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Human Capital, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Investment

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African Diaspora Network is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization. Since 2010, the African Diaspora Network (ADN) has energized collaboration among Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and African diasporans to uplift its local community towards the benefit of Africa. ADN is dedicated to providing virtual and physical forums to accelerate access to resources that foster partnership, facilitate knowledge sharing, and advance investment opportunities.

Visit our new website at https://adn.memberclicks.net/

Our Vision

African Diaspora Network’s vision is to coalesce and fuel a global community of Africans and friends of Africa connected by a common purpose: to accelerate economic, business, and social welfare in Africa and the communities in which we live.

Our Mission

African Diaspora Network’s mission is to harness and engage the intellectual, financial, philanthropic and entrepreneurial capacity of Africans and friends of Africa in support of economic and social development across Africa and the communities in which we live.

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Message From the Founder of the African Diaspora Network

Welcome to the Fourth Annual African Diaspora Investment Symposium! This weekend marks a meaningful gathering of Africans, Diasporans, and friends of Africa who seek to amplify the abundance of Africa. As we celebrate this spirit of togetherness, we share a special thank you to our board members, team, sponsors, and speakers. The symposium is only possible because many of you believe in our vision.

Preparing for the 2019 symposium has been a learning process for us all. We have learned what is possible on the Continent through the incredible work and brilliance of people and organizations. We have also encountered the challenges and gaps that are obstacles to a thriving African economy. In preparing our sessions, we discovered that VC funding to the continent is still nascent. In curating our speakers, we found a striking lack of women in the VC sector. We are learning that lack of development and lack of diversity in talent have been key factors in hindering the launch and sustainability of startups and grassroots organizations. To become a thriving business, access to funding is especially key. Several of our friends face these challenges.

At its core, Africa is a place of budding and blossoming potential. Our 2019 symposium seeks to amplify the great work of global entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders, while thoughtfully acknowledging and addressing the challenges in place. ADIS2019 presents an opportunity for us to find ways to help. How can we collectively support each other to achieve what we believe can make a difference in the community? We at ADN are privileged to have you join us for our fourth year. We look forward to working with you all to amplify the abundance of Africa and in each other.

Thank you,
Almaz Negash
Founder and Executive Director, ADN

Message From the Chairman of the African Diaspora Network

At the end of ADIS 2018, we identified 3 initiatives to broaden the symposium and our ADN’s impact: First, we needed a plan to make ADIS and other ADN events financially sustainable. Second, we wanted continuity for our inaugural impact award ceremony, The Builder of Africa’s Future (BAF) Awards. Finally, we set a goal to raise a fund to support the very innovation and social good we celebrate each year at ADIS.

Today, I’m proud to say that we’ve made progress on all 3 fronts. This has only been possible through the tireless effort of our staff, volunteers, and re-invigorated board. ADIS 2019 is not just our 4th annual symposium. It is the first in a new line of higher quality and more consistent events you can expect from ADN in 2019.

We’re grateful for your patronage over the years. Your patience and feedback has allowed us to improve ADIS and deliver this latest installment.

If this is your first ADIS, you’re in for a treat: We have an excellent lineup of sessions and speakers to engage you. But what will truly define your ADIS experience is our vibrant community: Expect a weekend filled with authentic conversations and meaningful connections.

It’s my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 ADIS. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you over the next few days.

Yours truly,
Twum
Chairman of board, ADN

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African Diaspora Network Symposium 2019 | Day 1

Thursday, January 24 | Amplifying the Conversation: Selected Sector Conversations & Evening Welcome Reception

Pre-ADIS Convening | Celebrating Segal Family Foundation’s African Visionary Fellows (Invitation only)

ADIS 2019 Welcome Reception Networking, Sponsored by Segal Family Foundation 18:00 - 20:00

Networking Reception & Live Musical Entertainment
Opening Keynote Address:
Aishetu Fatima Dozie, Distinguished Careers Institute, Stanford

Barka Awards Ceremony
Hors d’oeuvres and Refreshments
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Friday, January 25 | The Investment Ecosystem: Capturing Exceptional Returns in Africa

Day One: The Investment Ecosystem: Capturing Exceptional Returns in Africa

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Opening Entertainment: Live Performance 8:30 - 8:45
Welcoming Remarks by Almaz Negash & Twum Djin 8:45 - 9:00
Introduction by Emcee Nicholas M. Bassey 9:00 - 9:10
Context Setter: The State of Africa by James Newlands, EY 9:10 - 9:30
Investment Climate in Africa: Current and Future Outlook 9:35 - 10:35

Coffee Break 10:35 - 10:50

Human Capital Investment: Activating the Potential of Africa 2050 10:50 - 11:50
Engagement in the African Diaspora Network by Twum Djin 11:55 - 12:15
Lunch & Intentional Networking: Deep-Dive on Diaspora Engagement 12:15 - 13:30
Fireside Chat: On the Purpose of Capital with Jed Emerson 13:30 - 14:30

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Coffee Break and Intentional Networking 15:30 - 16:00

Choice A: Silicon Valley Venture Capital and Africa – Connecting and Engaging the VC Community to Africa 16:05 - 17:05
Choice B: East Africa: Amplifying Innovation, Investment, Entrepreneurship

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**Saturday, January 26 | The Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystem: Energizing Collaboration for the Future**

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> Every time I am at ADN, I see a new future for Africa. ADN is the place to find talents and boldness of entrepreneurs, the articulate passion and compassion for a continent that deserves be seen and heard in new ways. ADN forums are an experience that no other person can tell you about. You experience it and you know you have arrived at a place where Africans are proud of their talents and confident to be global players offering hospitality to all global citizens to use two days to focus on Africa!

> – Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, CEO, Global Fund for Women and ADN Deputy Board Chair
ADIS 2019 Speakers

Master of Ceremonies

Nicholas M. Bassey is Division Chief, Frontier Partnerships for the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Global Development Lab (the Lab). This new team will strategically foster the Lab’s Center for Transformational Partnerships’ “disrupt” portfolio through alliances with non-traditional stakeholders. The team also seeks to develop innovative ways to leverage and unlock private sector capital for international development.

African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2019 Keynote Speakers

Osh. Agabi is the founder & CEO of an early stage synthetic neurobiology company based in Berkeley, California. His premise is as simple as it is radical. “The merger of synthetic neurobiology/neuroscience and silicon technology into a coherent, sturdy and elegant device. A device which solves urgent real-world problems anywhere — the lab, industry, and street corner”. Osh. and his company - Koniku Inc. is leading the way. As a visiting scholar and during his Ph.D. studies at the Imperial College in London, he built and customized 2 photon microscopes for studying synaptic transmission in the mouse visual cortex.

Ime Archibong is the VP of Product Partnerships at Facebook. His organization builds and manages global partnerships in support of Facebook’s mission by driving product and business strategy. For the past eight years, his team has led on a number of key corporate initiatives, including the developer platform, community leaders program, local business product integrations, music and video partnerships, messenger bot platform, Internet.org connectivity efforts, and digital skills & education initiatives. Prior to Facebook, Ime was an Advanced Technology Business Development Professional at IBM. He started his career as a software engineer in the IBM Systems and Technology Group.

Aishetu Fatima Dozie’s passion for global finance began in the equities division of Goldman Sachs on the international desk in New York over 20 years ago. She went on to work for a USAID-funded project with the Nigerian government in its privatization program. She worked closely with President Olusegun Obasanjo and his economic team of cabinet ministers in crafting the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy, which drove several successful reforms including the $18 billion Paris Club debt write-off. Her passion for demonstrable development impact and understanding the intersection of the public and private sectors ability to stimulate economic growth led her to the International Finance Corporation in Washington, DC.

Gretchen Sorensen is the principal of Sorensen Group, a consulting practice focused in biotechnology and global health. She serves as senior strategic advisor to CEOs and organizations globally. Her expertise in strategic communications, reputation management, partnerships, philanthropy and advocacy helps her clients translate paradigm-shifting ideas and discoveries into tangible value for funders, policymakers and the marketplace – bringing accelerated benefits and return on investment. She is also a member of Arivale’s founding team, a groundbreaking company established to launch a new industry, scientific wellness.
African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2019 Fireside Chat

**Jed Emerson** is strategic advisor to family offices and wealth management firms executing diverse approaches to investing for financial returns with social and environmental impact. Co-author of the first book on impact investing, as well as seven other books on impact investing and social entrepreneurship, he has been active in both fields for nearly thirty years. He has served as founding director and board member of diverse social enterprises and impact investment groups. Emerson is a Senior Research Fellow at University of Heidelberg’s Center on Social Investing and has held faculty appointments at Harvard, Stanford and Oxford business schools.

**Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro** is President and CEO of Global Fund for Women. She is an activist for women and girls’ health and human rights, and passionate about using philanthropy and technology to drive social change. Born in Kenya, Musimbi traces her passion for human rights, peace, and justice to her Quaker family and community. She is one of 10 children — every daughter given the same educational opportunities as the sons. Before joining Global Fund for Women, Musimbi was Director for Population and Reproductive Health at David and Lucile Packard Foundation, managing the $30 million grantmaking portfolio.

African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2019 Context Setter

**James Newlands** is the Northeast Region Trade Leader, working with EY teams serving accounts headquartered in the Northeast Region providing enablement and connectivity with key regions across the globe to ensure that we have the highest performing teams, delivering exceptional client service, worldwide, as our clients increasingly seek growth in global markets. He is also responsible for ensuring that we deliver on that promise to global clients headquartered in other markets with operations in the Northeast. In short, the purpose of the role is to bring the best of EY across the world to support our clients’ global growth agendas.

African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2019 Welcome Reception

**Andy Bryant** joined Segal Family Foundation as Executive Director in 2010. He leads the foundation’s team and implements the vision of the Segal family. He has overseen an increase in the foundation’s annual giving from $2 million in 2010 to $12 million in 2018. He has worked in international development for many years in Africa and Asia, including positions with Tanzanian Children’s Fund and TechnoServe. Andy completed a BA from Princeton University in 2003 and subsequently graduated from Syracuse University in 2007 with a MPA in International Development. Andy believes that local solutions are the best solutions.

Prior to joining the Board, where he served four years, three of them consecutively, as President, **Dave Cortese** served eight years on the San Jose City Council, including two years as Vice Mayor. He grew up in San Jose as part of a family that has been active in civic, cultural and business activities for generations. He is married to Pattie, and has four children. His strong local roots and love for this county fuel his passion for public service. Dave was educated at Bellarmine College Prep and UC Davis where he earned a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Political Science.

**Almaz Negash** is the founder of African Diaspora Network. In 2010, she founded ADN to inform and engage Africans in the diaspora in order to facilitate direct collaboration with social entrepreneurs, innovators and business leaders to invest and improve the lives of everyone on the continent. Under her leadership and vision, ADN is now the home of The African Diaspora Investment Symposium, an annual conference in Silicon Valley.
ADIS 2019 Agenda Details

Fourth Annual African Diaspora Investment Symposium

Overview
The African Diaspora Investment Symposium 2019 (ADIS2019) is the fourth annual global convening of leaders, innovators, investors, and entrepreneurs that seeks to uplift the African continent by building bridges among Africans, Diasporans, and friends of Africa. Located in Silicon Valley, the innovation and entrepreneurial capital of the world, the conference aims to inform, engage, and inspire participants to be agents of change and active contributors to Africa’s development.

