

Outcome of U.S. Africa Leaders Summit

President Biden's African Diaspora Engagement Advisory Council



In December of 2022, President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris hosted the U.S. Africa Leaders' Summit (ALS). During this summit, President Biden pledged to establish an Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement. Today, I am delighted to [share](#) that not only did he fulfill this promise, but I also have the privilege of serving on this council. It is an honor to represent the African Diaspora and friends of Africa alongside my fellow council members. The primary mission of this council is to provide guidance on strengthening the social, economic, political, and cultural ties between Africa and the USA. Furthermore, it is our commitment at African Diaspora Network to leverage this platform to convene, engage, and mobilize the diaspora community.



It is noteworthy that the announcement of the President's Advisory Council coincides with the conclusion of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York City, where the ADN team had an opportunity to host a session on Beyond Remittances, attend other sessions, and exchange ideas and possibilities on how we can mobilize the African diaspora and friends of Africa. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & KBFUS, for their generous support, which made this endeavor possible.



The energy and enthusiasm I encountered at each of these gatherings, starting with our own event on "Beyond Remittances," were truly inspiring and invigorating.

Our "**Beyond Remittances**" Panel Session and Dinner Reception, featuring an insightful keynote address by the **Honorable British Robinson of Prosper Africa** and contributions from panelists **Josh Ghaim, Deniece O. Laurent-Mantey, Pedro De Vasconcelos , and Ali Diallo**, shed light on how the diaspora can significantly enhance its impact on Africa. We explored specific engagement and investment opportunities, which you can find in the summary and action report available [HERE](#).



The GoalKeepers convening hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation stands out as one of the most impactful and thought-provoking gatherings I've ever attended. It went beyond discussing how to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); it vividly showcased this progress through powerful storytelling. Whether the discussions centered on maternal health, child mortality, poverty, climate change, or diversity and inclusion, the session both celebrated and challenged us, inspiring everyone to take meaningful action.

I would also like to express my special appreciation to the **Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)**, the **Africa Center**, and the **End Fund** for affording me the opportunity to participate and engage with influential figures in discussions concerning climate change, healthcare, education, and infrastructure investments in Africa, and how the diaspora can actively contribute to these efforts.

In summary, I am profoundly grateful for the extraordinary opportunity to serve on the President's African Diaspora Engagement Council and the experiences and opportunities that unfolded during UNGA.

As always, thank you,

Almaz Negash
Founder and Executive Director,
African Diaspora Network



[Read the UNGA Summary Report](#)

United Nations 78th General Assembly (UNGA78) Side Event

Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment

The Hon. Ms. British A. Robinson Coordinator, Prosper Africa (Keynote Speaker)	Almaz Negash Founder and Executive Director, African Diaspora Network (Context Setter)	Kady Sylla Senior Advisor - Africa, King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFSU) (Context Setter)	Josh Ghalm, Ph.D. Founder and Managing Partner, Ignite Venture Studio; Board Chairman, African Diaspora Network (Moderator)	Deniece O. Laurent Special Advisor on U.S. - Africa Leaders Summit Implementation, U.S. Department of State (Panelist)	"Tonton" All Diallo VC, Venture Builder, Impact Leader, Serial Entrepreneur (Panelist)	Pedro De Vasconcelos Manager, Financing Facility for Remittances - FFR, International Fund for Agricultural Development - IFAD (Panelist)

On Wednesday, September 20, African Diaspora Network hosted the United Nations 78th General Assembly (UNGA78) Side Event: “Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment” in collaboration with King Baudouin Foundation United States. We give special thanks to our sponsor, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and to our esteemed speakers.

African Diaspora Network intentionally engages diasporans and friends of Africa to move beyond remittances toward sustainable investment for the betterment of the African continent. Learn more by reading the summary and action report below.

[Watch the Recording](#)

[Read the Summary](#)

UNGA 2023 Private Dinner



During UNGA, African Diaspora Network and KBFUS hosted a private dinner on "Beyond Remittances: African Diaspora Investment." The dinner began with opening remarks by Hon. Ramatoulaye Diallo, Founder and CEO of Great Green Wall of Africa (GGWoA) Foundation on the important role the diaspora plays in supporting African and Black U.S.-led enterprises. Hon. Ramatoulaye Diallo remarks were followed by a time of networking.

Builders of Africa's Future Graduation 2023



This week African Diaspora Network celebrated the graduation of Builders of Africa's Future 2023 cohort. We give special thanks to the funders of Builders of Africa's Future, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), and academic partner, Africa Management Institute. Congratulations to the entrepreneurs and best wishes in your journey!

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Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) Pitch Day

ACCELERATING BLACK LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ABLE) USA Pitch Day & Graduation



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Save the date for the October 26 pitch session of the third cohort of Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship. [Meet 11 entrepreneurs](#) whose impact-oriented ventures are making a difference across the United States. Learn about their work and identify opportunities to support their ventures.

This event welcomes venture capitalists, angel and impact investors, foundations, philanthropists, and financial institutions. The ABLE ecosystem of funders, program advisory committee members, program facilitators, mentors, alumni, and community partners are invited to celebrate the entrepreneurs. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Brett Cave at brett@africandiasporanetwork.org.

[Learn more about ABLE](#)

Save the Date: ADIS24

Join us at the 2024 African
Diaspora Investment
Symposium (ADIS24)

March 20-22, 2024
At The Hayes Mansion
San Jose, CA, USA

Save the date for the African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2024 on "Activate with Africa: Climate Change, Connections, and Action" March 20-22, 2024 at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose, CA. Registration will launch in October. In the meantime, you can read the ADIS23 impact report [here](#).

[Read the ADIS23 Report](#)

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- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABLE 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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