



ADIS24 Pitch Competition

As part of this year's African Diaspora Investment Symposium, ADN is hosting a pitch competition for up-and-coming entrepreneurs and changemakers. We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals or teams who have an **early stage business, social enterprise or NGO** that they have recently launched or hope to launch soon.

The applications will be judged on their clarity, innovative approach to problem solving, the potential impact of the venture, and the feasibility of the implementation plan proposed. Preference will be given to ventures responding to the negative effects of climate change, but we are open to other ventures as well.

The top three applicants will be invited to present in person at ADIS24 in Silicon Valley, California. Pitch Competition contestants at ADIS24 will have 5 to 7 minutes to present their ventures and expand upon the next steps of their launch or growth

process. **All 3 will receive mentorship from BAF and ABLE alumni, but the top pitch will be awarded a \$10,000 grant** to be used towards launching or growing their venture.

Applications close on **Sunday February 4th, 2024**. To find out more and apply, please visit the ADIS24 website [here](#).

We encourage you to share this opportunity with people in your network who have exciting and impactful ventures to share with the world.

Apply Today

Join Us for ADIS24



During this year's African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS24) we will bring together entrepreneurs from the United States and from Africa at the [Entrepreneurship and Investor Forum](#). This forum will allow entrepreneurs to discuss funding barriers, sharing challenges, opportunities, and best practices that enrich and enable a beneficial ecosystem on the part of both investors and entrepreneurs. [Register](#) for ADIS24 today to hear firsthand from graduates of ADN's accelerator

programs: Builders of Africa's Future and Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship.

Register for ADIS24

BAF Information Session - January 31st



Join us on January 31st at 7:00 AM PDT/ 10:00 AM EDT to learn more about the Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) business accelerator program.

Now in its seventh year, BAF plans to award 15 to 20 of Africa's most promising entrepreneurs with enterprise development training, partnership and mentorship opportunities, and a platform to boost brand visibility and investment potential in Silicon Valley.

Who is the session for?

- Are you a business owner/ founder of a company or non-profit organization that is headquartered in any country in Africa?

- Does your business address a community or larger social issue?
- Do you have at least 4 hours per month for 4 months to commit to the program?

If the answers are yes, then BAF sounds like a great fit!

Reserve Your Spot:

Register now to learn more. The application portal opens on January 31st.

[Register for Info Session](#)

ABLE Information Session - February 1st



Applications for the fourth cohort of the Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) program will open this Spring 2024, and we invite you to join our upcoming information session on February 1. This 1-hour webinar serves as a comprehensive guide to ABLE, offering insights into the program's structure, eligibility requirements, the application process, and essential details to craft a competitive application.

What to Expect:

- Program Overview: Dive into the core components of ABLE and understand how it can accelerate your entrepreneurial journey.
- Eligibility Requirements: Get clarity on who qualifies for ABLE and ensure you're prepared for the application process.
- Application Tips: Gain valuable insights and tips to strengthen your application and stand out in the selection process.
- Q&A Session: Have your questions answered by the ABLE team and gain a deeper understanding of the program.

Reserve Your Spot:

We encourage you to reserve your spot today [here](#) and extend the invitation to those who might be a perfect fit for ABLE. Be sure to register now for an informative session that could be the catalyst for your entrepreneurial success!

Register for Info Session

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- 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](#).

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