Following the footsteps of entrepreneurs who have walked the path of pursuing investments and opportunities in Africa, the 2019 symposium offers two days focused on the Investment Ecosystem and Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystem. How do you start? What resources do you need to open a social impact business? What resources are available in Africa, or elsewhere? Walk through the journey of seasoned professionals who share their strategies and stories.

Keynote Speakers
Each day you will have the opportunity to hear firsthand the journey of inspiring and engaging Africans and friends of Africans whose work positively impacts the lives of people on the Continent. Our speakers seek to motivate, uplift, and educate our audience with stories, challenges, and strategies from their own paths in investment, entrepreneurship, and innovation in Africa. Leave inspired to take action and energized to collaborate with colleagues throughout the symposium.

Thursday, January 24 | Amplifying the Conversation: Selected Sector Conversations & Evening Welcome Reception
African Diaspora Network kicks off ADIS2019 with focused sector conversations and an evening welcoming reception to network and celebrate its fourth annual convening. Meet with fellow participants, panelists, moderators, and keynote speakers over hor d’oeuvres, light refreshments, and live entertainment. The reception concludes with a closing awards ceremony that honors African Diaspora Network’s third annual Barka Awards recipient.

- Keynote Address Aishetu Fatima Dozie, Distinguished Careers Institute, Stanford
- Welcoming Remarks by Supervisor Dave Cortese, Santa Clara County, and Dignitaries of Africa
- Barka Awards Ceremony
- Entertainment

January 25 – 26 | ADIS 2019 Ecosystem Innovation Poster Hub
The African Diaspora Network in partnership with the Frugal Innovation Hub of Santa Clara University is working to identify grassroots organizations in Africa that need technologies. To learn more, please visit the Hub. The ADIS19 Innovation Hub will also display Builders of Africa’s Future Awardees posters of innovators and innovation in Africa. We encourage you to visit the Hub during break and in between sessions.

January 25 – 26 | ADIS19 Amplifying the Diaspora Story
The African Diaspora Network in partnership with the Silicon Valley African Film Festival is delighted to invite you to share your story with us during ADIS19. The purpose is to tell our stories, share our common purpose, learn, grow, and connect with each other.
Turning Tides: Africa by Ernst & Young by James Newlands
After twenty years of slow economic growth, Africa is experiencing an economic shift. Investment is shifting among countries, and foreign direct investment is recovering and spreading more evenly across the continent than ever before. According to EY’s 2018 Attractiveness report on Africa, “As growth across the rest of the continent accelerates, so do those markets take a greater share of inbound investment.” In what ways is Africa gaining momentum? James Newlands of global advisory firm EY will set the context for day one of the symposium with an overview on how the tides are turning across the ecosystems of investment, innovation, and entrepreneurship in Africa.

Speaker: James Newlands, Northeast Region Trade Leader, Ernst & Young

Investment Climate in Africa: Current and Future Outlook
Africa is rising steadily as the next frontier for investment, with the United States, United Kingdom, France, and China leading the way in direct investments to build an increasing number of African ventures. Global investments have driven the African economy, with varying FDIs and impact across the nation’s countries. What kinds of investments are being made and which countries are benefiting? How do we create inclusive and sustainable growth across the continent? Seasoned investment experts, strategic leaders, and researchers will provide an economic overview of financial growth and a region by region review of FDIs by source, destination and sector.

Human Capital Investment: Activating the Potential of Africa 2050
By 2050, Africa is expected to experience a demographic doubling in population to reach a landmark 1 billion. This profound shift has the potential to amplify abundance. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the African Union, African leaders established Agenda 2063 to plan for prosperity, shared growth, and economic opportunity for all. How can the Continent harness human capital to achieve and activate the potential of its growing population? This session highlights investment opportunities that pave a foundation for skills development, education, mentoring, and employment training. Learn about the United Nations’ major Impact Investment Collaborative in Africa and investment opportunities that foster African talent and ingenuity for a competitive and inclusive marketplace.
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Friday, January 25 | The Investment Ecosystem: Capturing Exceptional Returns in Africa

**Fireside Chat: On the Purpose of Capital with Jed Emerson**

The challenge of defining the true purpose of capital has been with us since the start of modern financial capitalism in 1604, but the roots of our exploration of meaning and purpose go back to the origins of humanity. How did we come to separate our understanding of economic/financial value from social/environmental value? How have we come to think of ourselves as separate from our neighbors, community, and planet? Jed Emerson of Blended Value will explore these two central questions through a fireside chat that investigates the challenge of defining the true purpose of capital since the start of modern financial capitalism in 1604.

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**Diaspora Impact Investment & Social Entrepreneurship**

Africa’s economic growth is unleashing the creativity of entrepreneurs across the continent. These entrepreneurs are inventing novel solutions to address big unsolved problems in their local markets. Unfortunately, the biggest problem they face is the lack of working capital to bring those solutions to scale. This session will share how to tap into the abundant financial resources that are available and how to attract impact investors to your social enterprise.

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**Silicon Valley Venture Capital and Africa — Connecting and Engaging the VC Community to Africa**

Not all SMEs are alike — among them, venture capital in Africa holds the highest potential of generating robust growth in revenue and jobs on the continent. According to Partech Ventures, the VC funding raised by African startups reached $367 million in 2016, with 33% yearly growth. This session addresses the ecosystem’s knowledge gap around VCs in Africa and case examples of opportunities. Taking an opportunities-over-obstacles approach, hear from leading experts on their investment decision-making, venture-building strategies, and results that led them to take the VC path in Africa.

