



## **ADN's Partnership in USAID's YALI LL, ADIS24's Youth Panel and Rwanda Visit Highlights**

### ***Introducing the African Diaspora Network's partnership in USAID's YALI Legacy Localization activity***

The African Diaspora Network is thrilled to announce our partnership with USAID's [Young African Leaders Initiative Legacy Localization](#) (YALI LL) activity, led by [Arizona State University \(ASU\)](#), in conjunction with esteemed consortium partners, [FHI 360](#), [CoELIB](#), and [Geek without Frontiers](#). This alliance marks a pivotal step towards supporting and empowering African stakeholders in establishing an independent YALI Africa organization.

The USAID-funded YALI LL is dedicated to advancing the harmonization efforts of the four existing YALI Regional Leadership Centers (RLCs) in establishing an African-owned, African-led and African-managed YALI Africa that will support the development of the next generation of African leaders.

ADN's pivotal role in YALI LL is the development of a robust African diaspora engagement strategy accompanied by a set of tools designed to catalyze connections between the African diaspora and YALI as investors, mentors, and partners. Our strategy encompasses the recruitment of African diaspora members from within the African continent and around the world, provision of specialized training and workshops for diaspora members committed to connecting with the 27,000+ YALI alumni leaders as mentors, and facilitation of expanded mutually beneficial opportunities and networking. In addition, ADN through YALI LL will deliver tailored coaching and workshops to enhance diaspora engagement best practices for YALI Africa once established and the RLCs.

# The ADIS24 'African Youth Taking Global Climate Action' panel

African youth play a significant role in the fight against the global climate crisis. A [study](#) by the Ichikowitz Family Foundation revealed that more than 75% of African youth advocate for more decisive policy measures to address climate change. That is why this year's ADIS24 has curated a youth-led panel discussion on African youth's role in the fight against the global climate crisis. The panel consists of young African changemakers taking lead in climate action activism and innovative solutions to combat the climate change crisis.

The panel will include two accomplished YALI alumni climate leaders. This panel will explore what specific grassroots actions African youth have undertaken to combat the global climate crisis and how other regions can learn from this experience.

This panel reflects the dedication and involvement of ADN in supporting African Youth Leaders and ensuring that youth voices are not only represented but centered in decision making when it comes to the future of Africa and the world.

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## Speaker Bios



### **Edward Moses Mbewe**

*Founder/Lead, Youth Council on Energy in Africa*

Edward is a Just Energy Transition (JET) advocate, working at the nexus of rapid electrification in sub-Saharan Africa and critical energy technology assessments. As founder/lead of the newly established Youth Council on Energy - Africa, Edward aims to empower young people to drive sustainable solutions for the continent's energy needs through entrepreneurship, research, and policy.

Edward is a Mastercard Foundation  
Scholar at UC Berkeley



**Triumphant Tchulang Kouogue**

*Founder and Ceo Clean Energy Services/  
Cameroon Association of Renewables  
Energies Engineers President*

Triumphant Tchulang Kouogue has more than nine years of experience in the renewable energy field and is the chief executive officer of Clean Energy Services with a Project Management Professional (PMP) Certificate. He focuses on solar energy, energy transition, solar cooling, and access to essential services in remote areas.

