



Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you for your invaluable presence and contribution at the 2024 African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS), where we delved into the pivotal theme of “Activate with Africa: Climate Change, Connections, and Action.” The energy, engagement, and networking that took place at ADIS24 reflects your value and commitment to our shared vision. You make ADIS possible and for that, all of us at ADN are grateful.

Our amazing speakers shed light on Africa's strides in governance, healthcare, education, and fintech, underscoring the urgent need to sustain this momentum. As we confront the challenges posed by climate change, it is imperative that we in the diaspora and friends of Africa work together to find innovative solutions to address this critical issue.

In the next few weeks, we will share the ADIS24 summary and action report, which will encapsulate the proposed solutions discussed during the symposium. These findings will be shared via newsletter, website, and social media. **In the meantime, if you haven't yet submitted the ADIS24 survey, please share your thoughts [here](#).** Your feedback is essential to us putting on a transformative ADIS25.

Beyond ADIS24, we invite you to engage with us in upcoming events, including our participation in the [Skoll World Forum](#) this month, where we will delve into topics extending beyond remittances, the UNGA side event in September, and our other Impact & Innovation Forums. Stay up to date via our newsletter, social media pages or "events" tab on our website.

The ADN work is a collaborative work that requires your active engagement. We encourage you to choose any of the following engagement opportunities. Your support is what sustains our work - thank you.

- **Be a Mentor:** Extend your expertise and guidance to African Startups (BAF), Black-Led Startups in the U.S. (ABLE), and Young African Leaders (YALI-LL).

- **Be a Reviewer:** Contribute as a reviewer for ABLE and BAF applications, leveraging your expertise to identify promising ventures and support their growth.
- **Be an Ecosystem Partner:** Amplify our impact by sharing our initiatives within your network. Join us in nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship.
- **Support Through Funding:** Strengthen our endeavors by becoming an organizational funder, ADIS sponsor, or individual donor. Your [support](#) will propel our mission to bring together our communities.
- **Partnership and Collaboration:** Collaborate with us as we convene diverse voices to envision and create opportunities for our community.

For further details on any of these opportunities, please submit an engagement form [here](#).

With appreciation,



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African Diaspora Investment Symposium



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BEYOND REMITTANCES
The Evolving Role of Africans in the Diaspora in
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For fourteen years, African Diaspora Network has been mobilizing and bringing together Africans, African diasporans, and friends of Africa to uplift the continent and communities where they live. In 2022, ADN launched the "Beyond Remittances" initiative as a part of our Impact and Innovation

Forums to advance the global dialogue toward sustainable investment for the betterment of the African continent.

January 2025 marks the ten-year anniversary of our flagship event, the African Diaspora Investment Symposium. To celebrate this milestone, the 2025 theme will focus on going beyond traditional remittances, exploring innovative strategies that drive change across the African continent. We will bring together visionaries, experts, and changemakers from diverse sectors to engage in meaningful conversations about mobilizing resources effectively and showcase tangible investments that foster sustainable development.

The Future of AI



John Kamara, of AI Centre Of Excellence Nairobi, recently spoke at ADIS24 on the panel, “The Global AI Revolution: Steps To Ethically Utilize AiTo Address The Climate Crisis In Africa.” [Learn more](#) about the future of artificial intelligence in John’s article.

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Empowerment Through Investment:
Reflecting on ADN's Women's International Day Event



On a vibrant day this March, the African Diaspora Network (ADN) hosted a transformative Women's International Day event. This virtual gathering connected voices from across the globe, focusing on unleashing the power of women in driving economic, political, and social spheres.

The event spotlighted the urgent need to invest in women entrepreneurs in Africa. Keynote speakers, including Pauline Kerbel of Shih FBT and Tochi Gini-Gemi of Mesh, shared insightful data and personal experiences. They illuminated the staggering \$42 billion gender funding gap in Africa and the critical role diaspora remittances play in bridging this divide.

ADN's initiative sought not only to highlight the challenges but also to mobilize action. The speakers underscored how strategic investments and mentorship could revolutionize not just women's lives but whole communities, driving sustainable and inclusive growth across the continent.

Highlights:

- Pauline Kerbel emphasized the transformative potential of targeted investments in women, advocating for a strategic shift in how diaspora remittances are channeled.
- Tochi Gini-Gemi discussed the significance of understanding financing options and the pivotal role of women in venture capital, urging for more female investors and fund managers.

The event concluded with a powerful call to action: for the diaspora and allies to unite, leveraging collective power to invest in women's futures, echoing the African proverb, "If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito."

Stay tuned for ADN's upcoming initiatives and join us in making a tangible impact. Together, we can close the gender funding gap and pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future.

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- 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](#)
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