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_East Africa: Amplifying Innovation – Investment – Entrepreneurship_

According to the World Bank, the average GDP for the East African region increased by about 5.9 percent in 2017, with Ethiopia leading the growth by 8 percent followed by Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. These countries are enjoying growth as a result of strong local private consumption, investment in infrastructure, and manufacturing. Additionally, the region stands as a leader in disruptive Fintech, with mobile money led by Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. Yet, in many of the 13 East African Countries, poverty, inequality, and political uncertainty continues. This session will address two specific questions:

• How can we sustain East African economic growth as we look forward to 2050?
• What role can the diaspora play (or is playing) in human capital investment, innovation, and entrepreneurship to ensure sustainability?

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_Reflection and Action_

Immerse in deep discussions with fellow participants after the panel sessions to redefine and reimagine impact in Africa. Convene with panelists and speakers to ask questions and continue conversations on the burgeoning investment ecosystem in Africa. How do you plan to take action? Network and spark collaborations through group ideation and potential partnerships.

_Free Time to Explore Silicon Valley_

Explore the heart of Silicon Valley and embark upon an evening of sight-seeing with fellow ADIS participants. Tour the local area, enjoy dinner at the restaurants along Castro Street in Mountain View, or take public transportation to go sightseeing in neighboring cities like San Francisco or San Jose.

_I leave you with this thought… a thought that always brings a smile, even a chuckle to my face in my most lucid moments. Imagine the indomitable spirit and flair of the real African imagination being consistently brought to bear on serious science & technology development on a grand & global scale. It’s my belief that we shall usher in an age of abundance & vibrancy hitherto unseen at any point in human history…for the survival of the species, it’s a must! The numbers bear me witness. The African diaspora must lead the way as we’ve done in other spheres. It shall be tough as hell but let us begin - again & again….! |

– Osh Agabi, Founder & CEO, Kineku
Saturday, January 26 | The Entrepreneurship & Innovation Ecosystem: Energizing Collaboration for the Future

**Integrated & Sustainable Development in Africa: Partnership for Goals**
The UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development outlines seventeen sustainable development goals. As a launchpad for action, Development Goal 17: Partnership for Goals seeks to “strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize global partnership for sustainable development.” What integrated approaches have been most effective in uplifting Africa toward a new model of sustainability? Intersectional goals such as poverty reduction, environmental sustainability, and job generation require a multi-faceted approach made possible through cross-sector collaboration. Delve into the current work and steps that policymakers, innovators, and entrepreneurs have taken to work toward integrated economic, social, and environmental sustainability in Africa.

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**Building a Foundation for Quality of Life: Health Care & Education**
Health care and education are key determinants of individual wellness as well as a nation’s overall economic health and sustainability. Achieving Agenda 2063 requires development that is people-driven, particularly among women and youth. How do we achieve a high standard of living and quality of life that drives well-being? This session provides an overview of how health care and education have the potential to transform African economies and set a foundation for an educated and skilled citizenry that builds prosperity and eradicates poverty.

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**Transforming the Landscape of Africa through Technology & Agricultural Entrepreneurship**
According to the World Bank, agriculture is a pivotal sector of the African economy, employing 65% of the African workforce and contributing to 32% of the continent’s GDP. Agriculture, however, remains as one of the sectors least tapped by technology. How have agriculture, technology, and entrepreneurship transformed the landscape of Africa and shifted the economy toward new innovations and opportunities? How do we tap into the potential of technological advancements in agriculture to catalyze the collaboration of farmers, entrepreneurs, and investors? Learn about the growing ag tech industry from researchers, investors, and entrepreneurs and their take on new trends in agricultural investments driven by technological advancements.

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Fourth Annual African Diaspora Investment Symposium

Amplifying Women Leaders’ Impact: How the next generation of women can use positions to positively impact conditions for women in the world

A record number of participants attended the ADIS2018 session titled “Dialogue & Action with Women Entrepreneurs and Investors.” The session provided learnings on how women are leading the charge in innovation and investment to transform African Economy. Current trends indicate that more women occupy leadership positions. For example,

- Ethiopia’s parliament has elected the country’s first female president, Sahle-Work Zewde
- Rwanda has the highest representation of women in parliament in the world
- The past few years have seen a rise in the number of women-owned businesses in Africa. Be it in IT, oil, mining, or in the aviation sector; female entrepreneurs are breaking gender stereotypes.

ADIS2019’s Amplifying Women Leaders Impact session will convene women leaders in Silicon Valley, the African Diaspora, and the Continent to discuss how women can use their POWER to make a positive impact to create a more sustainable and equitable world. Their impact can prepare the next generation of women leaders to lead effectively and transform their communities.

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The Intersection of Energy & Fintech Breakout Session

Fintech has emerged as a leading driver of advancing innovation in Africa, with a huge volume of digital currency and blockchain initiatives building across the Continent. According to Exploring the African Fintech Startup Ecosystem Report 2017, Africa is home to more than 300 fintech startups active in over 20 countries, with tremendous growth since 2015. During this workshop, we will explore how fintech can transform the African economy by banking the unbanked and by leapfrogging and disrupting inefficient systems.

