

# Diaspora: A Catalyst for Africa's Future



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well. Over the last ten+ years, your unwavering support has fueled the African Diaspora Network's mission to make diaspora engagement a global priority. Today, we have exciting news to share with you, including [how your gift can be doubled](#) this Giving Tuesday. We want to start by saying thank you for standing by us and being a part of our journey.

**Celebrating a Milestone:** It is an exciting time for the African Diaspora. The world is changing and with it a new [narrative for Africa](#) is being written. We are thrilled to announce a significant milestone in this movement within our community. ADN Founder and Executive Director, Almaz Negash, has been appointed to [President Biden's inaugural Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States](#). This remarkable achievement is a testament to our collective dedication and the impact of our work in the diaspora engagement space.



**Shaping Global Priorities:** The African Diaspora Network has played a pivotal role in making diaspora engagement a global focus. Through your continued support, we've been able to influence and shape the discourse around the African diaspora. For example, ADN has intentionally engaged diasporans and friends of Africa to move beyond remittances toward sustainable investment for the betterment of the African continent through our [Beyond Remittances Initiative](#). We have led the way in activating capital and innovation from the African diaspora and friends of Africa for the development of Africa and the communities around the world where we now call home.



**Your Chance to Double the Impact:** In recognition of these exciting achievements and this pivotal moment in our history, this Giving Tuesday, we have an incredible opportunity for you to make a difference. **The ADN board has pledged to match donations made to ADN, up to \$50,000 (total match available).** Your [contribution](#) will not only have a significant impact but will also be doubled, allowing us to further our mission and expand our reach.

We invite you to join us on Giving Tuesday, where your support will amplify our efforts and help us continue the important work of the African Diaspora Network. Together, we can make a real change and create a more connected and empowered diaspora community.

Your support has been invaluable, and we look forward to your participation in this special campaign. **Mark your calendar for Giving Tuesday, November 28,** and stay tuned for more details on how to participate. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and for making the African Diaspora Network the force for positive change that it is today.

[Support ADN Today-Make Your Matching Gift](#)

Warm regards,

Almaz Negash  
Founder and Executive Director,  
African Diaspora Network

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**Join the ADN Team**





African Diaspora Network is hiring 4 new positions! Be a part of a dynamic team that engages Africans, diasporans, and friends of Africa to actualize their full potential, activate their entrepreneurial spirit, and strategically mobilize financial and intellectual resources to ensure a brighter future for the African continent.

[Apply Today](#)

## Register for ADIS24

**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

Join us March 20-22, 2024 for the African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS24) at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose, CA, USA. Our signature Silicon Valley conference celebrates the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of Africans, African Diasporans, and friends of Africa. This year, we present the critical theme of "Activate with Africa: Climate Change, Connections, and Action." For three days, leaders and entrepreneurs from across the globe will gather to envision opportunities, generate collective solutions, and explore strategies that effectively mobilize resources to address the challenges of climate change and take action.

[Register Here](#)

## Community News



**Grand Challenges**  
Senegal



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have launched a call for proposals which aims to uncover innovative approaches for using Large Language Models (such as ChatGPT-4 or other credible sources with equivalent capabilities) to advance global public health. Given the diversity of AI technologies, whether open source or not, we encourage and expect applicants to select the tool best suited to their use case and context. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Grand Challenges (GC) partners, including GC Africa (Pan-Africa), GC Brazil, GC Ethiopia, GC India, GC Senegal and GC South Africa, jointly discussed the need to an equitable and responsible approach to the use of AI and in particular large language models (LLM) in LMICs.

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## MEET THE COHORT

### *BLACK CORPORATE BOARD READINESS*

#### *Cohort 9*

Thursday, January 18th, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PST



If you're a CEO, board member, executive search consultant, or talent partner at a VC or PE firm, we invite you to our virtual "Meet the Cohort" event for our ninth cohort!

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/MTC9BCBR>

Contact Us: [bcbr@scu.edu](mailto:bcbr@scu.edu)

Website: <https://www.scu.edu/execed/individuals/bcbr/>



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The Black Corporate Board Readiness (BCBR) program accelerates authentic diversity in corporate governance by accompanying talented, qualified Black leaders through a structured executive education program, connecting them to networks, and building a community devoted to better business performance and racial justice.

If you're a CEO, board member, executive search consultant, or talent partner at a VC or PE firm, we invite you to the virtual Meet the Cohort event for Cohort 9 on January 18, 2023, from 1 - 3 p.m. Pacific.

Register

## 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](mailto: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

## A Special Thank You to Our Funders

See full list [here](#).



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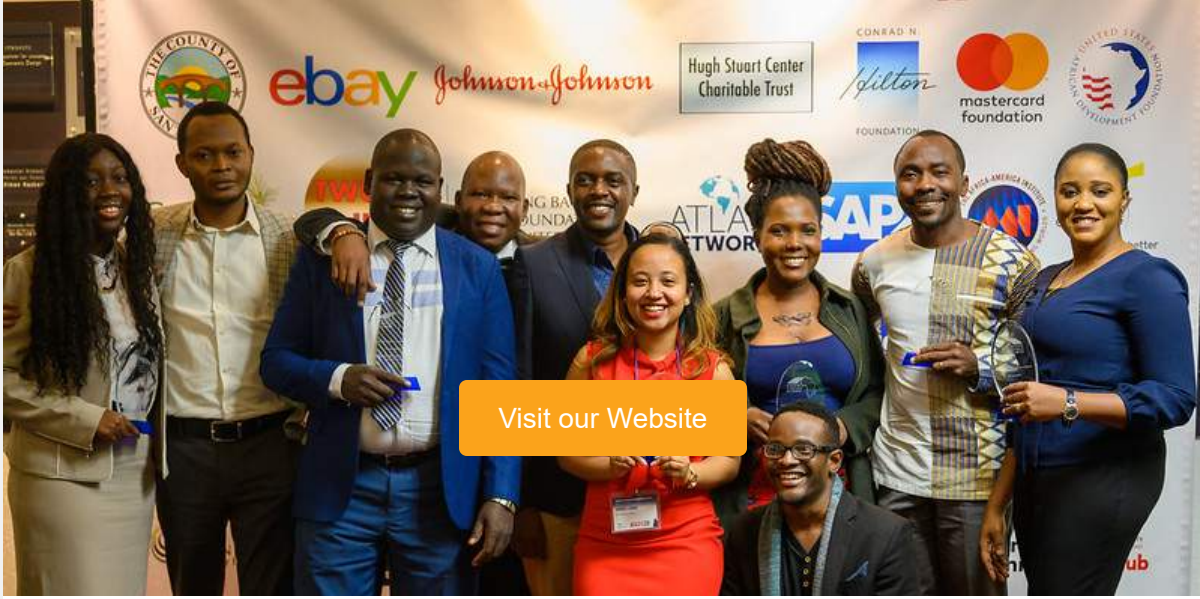
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