: Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda. More information on the cohort and program can be found in our press release [here](#).

We invite you to meet the entrepreneurs, learn about their enterprises and community impact firsthand, and identify opportunities to support their work.

[Register Here](#)

United Nations 78th General Assembly (UNGA78) Side Event

Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment
September 20, 2023 4 PM EST

**Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment
UN 78th General Assembly Side Event
Sep 20, 2023 @ 4 PM EST**

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they can share through mentorship programs, workshops, or by participating in business partnerships.

Stepping beyond the realm of remittances, the African Diaspora Network (ADN) envisions a pivotal stride forward—directly investing in African startups. Join us for a discussion of how Diasporans can support the economic development of Africa beyond remittances to direct investment in local enterprises that will scale their impact both in Africa and globally.

If you are interested in attending, email info@africandiasporanetwork.org. Space is limited.

Community News



What does it take to get Africa better represented?

ANF is in New York during UNGA and we're bringing together journalists, storytellers, donors, media & pop culture platforms to unpack what this question means in the US.

21 September, 2023 

1:30 for 2 PM Prompt 

RSVP: info@africanofilter.org 

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#BetterRepresentation #ShiftingNarratives #AlternativeAfrica

Many people still think of Africa as a continent defined by disease, poverty, corruption, poor leadership and conflict. These are not just harmful and outdated; they downplay the continent's progress, innovation and creativity. How do we shift the prevailing narratives about Africa?

This is the question Africa No Filter will be asking 30 key voices identified to attend "The Africa No Filter Great Debate" on September 21 at 1:30pm EST in New York.

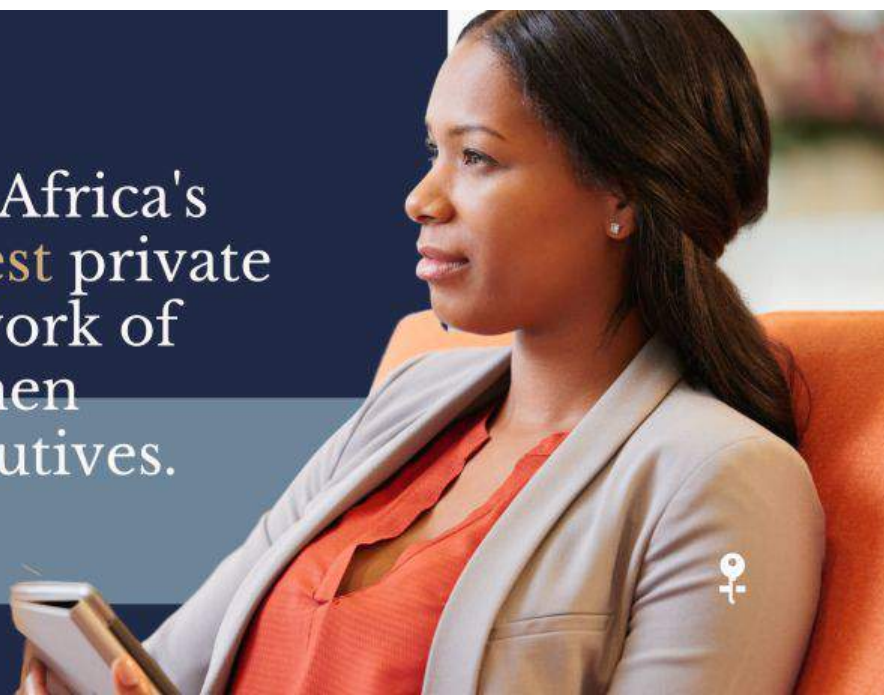
For more information and if you are interested in attending this event, email info@africanofilter.org



EXIM's 2023 Annual Conference, "Create Locally, Export Globally", will bring together luminaries in business and government in Washington, DC to discuss the latest global trends in trade and finance. Hear from industry experts, network, join the government to business exhibition area. The networking will be unparalleled, and it will be a two-day event you will not want to miss.

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The Boardroom Africa is the continent's leading private membership network of women executives. They promote exceptional female talent to boards across the globe and break down barriers to help organizations realize the benefits of increased diversity.

October 22-28, 2023 they will be hosting the TBrA Annual Gathering in Egypt under the theme, "Uniting to Build New Frontiers." Join them for six days of networking, self exploration, and curated cultural experiences. Surround yourself with other trailblazing women leaders from across the continent and globe and together, explore how to show up stronger and position yourself for global success.

Learn More

Support African Diaspora Network



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

Learn more about ways to engage:

- Invite a friend to subscribe to our newsletter by sending them the link [here](#)
- 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 ABE and/or BAF programs. Contact Brett Cave, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at brett@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](#)
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