



ADIS24

AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

ACTIVATE WITH AFRICA: CLIMATE CHANGE, CONNECTIONS, AND ACTION

March 20-22, 2024 | Hayes Mansion, San Jose, California, USA - Silicon Valley

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the launch of the ninth annual African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS24). The symposium, scheduled from March 20-22, 2024, will take place at the beautiful Hayes Mansion in San Jose, CA.

We thank all who submitted their feedback and proposals that led to the co-creation of this year's theme, "Activate with Africa: Climate Change, Connections, and Action."

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

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



Africa has abundant human and natural resources that can promote inclusive growth and reduce poverty. The continent 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.



Young African leaders are some of the greatest advocates for climate change. Last year many young African leaders attended ADIS23. It is ADN's commitment to invite even more youth to the symposium as they will be crucial to our discussion on climate change. USAID recently announced a [\\$80 million Young African Leaders Initiative Legacy Localization \(YALI LL\) award](#) to Arizona State University and a coalition ASU has assembled. African Diaspora Network is delighted to be one of the partners in this initiative to empower Africa's youth with the tools, education and network to succeed. We look forward to the inclusion of these young leaders in ADIS and other convenings at ADN.



We look forward to sharing updates on the African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS24) in the coming months, including the announcement of our esteemed speakers. In the meantime, we invite you to explore the ADIS24 website [here](#) and save your spot for the symposium today!

As always, thank you,



Almaz Negash
Founder and Executive Director,
African Diaspora Network



Register for ADIS24



"In only three and half days, ADIS23 connected me to people I have struggled to access for the past five years of my entrepreneurial journey. I have been looking for advice from African entrepreneurs who have founded, scaled, and successfully exited their businesses for advice but all in vain. I wish every young African entrepreneur would have access to ADIS. ADIS will go a long way to unlock the trapped entrepreneurial potential of our young people by connecting them to the right people and opportunities!"

Ambrose Kamya

2019 Mandela Washington Fellow and
Founder of Kinga Safety



“This symposium was the first time I thought of my power as a global Nigerian who, even after “returning home”, still considers herself part of the African Diaspora. As I transition into the next half of my career, I will specifically think more about how to better leverage that power and network. The symposium was a great opportunity to think outside the box and meet like-minded people with common interests. The conversations provided me with food for thought and helped me to challenge my own views about diaspora engagement.”

Anonymous

ADN Partners with ASU on Young African Leaders Initiative Legacy Localization (YALI LL)



ASU to lead USAID award to bolster leadership, entrepreneurial training for African youth

During 2022 U.S. Africa Leaders Summit the Biden administration announced an initiative to empower African institutions and people. Now with a \$80 million Young African Leaders Initiative Legacy Localization (YALI LL) award from USAID, Arizona State University is assembling a coalition to empower Africa’s youth with the tools, education and network to succeed.

Partners of this coalition include African Diaspora Network, FHI 360 Geeks Without Frontiers, N50 and CoELIB at Egerton University in Kenya. An African team of experts will implement day-to-day activities across 49 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, operating from four hubs based in Nairobi, Kenya; Dakar, Senegal; Accra, Ghana; and Pretoria, South Africa.

[Read More](#)

Invitation to ABLE Pitch Day 2023

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



Serge Amouzou
CEO & Founder,
Datatrix



Samuel Baddoo
CEO,
Fleri



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Founder/Attorney,
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You're invited to the Oct 26 Pitch Day and Graduation Celebration of the third Cohort of the Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) Program! The ABLE program provides continuity of support, designed to expand economic pathways and advance entrepreneurial efforts through training, mentorship, and network-building that supports the adaptation and innovations of Black entrepreneurs.

This year's cohort comprises [11 remarkable entrepreneurs](#) hailing from eight different states: California, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin. All participating enterprises in this third cohort are proudly 100% US-based, Black-owned, and span across nine diverse sectors, including Connectivity, Data-Tech, Education, Health-Tech, Health & Wellness, FinTech, Legal-Tech, Logistics, and Renewable Energy.

Click [here](#) to register to attend virtually or if you are interested in attending in-person at Santa Clara University please contact Brett at brett@africandiasporanetwork.org.

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Community News

94 FILMS | 38 COUNTRIES | ONE WEEKEND!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30AM: Student program
5:30PM: Red Carpet / VIP Reception with food and beverage
7:00PM: Opening Ceremonies - flag parade, performances...
8:00PM: Opening Night feature film, Q&A with the director
10:00PM: Festival opening night party



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00AM: African Market open all day
11:00AM: Film screenings in three rooms (over 40 films all day till 10PM)
4:00PM: Centerpiece Program - Regional Premiere of the documentary film "OnBoard".
5:00PM: Panel discussion "Black Women in Tech" with Silicon Valley's top Black Women Executives.
Moderated by Lisa Gauthier, Mayor of East Palo Alto and Senior Vice President, Silicon Valley Leadership Group.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00AM: African Market open all day
11:00AM: Film screenings in three rooms (over 40 films all day till 10PM)
4:00PM: African fashion show
8:00PM: Closing Ceremony and Awards
10:00PM: Festival closing party

**TICKETS NOW
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The Silicon Valley African Film Festival is the only international film festival in Northern California that centers authentic stories and voices of seasoned and emerging creatives from the African continent and its diaspora. The festival has become a destination film event that draws international guests, including Hollywood celebrities, ambassadors, business executives, academics, filmmakers and film enthusiasts to our region.

This year, SVAFF has curated an outstanding lineup of 94 films from 38 countries that will captivate your senses and immerse you in the diverse stories of Africa. From gripping dramas to heartwarming documentaries, these films are a testament to the incredible talent that resides within the African continent and its diaspora.

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The Immigrant Belonging Project

Community Survey

Community members are invited to complete the survey if they are:

- ✓ living in Santa Clara County regardless of immigration status,
- ✓ born OUTSIDE of the United States, and
- ✓ at least 18 years old.

Survey available here 
SCCimmigrantsurvey.com



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Your voice matters! The County of Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations and UC Berkeley Othring and Belonging Institute are working to survey immigrant

communities in Santa Clara County to learn about what is important to you.

Your input will benefit our communities and children for years to come.
You will not be asked for your name, address, or immigration status.

[Take the Survey](#)

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

[Engagement Opportunities](#)

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