Triumphant is an alumni from the YALI RLC West Africa - Dakar

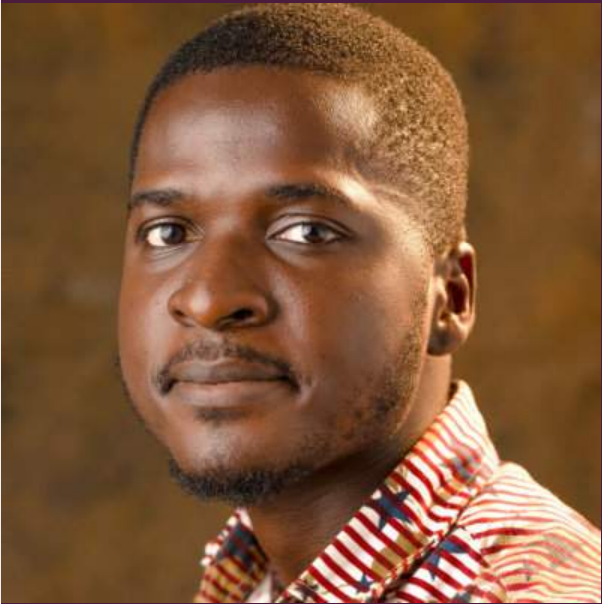


**Elizabeth Wathuti**

*Founder, Green Generation Initiative*

Elizabeth Wathuti is a multi-award winning passionate Kenyan Environmentalist and Young Climate Leader. She is the visionary Founder of the Green Generation Initiative (GGI) and recently won the TIME100 Impact Awards in Singapore.

Elizabeth is an alumni from the YALI RLC East Africa - Nairobi



**Mathias Charles Yabe**  
*Founder & Ceo, Akofresh*

Mathias Charles Yabe, Ghanaian social entrepreneur and innovator. Founder and CEO at AkoFresh, an innovative startup that strengthens food systems using climate smart solutions. To date, he has contributed to the implementation of five social impact projects, benefiting more than 7,000 individuals across Ghana.

Mathias is a 2023 graduate of ADN's BAF accelerator program

## The ADN team in Rwanda

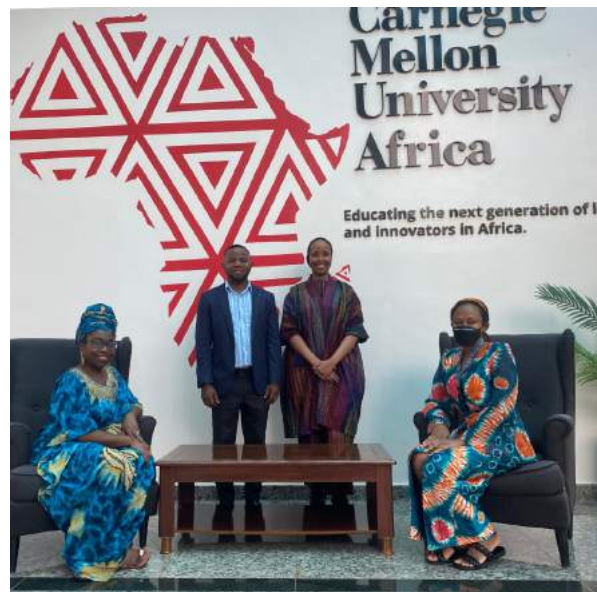


ADN had the pleasure of attending a 5-day YALI LL-led design charette in Kigali, Rwanda last week that brought together close to 100 stakeholders from 12+ countries.

The design charrette was an engaging, inclusive design-thinking process focused on exploring how YALI Africa will be established, sustained, and governed.

ADN was delighted to connect with various YALI stakeholders and partners in person and discuss how to best support the development of the next generation of African leaders, entrepreneurs and how the African diaspora can be involved.

While in Kigali, the ADN team also connected with ecosystem partners such as [Health Builders](#) and [Carnegie Mellon University Africa](#) in Rwanda to discuss how to further maximize collaboration and ways to best support our collective endeavors.



## Celebrate Women's Month with Us: A Pioneering Event on Economic Empowerment

**Note: Event of Date Corrected to March 28**



As we continue to honor Women's Month, the African Diaspora Network (ADN) remains dedicated to highlighting and addressing the pivotal role of women in shaping our world. This month is more than a celebration; it's a call to action to recognize, invest in, and accelerate the progress of women globally.

In alignment with the spirit of Women's Month, we are hosting a virtual event to delve into the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." Join us March 28 at noon EST as we spotlight the critical need for increased investment in women and to explore the transformative impact such investments have on global progress.

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**Deadline:** March 14, 2024.

Apply: <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/ambition-accelerator/>

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