



# ADIS24

## AFRICAN DIASPORA INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

**ACTIVATE WITH AFRICA: CLIMATE CHANGE, CONNECTIONS, AND ACTION**  
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### ADIS24 Breakout Sessions



This year at ADIS we have several breakout sessions for our guests to pick and choose from. We have highlighted a few this month, but here are the other breakout sessions ADIS24 attendees have to look forward to.

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### AFRICAN WOMEN AS CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPIONS

It is important to acknowledge and examine the unique ways that women and girls are affected by the global climate crisis. Many African women have also been vocal, active and forward thinking in their approaches to

climate resilience and combating the effects of climate change. No climate solutions can be effective without the inclusion of the voices most affected by the climate crisis; thus, we hear from those amplifying the voices of women climate change champions.



**Latanya Mapp**

*President And Ceo, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors*

Latanya Mapp is the President and CEO of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA), a global nonprofit that remains at the forefront of philanthropic growth and innovation, with a mission to accelerate philanthropy in pursuit of a just world.



**Naomi Nwokolo**

*Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact Network Nigeria*

Naomi Nwokolo is an award-winning international development attorney, currently serving as the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact Network Nigeria, the country office of the United Nations Global Compact - the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.



**Angela Naa Afoley Odai**

*Head Of The Diaspora Division,  
Directorate Of Citizens And Diaspora  
(CIDO)*

Angela Naa Afoley Odai is the Head of the Diaspora Division, Directorate of Citizens and Diaspora (CIDO), at the African Union Commission. She is a Migration, Diaspora and Development expert with 16 years of professional experience.



**Oula Tarssim**

Head Of Program, GIZ

A native of Germany to Tunisian parents, Oula holds a Master's Degree in Information and Organization Management and Strategic Marketing from Niederrhein University. Commencing her career in strategic marketing and management consultancy, she oversaw 20+ European projects.

## THE ROLE OF TECH & CONNECTIVITY IN AFRICA

Technology has been playing a critical role in our lives for decades and is now also playing a key role in [climate adaptation](#) measures. Many of these solutions are innovative, low-cost and easy to access; however, [one-third of the world still lacks access to the internet](#) and many have low digital and tech literacy skills. In this session, we hear from entrepreneurs, development actors and community leaders using technology in unique ways to adapt to climate change.



**Brian Bell**

*Board President And Head Of Business, A2SV*

Adopted at birth, Brian has always understood the limitations and opportunities that are defined by geography. In his career, he has sought to contribute to and create digital solutions that enable people, workers, and ideas to overcome geographic limitations.



**Uzodinma Iweala**

*Chief Executive Officer (CEO), The Africa Center*

Uzodinma Iweala is an award-winning writer, filmmaker, and medical doctor. As the CEO of The Africa Center, he is dedicated to promoting new narratives about Africa and its Diaspora.



**Rohit Jain**

*CIO, Harvard Business School Alumni Association*

Rohit is the CIO for Harvard Business School Alumni Association and serves on the Advisory Board. In addition to his CIO responsibilities, Rohit is an investor / advisor at the Harvard Business School Angels, advisor at the Harvard New Venture Contest and a Mentor at the Innovation Lab, Harvard University.



**Yeukai Mlambo**

*Arizona State University*

Yeukai Angela Mlambo (PhD) is Executive Director of Africa Initiatives in the office of Global Academic Initiatives at Arizona State University, and Assistant Research Professor at the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at ASU.

## AFRICAN ARTISTS IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE MOVEMENT

African artists stand at the intersection of creativity and conscience and have long been considered mirrors of society, reflecting its struggles, dreams, and aspirations. However, art is not just a reflection of reality, but a powerful catalyst for shaping it. As Africa wrestles with the devastating impact of climate change, it is crucial to recognize the vital role of artists in driving awareness, fostering change, and inspiring action within our communities and beyond.



**Karishma Bhagani**

*Producer*

Karishma Bhagani is a producer, dramaturg and theatre-maker from Mombasa, Kenya. Karishma is keen on contributing to the development of a sustainable creative economy within East Africa, as well as sharing African stories around the globe.



### **Kiazi Malongo**

Kiazi Malonga is a second generation Congolese American born into a family of artists. He was first introduced to the Ngoma drum at age two by his father Malonga Casquelourd, a world-renowned traditional drummer, dancer and choreographer from Congo Brazzaville.