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Builders of Africa’s Future

The second Builders of Africa’s Future Awards serves to showcase and award entrepreneurs who are running early-stage for-profit and not-for-profits that are addressing Africa’s unique needs through technology or differentiated business models. These unique needs include health, education, energy, financial inclusion, gender inclusion, nutrition, commerce, industrial development, and other socioeconomic good. A selection of nominees will showcase their startup; start-ups are selected based on the criteria of innovation, uniqueness, growth, potential, and impact potential on the continent.

Closing Session

Participants will convene for the final closing session of ADIS2019. The ADIS Co-Chair will provide a brief summary of key takeaways and highlights, including opportunities for action and upcoming ADN events.

Evening Reception and Live Performance

Join us for our closing reception, featuring live musical performance over light food and beverages. Network and energize collaboration with fellow participants at the symposium. What is your greatest takeaway? How do you plan to take action? Celebrate with us and continue conversations spurred from ADIS2019.

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Sebastián Albuja is Director of the Africa Division with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI). In this capacity, he leads the organization’s rule of law and human rights programs in 9 countries in the region. Before joining ABA ROLI, Albuja led the Africa and Americas Department at the Norwegian Refugee Council’s Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre in Geneva, where he oversaw the organization’s monitoring, advocacy, and research in Africa. Albuja has written widely on rule of law issues, including chapters in four academic books, five peer-reviewed and law review articles, and several reports and white papers on migration and internal displacement.

Zekarias Amsalu is the Founder & MD of IBEX Frontier / Financial Consultancy Ltd, with presence in Washington DC USA, London UK and Addis Ababa Ethiopia. Zekarias has been at the forefront of providing exposure of the emerging Tech sector in Ethiopia starting from coining the term ‘Sheba Valley’ for Ethiopia’s tech space and representing and speaking on behalf of flourishing ‘Tech-start-ups’ in Ethiopia at various platforms and research papers. Zekarias started his career in the private Banking sector in Ethiopia followed by a regional Finance Treasury role at Shell Oil East Africa Hub leading Treasury & Credit operations, Change Management implementations in East African cluster.

Semhar Araia is the Managing Director for Diaspora & Multicultural Partnerships at UNICEF USA, where she is responsible for developing and leading the organization’s overall partnerships strategy with diaspora communities in the United States to raise awareness and support for UNICEF’s mission. A recognized practitioner, organizer and thought leader on diaspora engagement, African affairs, and women’s leadership, Ms. Araia’s mission-driven lens and approach has helped amplify the powerful role of diasporas in the United States and around the world. Ms. Araia is also the founder of DAWN, the Diaspora African Women’s Network.

Elisabeth Chasia is a Portfolio Manager at MCE Social Capital. In her role, she focuses on debt investments in microfinance institutions and small and growing businesses in East and Southern Africa. Prior to MCE, Elisabeth oversaw Global Retail Operations for Bridge International Academies, a for profit chain of low-cost private schools that expanded from Kenya to Uganda, Nigeria, India and Liberia. Previously, Elisabeth was a management consultant with A.T. Kearney’s Dubai office. Elisabeth has an MBA from Columbia Business School, an MA from Carnegie Mellon University and a BA from Cornell University.

Philip L. Clay, PhD, is a Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and former Chancellor (2001-11). As Chancellor, he was involved in educational and research initiatives that MIT conducted with governments, corporations, and universities in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East to design sectoral or national strategies to harness the power of advanced research and education to advance national development goals. Professor Clay is a trustee of the Kresge Foundation and a founding member and former vice chair of the MasterCard Foundation; both of these foundations have focused on education in Africa.

Ameet Dhillon is the Managing Director of US-Africa Housing Finance (USAHF). USAHF is an American LLC that delivers attractive returns to private investors by purchasing home loans that are backed by high-quality houses in West Africa. The homes have been purchased by West African emigrants (living mostly in North America or Western Europe) who wish to own a house in their birth country. Ameet has an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and is an accomplished marketing and business development executive in the software and networking industries with over 25 years’ experience.
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Cyril Ebersweiler is a General Partner at SOSV and the founder/MD of HAX. He is a board member/advisor to a few startups including Leap Motion, Formlabs, Angel List, Collaborate (ACQ: CISCO), Hackster (ACQ: AVNET), Adoreme and Breather. He is the most experienced investor in the hardware space (250+) and has invested globally. Cyril is a popular speaker at international events (TC Disrupt, Collision, Pioneers, MIT Forum) and Universities (Stanford, UC Berkeley), has written dozens of articles and publishes regularly on topics such as technology, robotics, health and crowdfunding.

As an Innovation Catalyst, Kamran Elahian advises various governments on the needed transition from fossil based economies to sustainable innovation economies. In the past, as a global high-tech entrepreneur, he co-founded ten companies, produced 6 exits, 3 of them Unicorn IPOs with a total market cap of over $8B. For 15 years, he was Chairman of Global Catalyst Partners, a global VC firm ($350M under management) with investments in the U.S., Japan, China, India, Israel, and Singapore. Underlying his vision for global philanthropy is the conviction that modern Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) instrumental in dissolving barriers between nations and bridging the social and political differences among people.

Benjamin Fernandes, is a Tanzanian award-winning speaker, former national television personality and current entrepreneur. He worked at The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in their Digital Team and Financial Services team. In 2018, Fernandes was listed by Africa Youth Awards as the 15th Most Influential Tanzanian for the year. Fernandes is a Stanford GSB Alum and pivoted his career during his time in grad school. Currently, Fernandes runs a fintech company he founded during school called NALA. NALA currently ranks #3 in Tanzania for top Finance Apps and they are currently part of Y-Combinator’s Winter 2019 batch.

