



Dear friends and colleagues,

The African Diaspora Network is delighted to share our upcoming season of convenings that empower global connections and activate diaspora engagement. We are committed to mobilizing and engaging Africans, the African diaspora, and friends of Africa by providing a platform for knowledge-sharing and meaningful networking.

As a part of our partnership with multilateral, private, and government sectors, we present our calendar of engagement opportunities, below.

Impact & Innovation Forums ADN is delighted to celebrate Black Philanthropy Month in August, be a part of the United Nations General Assembly in September, and participate in the premier Grand Challenges Senegal in October. Join us for one of these upcoming events:

- **August 23, 2023:** [Transforming the African Narrative through Philanthropy](#)
- **September 20, 2023:** [UN General Assembly Side Convening on “African Diaspora Investment](#)
- **October 9-12, 2023:** [Grand Challenges Senegal](#)

Enterprise Accelerator Pitch Days Support grassroots African entrepreneurs and Black entrepreneurs in the U.S. by joining us for one of our upcoming pitch days this fall:

- **September 12, 2023:** Builders of Africa's Future Pitch Session
- **October 26, 2023:** Accelerating Black Leadership & Entrepreneurship (ABLE) Pitch Day

African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2024 Save the date for our signature conference, March 20-22, 2024! Registration begins in October.

As always, thank you,

Almaz Negash
Founder and Executive Director
African Diaspora Network

Empowering Global Connections: Unlocking Diaspora Engagement

August 23, 2023: Transforming the African
Narrative through Philanthropy

Transforming the African Narrative through Philanthropy

August 23, 2023 at 4PM WAT. Register at bit.ly/bpmwebinar23



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Poverty, conflict, high youth unemployment, and governance issues are realities in Africa that can make it difficult to recognize progress, such as the increase in innovative startups, growth in fintech infrastructure, alternative energy solutions, and healthcare advancements. Changing narratives of Africa is a collaborative effort that should be intentional and strategic. Philanthropy can play an important part to catalyze solutions.

Join us for “Transforming the African Narrative through Philanthropy”, a 2023 Black Philanthropy Month (BPM) event organized by African Diaspora Network and Afrigrants Foundation.

[Register Here](#)

September 12, 2023: Builders of Africa's Future Pitch Session

BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE 2023 PITCH SESSION AND CELEBRATION

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Founder, AIT Group
(Cameroon)

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Treasurer & Marketeer,
Saunga Coffee Social
Enterprise (Uganda)

Grace Nakibala
Architect & Founder,
PedalTap (Uganda)

Virtue Obere
CEO & Founder,
Tiny Hearts
Technology (Nigeria)

Sserubiri Joseph Uhuru
Co-Founder & CEO,
eMaisha Pay
(Uganda)

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

African Diaspora Network hosts the sixth annual Builders of Africa's Future Awards! Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) celebrates innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprises. The program identifies African entrepreneurs running early-stage nonprofits or for-profit businesses that address key community needs through technology or differentiated business models.

The goal is to help scale their ventures and impact in the areas of health, education, energy, agriculture, financial inclusion, gender inclusion, nutrition, commerce, industrial development, and other socioeconomic goods.

Join us for the pitch session and celebration on September 12, 2023 at 8AM PST.

[Register Here](#)

September 20, 2023: Fifth Annual ADN UNGA Convening: Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment



FIFTH ANNUAL ADN UNGA CONVENING: Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment

September 20, 2023 @ 4PM EST in New York City



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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. Diasporans are the largest investors in Africa by a fair margin, yet the collective amplifying impact and potential of remittances at scale and across borders remain limited. Learn more about the convening [here](#).

If you are a diasporan, currently investing in the continent, and are interested in attending, please email info@africandiasporanetwork.org

[Learn More](#)

October 9-12, 2023: Grand Challenges Senegal



Join ADN at the 2023 Grand Challenges, curated by the Institut Pasteur de Dakar (IPD), in Dakar, Senegal.

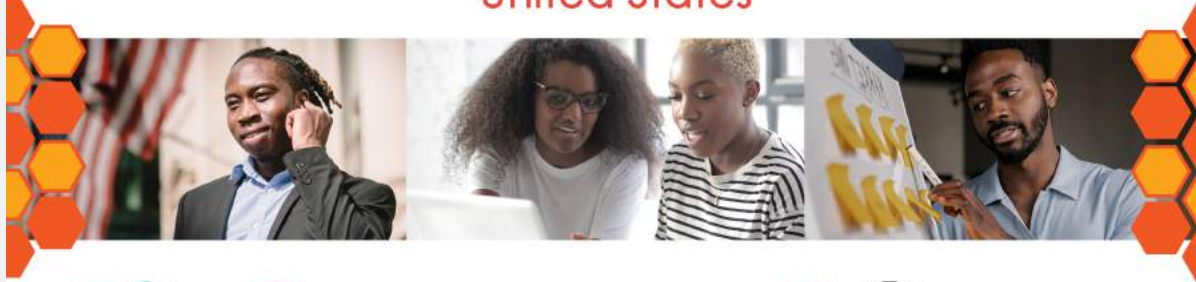
Epidemic threats are increasing in frequency, intensity, and severity – yet the world remains woefully exposed and unprepared. Grand Challenges Senegal is soliciting its first round of proposals from innovators working across Africa and African scientists in the diaspora on interventions to enhance epidemic intelligence, surveillance, and outbreak response.

Initiatives fostering innovation in this area will be financially supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada, and the Government of Senegal.

[Learn More](#)

October 26, 2023: Accelerating Black Leadership & Entrepreneurship (ABLE) Pitch Day

ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE) United States



Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) is an enterprise accelerator program designed to strengthen, energize, and support startups and small businesses led by Black entrepreneurs in the United States. ABLE identifies Black business leaders with impact-oriented solutions at the local and national level addressing essential community needs while spurring sustainable growth.

Investors, venture capitalists, philanthropists, and leaders of foundations and financial institutions are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Brett Cave, ADN's Entrepreneurship Programs Manager, at brett@africandiasporanetwork.org.

[Learn More](#)

October 2023: Launch of ADIS24 Registration



[African Diaspora Investment Symposium](#) is the premier Silicon Valley conference that celebrates and fosters the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of Africans in the Diaspora and friends of Africa. ADIS24 will take a close at climate change and how it impacts different sectors.

Africa is making remarkable strides on so many fronts, including governance, healthcare, education, and fintech, and it is imperative that we keep up the momentum. Taking bold steps to tackle climate change is crucial in building a sustainable, thriving future for everyone. Join us as we explore African diaspora engagement, the latest innovation trends on the continent, the progress made toward the [African Union's Agenda 2063](#), as well as how different sectors, such as climate change, healthcare, finance, education, and agriculture, are interconnected.

Registration for "Activate with Africa: Climate Change, Connections, and Action" will open October 2023. In the meantime, save the date for March 20-22, 2024.

[Read ADIS23 Impact Report](#)

Community News

EXIM 2023
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 19 - 20
Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.

**CREATE LOCALLY,
EXPORT GLOBALLY**



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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- 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](#)
- Fill out the ADN Engagement form [here](#).

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