### **Chike Nwoffiah**

*Executive Director, Silicon Valley African Film Festival*

Chike Nwoffiah is an award-winning film and theater producer and director with over 50 productions to his credit. He is the founding director of the Silicon Valley African Film Festival and president of Rhesus Media Group.



### **Nkeiruka Oruche**

*Executive & Artistic Director, Afro Urban Society*

Nkeiruka Oruche, a multimedia creative, cultural organizer, and producer, founded and directs Afro Urban Society, a hub for Pan African arts and culture.

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## **Nasser Diallo**

*Founder & CEO, Clinic+O*

Nasser Diallo is the Founder & CEO of Clinic+O, a social enterprise that builds technology-enabled primary care solutions to eliminate barriers to accessing quality healthcare for marginalized communities in West Africa.



## **Dr. Martin Russell**

*Founder, Global Diaspora Insights*

Martin completed his PhD at the UCD Clinton Institute where his research focused on the strategic engagement of diaspora media, diaspora philanthropy, and diaspora politics in shaping U.S. foreign policy in the Northern Ireland Peace Process. He is the founder of Global Diaspora Insights (GDI), which provides advisory, research, policy, and training on diaspora engagement.



**Kady Sylla**

*Director - Africa, Myriad Usa (Formerly KBFUS)*

Kady Sylla serves as Myriad USA's Director - Africa. She oversees Myriad USA's partnerships with African nonprofits and donor relations, network-building, and programs. She brings a vital philanthropy and international development background and has dedicated her career to Africa's social sector.



**Dien Yuen**

*CEO, Daylight Advisors*

As CEO and Co-founder of Daylight Advisors, Dien is working to maximize philanthropy's potential for transforming lives by advancing the training, research, professionalization, and diversity of our sector.

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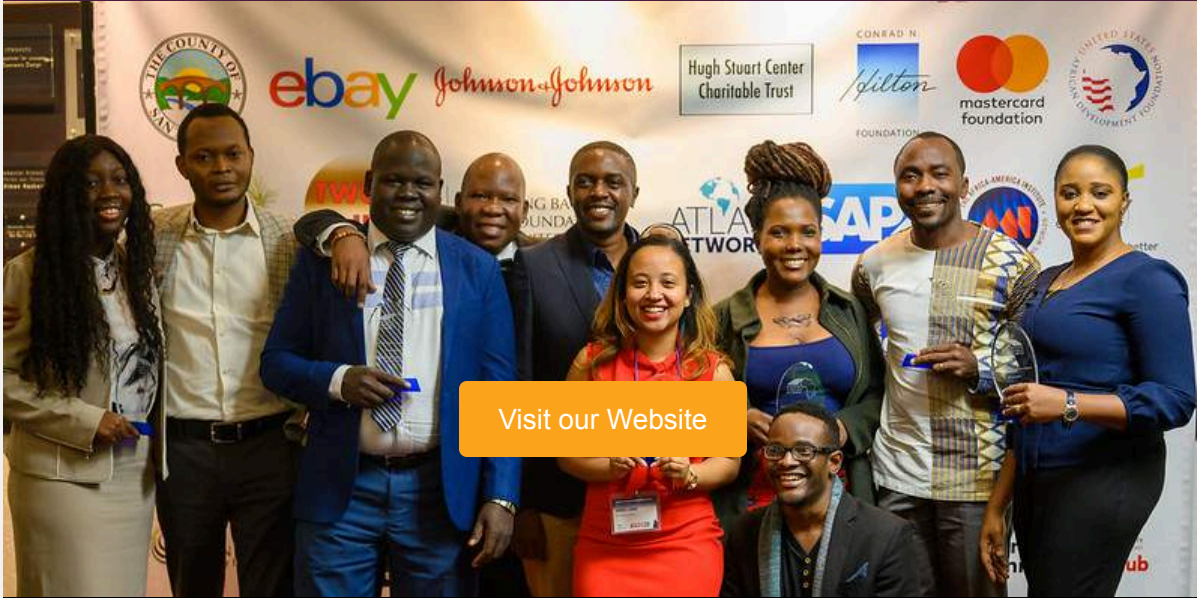
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