Okendo Lewis-Gayle is author of Harambeans and founder of the Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance. Harambe is an ecosystem of over 200 young African leaders (Harambeans) which has spawned a series of tech-enabled ventures such as Andela, Yoco an Fibre. Collectively Harambeans have generated over 2000 quality jobs, raised over $300m from Google Ventures, Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Ma and in the process established a pan-African network of startups valued at over $1bn. Okendo is the inaugural Entrepreneur in Residence at the Schwarzman College in Tsinghua University, Africa Advisor to the Vatican and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School.

Joshua Ghaim, PhD, is the Chief Technology Officer of Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies. In this role, he is responsible for global research and development organization for the consumer group. Josh is a member of the Consumer Group Operating Committee and the Johnson & Johnson Research & Development Management Committee. Prior to his role at Johnson & Johnson, Josh held the position of Global Head Franchise R&D Consumer Group, with responsibilities for Franchise R&D Strategy, Product Development, Technology Platforms, Scientific & Professional Affairs and Consumer Science globally. Since joining J&J, Josh has held various positions including Vice President Global Consumer Healthcare (CHC).

Duncan Goldie-Scot has been investing in startups companies in Africa for more than ten years and pioneered the use of mobile payments in micro finance institutions (MFIs). He co-founded the first 100% cashless MFI, created a company to create credit profiles using mobile data, and helped create a technical platform that is now used by MFIs across Africa. Duncan also started First Access, a credit scoring company that uses mobile money data; Access Afya, a chain of high-tech, low-cost health clinics in Nairobi; and, BitPesa, an African bitcoin to mobile money gateway and exchange.
Esteemed Speakers and Panelists

**Mussie Haile** is the founder of Moya Technologies, Inc., a Consulting services company. Mr. Haile is seasoned technologist with over 20-year experience including but not limited to Cyber Security, enterprise architecture, identity management, service-oriented architecture and cross-domain security solutions. Mr. Haile is also the founder and CEO of RevoltCypher LLC., a Blockchain platform & Services company with a mission to enable a smarter and more connected system that is Blockchain service to enable chain of custody on data objects utilized on critical backend data.

**Jonathan Halloran** is co-founder and CEO of American Homebuilders of West Africa (AHWA), a residential developer. As CEO, he is responsible for operations, strategy and day to day management of subsidiaries who develop, sell and construct single family homes in West Africa. Mr. Halloran brings over 25 years of business experience to AHWA in a series of progressively more responsible positions in the construction and construction services industries with both public and private companies. Prior to AHWA he served as EVP of Client Services at Textura Corporation (now owned by Oracle). His experience is focused in operations, sales and marketing.

**Cheryle Robinson Jackson** is Senior Vice President of Global Business Development and President of AAR Africa for AAR, a global aviation services company. Jackson served as AAR’s Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Development after joining the company in 2010 and added business development to her responsibilities and succeeded in growing AAR’s business in Africa. As Senior Vice President of Global Development, Jackson identifies new business opportunities and strategic industry and business partners in emerging, existing and underperforming markets, and cultivates strong relationships to bridge the cultural gap and align industry goals with local economic revitalization objectives.

**Maggie Kamau-Biruri** is the Head of Fundraising and Partnerships at HarvestPlus, an international Organization with offices in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. HarvestPlus’ is committed to ending hidden hunger by adding micronutrients to the diets of those who are deficient by enriching the staple foods that smallholder farmers grow and consume. Where her responsibilities include resource mobilization, partnership development and donor relations. Most recently, Maggie served as Partnership Director at Deloitte and Touche, as part of the leadership team managing former President Obama’s signature project on promoting youth leadership in Africa (YALI), funded by USAID and MasterCard Foundation.

**Rufaro Kangai-Sibanda** is a recognized leader in the field of international development, with 20 years’ experience developing, managing and implementing, health, technology, and education programs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Rufaro is an experienced cross-cultural communicator bridging global funders and local networks of CSO and policy leaders. She is the first Vice President of the Tech for Global Good initiative at the Tech Museum of Innovation and has worked at international development organizations such as the Global Fund for Women, Public Health Institute and International Child Resource Institute.

**Dr. Ermias Kebreab** is an Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture and holds the Sesnon Endowed Chair in Sustainable Agriculture at UC Davis. Dr. Kebreab conducts research to improve sustainability of livestock systems globally and reduce the impact of animal agriculture on the environment. He is contributing author to 2019 IPCC update, and chairs feed additive committee of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed articles. Dr Kebreab received several awards including Ruminant Nutrition and International Engagement Awards. He received BSc from University of Asmara, Eritrea, MSc and Ph.D. from University of Reading, UK.
Binyah Kesselly is a senior business strategist with over 25 years’ experience in multiple sectors, including maritime, aviation, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, management consulting, national security, and healthcare. He is passionate about post-conflict rebuilding and the role of public-private partnerships. Mr. Kesselly currently serves as Senior Director and Strategic Program Lead, Emerging Markets at the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Supply Chain Organization. In this cross-functional role, he provides strategic guidance to complex and transformative ideas that shape the way J&J Supply Chain Organization does business and engages its customers and external partners within Emerging Markets.

Helen Kim is the VP of Business Operations for Product & Technology at eBay. She leads product strategy & planning, product insights, program management, Agile practices, centralized quality and accessibility, tech innovation and product operations. In addition, Helen serves as the diversity and inclusion champion for the Product & Technology organization. Prior to eBay, Helen was the VP of Business Operations for Technology at Yahoo, and she also worked at McAfee and VeriSign. Earlier in her career, Helen was a management consultant at Deloitte & Touche specializing in security and privacy. Helen holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of California, Riverside.

