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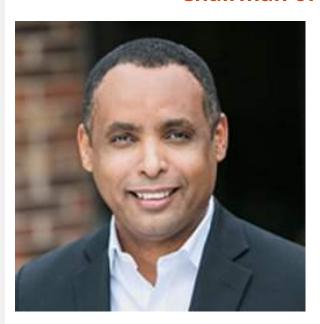








A Message from Josh Ghaim, Ph.D, Chairman of the Board



Dear ADN Community,

It is with great pride that I reach out to you today, reflecting on the remarkable journey of the African Diaspora Network (ADN) since its inception. From promoting entrepreneurship and innovation to fostering economic development both on the African continent and within our diaspora communities, ADN has been at the forefront of catalyzing change.

Over the years, we have united Africans from diverse backgrounds—both on the continent and in the diaspora—alongside friends of Africa, empowering them to unleash their full potential and embrace their entrepreneurial spirit. Through strategic mobilization of financial and intellectual resources, we are collectively shaping a brighter future for Africa.

At ADN, we serve as a bridge, providing a vital platform for grassroots African and Black entrepreneurs to exchange knowledge, collaborate with mentors, innovators, and potential investors. Our efforts extend beyond mere visibility; we are actively reshaping perceptions on a global scale, positioning Africans and African Americans as leaders, innovators, investors, and creators.

Today, I am thrilled to unveil our <u>Five-Year Strategic Plan</u>, a testament to over a decade of collaboration and partnership. Crafted with meticulous attention to

detail by the ADN Board of Directors, CEO, and dedicated team members, this plan charts a course for realizing our mission, maximizing impact, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of ADN.

Comprising three pillars supported by four priority areas, our strategic plan is underpinned by a comprehensive operational framework, designed to track progress and key performance indicators. As we embark on this journey, your continued support is paramount. Together, we aim to raise \$30 million by 2028, fueling transformative programs and fostering collaboration across sectors.

Your feedback and ideas for engagement, aligned with your interests, are invaluable to us. Should you have any questions regarding our strategic plan or operations, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team.

Sincerely,

Josh Ghaim, Ph.D.

Chairman of the Board African Diaspora Network



<u>Leading Ladies Africa</u> has announced its prestigious list of "50 Leading African Corporate Women for 2024," and we are proud to inform you that our founder, Almaz Negash, along with ADN's board members, Josephine Fubara & Kedest Tesfagiorgis, have been honored on this list. Now in its sixth year, the list recognizes the incredible achievements of African women leaders who are making substantial contributions across various corporate sectors.

We are delighted to <u>spotlight the achievements</u> of some truly inspirational leaders within our community. These women are not just excelling in their fields but are also making significant impacts across the globe.

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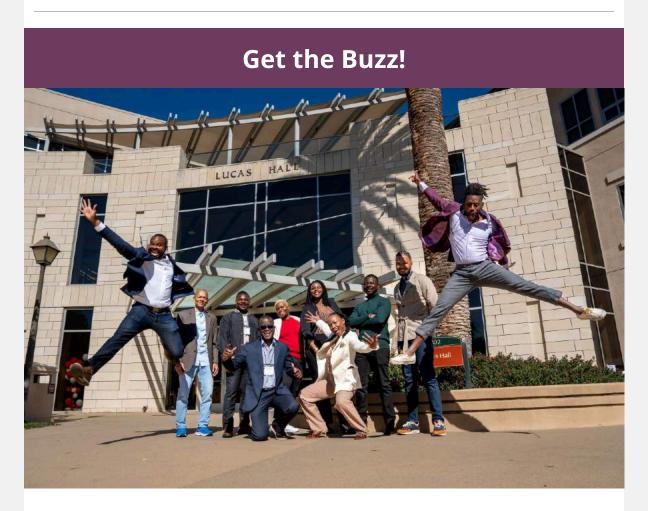
Date: June 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM EDT/ 7:00 Am PDT

Register Here

Introducing BAF 2024 Cohort

MEET THE ENTREPRENEURS BUILDERS OF AFRICA'S FUTURE (BAF) 2024 | Variable | V

We are excited to announce the seventh cohort of Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) 2024! This year's cohort features 16 entrepreneurs leading 100% African-led and owned businesses in Education, Recycling, Health Tech & Innovation, Agriculture, FinTech, Green Energy to name a few. Meet the cohort.



Yesterday, we released the latest edition of the Buzz which was packed with updates and stories from our Builders of Africa's Future (BAF) and Accelerating Black Leadership and Entrepreneurship (ABLE) programs.

To receive future editions and more updates, stories, and opportunities on our entrepreneurship programs, <u>sign up</u> for the Accelerator Buzz Newsletter

Upcoming Events

May 24, 2024: Celebrate Africa Day With ADN

Innovations Unleashed - The role of educational institutions in Entreprepreneurship and African Technological Advancement, May 24, 2024: This virtual workshop aims to celebrate Africa Day by emphasizing the significant roles that education and the African Diaspora play in driving technological innovation across the continent. The event will explore how educational institutions can serve as catalysts for technological advancements and how the Diaspora can support and enhance these efforts.