Sid Mofya is the Director of Partnerships for the Draper Venture Network – a collective of 22 venture firms spread across the world’s key technology innovation centers and the world’s largest economies. He previously worked in Tanzania where he started up the country office of the Henry M Jackson Foundation, a Maryland-based healthcare organization; and in the UK, running energy programs for Shell and the Ministry of Justice. A native of Zambia, Sid serves in Board and Advisory roles for African organizations LIONS@frica, CRE Venture Capital and Kalene Education Fund. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and daughter.

Hugh Molotsi is the founder and CEO of Ujama, a mobile platform for parents to build trusted pools to help each other. Hugh also advises and invests in startups and is the co-author of The Intrapreneur’s Journey, a book on how to develop a culture of innovation at large companies. In 2015, Hugh concluded a 22-year career at Intuit where his last position was Engineering Fellow and Vice President of Innovation. During his Intuit tenure, Hugh worked on QuickBooks and several other small business offerings. Hugh has been a serial innovator and helped launch several new businesses at Intuit including Intuit Payments.

Rutendo Precious Mudzamiri is a Zimbabwean-born woman, currently serving as a Leadership Consultant for various organizations and individuals. Prior to this role she pioneered a women’s leadership development program, which has (to date) provided leadership & mentorship platforms for more than 400-young women. She started her leadership journey at the tender age of 17. Rutendo Mudzamiri says her goal is inspire the next generation of leaders—particularly women. Her commitment to serving women and global leadership dates back 2003 through the monthly speaker series sessions leading to the successful hosting Young African Women’s Summit attended by 88 young women leaders from 23 African countries.

Mel Melaku Negussie is COO and General Counsel of Ethio-American Doctors Group, Inc., a company established by 350+ healthcare professionals of primarily Ethiopian origin organized to build a state-of-the-art hospital in Ethiopia. He is also outside General Counsel for EDCD, Inc., an Arlington, VA—based organization that serves the immigrant and refugee community in the U.S. Mel serves on the board of Centennial Power International Corp., a holding company of fully integrated solar energy businesses with a dedicated team in Sub-Saharan Africa. Mel started his professional career as a Chemical Engineer for Dow Chemical Company. Mel obtained his JD from the University of Southern California Law School.
Chike Nwoffiah is a graduate of University of Lagos, Nigeria and Columbia University’s Graduate School of Business INM program. After twelve successful years as a corporate strategist for a Silicon Valley bio-tech company, he transitioned into private enterprise and has vast investments in Media, Agriculture and Real Estate in Nigeria and South Africa. Nwoffiah is the president of Rhesus Media Group, a full-service media production and consulting firm based in Stockton, California, Cape Town, South Africa and Lagos, Nigeria. He is also the founding director of the Silicon Valley African Film Festival (SVAFF). Now in its 10th year, SVAFF is the only film festival in California that is exclusively focused on films by African filmmakers and provides a platform for Africa’s seasoned and emerging filmmakers to share their stories with a global audience.

Margaret Nyamumbo is the founder & CEO of Kahawa 1893, a coffee company leveraging new technologies to revolutionize the global coffee supply chain and close the gender gap in the industry. She hails from a coffee growing family and her experience at the World Bank and Wall Street fueled her passion to leverage Trade, Innovation and Technology for development. Margaret holds an MBA from Harvard Business and studied Economics at Smith College and the London School of Economics.

James Newlands is the Northeast Region Trade Leader, working with EY teams serving accounts headquartered in the Northeast Region providing enablement and connectivity with key regions across the globe to ensure that they have the highest performing teams, delivering exceptional client service, worldwide, as clients increasingly seek growth in global markets. He is also responsible for ensuring that we deliver on that promise to global clients headquartered in other markets with operations in the Northeast.

Michael Oloruninwo has strong expertise in finance, operations and strategy with experience leading growth and financing strategies for startups and top-tier organizations in consumer goods, energy, and financial services. He also led deal sourcing, due diligence and investing efforts in fintech, agtech, life sciences, and previously worked at KPMG Consulting, Seven Energy, Stanford Impact Fund, Allamont Life Sciences and NICON Insurance. In his pastime, he loves debating new ideas, advising startups, and leading/volunteering at nonprofits. He is a Venture Partner at LoftyInc Capital Management supporting Silicon Valley fundraising efforts, and leads product management at Quantum Growth Works, which builds impact-led technology startups in Africa.

Abbey Omokhodion runs a multi-billion dollar portfolio of P&Ls within the Internet of Things division at Intel, partnering with operations leaders to drive strategy, grow the business profitably, scale solutions, and activate new markets. Prior to joining Intel, Abbey spent a decade at the General Electric Company’s Transportation and Lighting divisions in different finance roles including FP&A, Service finance, and Commercial finance roles. Her last role was CFO and Commercial Finance Leader for the Strategic accounts group at Current Powered by GE. In this role, she provided finance leadership to solve key outcomes for strategic customers.

Rashida Petersen is the CEO and Founder of 1847 Philanthropic and new technology start-up DIA-Fund. The catalyst to establish 1847 Philanthropic emanates from Ms. Petersen’s strong desire to create lasting impact in Africa by bringing the essentials of fundraising to their nonprofit institutions. DIA-Fund is a hybrid micro-philanthropy platform that connects members of the diaspora in the U.S with vetted community-based organizations in their home country and was developed out of 1847 Philanthropic, as technology solution to the problem of expensive due diligence costs to vet local organizations.
Irene Pritzker became a founding member and President and CEO of IDP Foundation, Inc. in 2008. It is her belief that education is the way to conquer the world’s greatest challenges, and that everyone should have equal access to education to provide hope, opportunity and economic impact on their homeland. IDP Foundation is dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of innovative and sustainable solutions to complex global issues. She believes a combination of smart philanthropy and investment solutions can be galvanized to make that future a reality, such as the IDP Rising Schools Program, developed in partnership with Ghanaian MFI Sinapi Aba.