Click here to register

May 20th, 2024 - Almaz speaking at an event

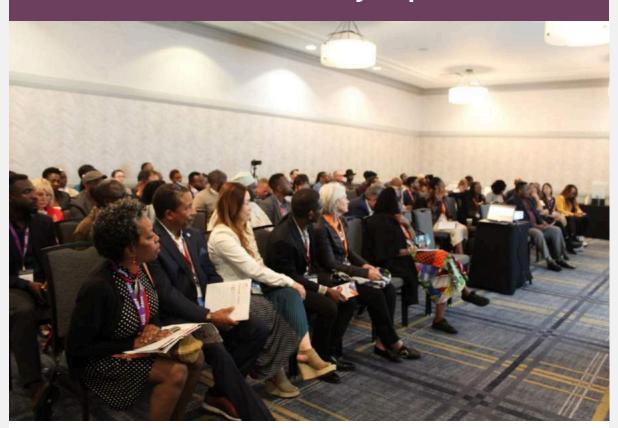
We are excited to announce that our CEO, Almaz Negash, will be speaking at the Foreign Policy for America 2024 Leadership Summit. This annual event gathers leaders from various sectors to engage in critical conversations about the most pressing foreign policy and national security challenges. The summit will take place from May 19-21 in Washington, DC, featuring discussions with top leaders from the Biden Administration, Congress, and the private sector. Almaz's participation highlights the importance of African diaspora perspectives in global policy discussions.

Event Details

May 22, 2024: IOM Event

Dr. Josh Ghaim to Moderate at International Dialogue on Migration: Hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the "Diaspora Private Sector Conversation" will be moderated by Dr. Josh Ghaim, Chairman of the Board, African Diaspora Network (ADN). This pivotal panel, part of the 2024 International Dialogue on Migration, is scheduled for May 22 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Discussions will focus on the impactful roles diaspora leaders play in shaping migration policies, fostering investments, and ensuring regular migration pathways. Click here to RSVP

ADIS24 Summary Report



The African Diaspora Investment Symposium (ADIS) is an annual event in Silicon Valley that celebrates and promotes the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of Africans in the Diaspora and their allies, aiming to contribute to Africa's socioeconomic development. Targeting entrepreneurs, investors, and social change agents, the symposium offers a platform to explore significant investment and development trends, provides networking opportunities, and showcases Diasporaled initiatives promising substantial social and financial returns. We invite you to review our ADIS24 Summary and Action Report to gain insights into the event highlights and the dynamic interactions that took place, fostering meaningful collaborations toward positive change on the continent.

Click Here for Summary Report



Opportunity Alert:
Apply for the 2024 Michelson Prizes - Next Generation
Grants



The Human Immunome Project, in partnership with the Michelson Medical Research Foundation, is calling on the next generation of innovators in human immunology. The Michelson Prizes are prestigious awards, offering \$150,000 annually to early-career investigators dedicated to advancing human immunology, vaccine discovery, and immunotherapy research for major global diseases.

Application Period: April 1, 2024 - June 9, 2024

This initiative seeks to tackle the current roadblocks in human vaccine development and to expand our understanding of key immune processes critical to successful vaccine and immunotherapy development. It's an incredible opportunity for young scientists under the age of 35 from a variety of disciplines, including Clinical Research, Molecular Biology, Computer Science, and more, to gain significant support for their high-impact ideas.

Past awardees, like Ansuman Satpathy, MD, PhD from Stanford University, have found the Michelson Prize instrumental in pursuing high-risk, high-impact research. Learn more about the inspiring work of our previous winners and how to apply for this transformative grant [here](Link to application and details).

For further details and to apply, <u>Click Here.</u>

Don't miss this chance to be part of a rigorous and competitive international search for groundbreaking ideas in immunology!

Bank of America Breakthrough Lab® - Now Open for Applications!

Applications are now open for the Bank of America Breakthrough Lab 2024-2025 program cohort. This 6-month program, from September 2024 to March 2025, supports women and underrepresented founders of early-stage companies in scaling their business models, establishing industry connections, and pursuing funding. We are accepting applications from North America, EMEA, LATAM, and APAC (now expanded to India). Apply by May 20, 2024.

The Breakthrough Lab is open to entrepreneurial teams of 2-3 founders with innovative, high-growth technology ideas in sectors like Fintech, Digital Health, Future of Work, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Al/ML, InsurTech, and Climate & Sustainability. For more details and to apply, visit the BofA Breakthrough Labwebsite.

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- Give Through Silicon Valley Community Foundation (<u>SVCF</u>) Donor-advised fund
- Mentor entrepreneurs participating in our ABLE and/or BAF programs. Contact Brett Cave, Entrepreneurship Programs Manager at <u>brett@africandiasporanetwork.org</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>
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