Lee C. Sorensen is an international economic development consultant specializing in fragile contexts. Current advisory includes the Somalia Stability Fund, a multi-donor fund supporting the development of a peaceful, stable and secure Somalia by addressing structural drivers of conflict where he developed their strategy for Youth Employment, Human Capital and Private Sector Development. Other clients include the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Bank, and African Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) with projects on diaspora/impact funds, migration and remittances, financial inclusion, human capital, and private sector growth for job creation. Authored reports include Somali Diaspora Investment Survey Report, and Financial Inclusion for Displaced Somalis.

Nelson Torto is the Executive Director of The African Academy of Sciences (The AAS). The AAS is a non-aligned, non-political, not-for-profit pan African organisation whose vision is to see transformed lives on the African continent through science. Under his leadership, the goals of The AAS are to promote partnerships, mobilise the African scientific community, lead science advocacy efforts and ensure research findings are incorporated into policymaking so that science remains at the forefront of the African agenda and is adequately supported to transform people’s lives. At the core of his agenda is empathy; the stakeholder has to be part of finding the solution to their challenges.

Scott Wu is a partner at Omidyar Network and leads the firm’s investment, finance, and legal operations. In this role, he drives the evaluation, selection, and closing of all investments and management of the firm’s overall investment portfolio. Scott comes to Omidyar Network with a deep dedication to innovation – investing in, working with, and launching young companies and organizations to disrupt their respective sectors. He most recently served as a White House Presidential Innovation Fellow and senior advisor and entrepreneur-in-residence to the innovation funds of USAID. Scott was also a founding team member of Upstart.com.

Vicki P Wilkerson currently serves as Director, Global Trade Programs at Salesforce. Vicki has managed and directed trade compliance programs at companies such as Fortinet, Business Objects/SAP AG, HP, and Bay Networks/Nortel. For more than 20 years, she has helped to shape educational programs for the global trade community and currently serves as Chairwoman of Women in International Trade – Northern California (WIT-NC) chapter where she has participated in numerous national and international public policy alliances affecting global trade controls. Vicki serves on the Boards of How Women Lead and RiseUp advocating for the global advancement of women’s economic, social and health initiatives.

Liya Weldegebriel is a PhD student in Environmental Engineering at University of California, Berkeley. She is interested in the water-food-energy nexus in emerging economies. Previously, she has worked as a hydraulic design associate for an engineering consulting firm in the US; she has also led a team to develop a treatment technology that relies primarily on sunlight for inactivation of pathogens for wastewater produced by a sanitation startup company in Naivasha, Kenya. She is a founding team member of Ethiopians in Tech, a collective of Ethiopians whose mission is to support the growth of Ethiopia’s technology and startup ecosystem, based in Silicon Valley.
Builders of Africa’s Future: The Inaugural African Diaspora Impact & Innovation Awards

The African Diaspora Network is delighted to announce the 2019 Builders of Africa’s Future (BAF) Awardees. Builders of Africa’s Future is a session that celebrates innovation and impact in early stage African enterprises. BAF serves to showcase and award entrepreneurs who are running early stage for-profit and not-for-profits that are addressing Africa’s unique needs through technology or differentiated business models. These unique needs are in health, education, energy, financial inclusion, gender inclusion, nutrition, commerce, industrial development, and other socioeconomic good.

Africa’s future lives in these youth, given that 40% of the continent’s working age are between 15 and 24. According to the UN, there are 200 million youth in Africa, expected to double by 2045. Therefore investing in African youth is urgent and critical. We at African Diaspora Network recognize the ingenuity and contributions of young African leaders and wish to amplify these youth’s work through the BAF awards, while also encouraging the African Diaspora, friends of Africa, and Silicon Valley investors to invest in them.

We welcome and congratulate our ten awardees. A special thank you to Twum Djin of Goodwater Capital, for your leadership in initiating and developing BAF, and to Innocent Shumba of Ernst & Young and Lydia Idem of FM Capital Group, for leading our competitive applicant process to identify our ten selected global leaders.

Twum Djin, Goodwater Capital
Innocent Shumba, Ernst & Young
Lydia Idem, FM Capital Group

The African Diaspora Investment Symposium is emblematic of the increasing organization, mobilization and dynamism of the African Diaspora. I met audience members who had flown from various countries in Africa, Europe, and throughout the United States to attend to convocation of entrepreneurs, investors, NGO leaders, academics, and policymakers. The organization is launching a platform to better enable its transitional members to communicate and distribute new ideas.

– Dr. Liesl Riddle, Associate Professor of Int’l Business and Int’l Affairs, George Washington
2019 African Diaspora Innovation & Impact Award Include

**Pamela Anyoti Peronaci**, Founding Partner of Sunshine Agro Products and Owner and CEO of Asante Mama signature brand

**Solomon King Benge**, Founder of Fundibots

**Barbara Birungi Mutabazi**, Founder of Women in Technology Uganda (WITU)

**Joachim Ewechu**, Co-Founder and CEO of SHONA Group

**Celestine Ezeokoye is** Founder/CEO of WeMove Technologies

**Mahmud Johnson is** Founder and CEO of J-Palm Liberia (JPL)

**Linda Kamau**, Managing Director and Co-Founder of AkiraChix.

**Faraja Nyalandu**, Founder of Shule Direct

**Navalayo Osembo-Ombati**, Co-Founder of Enda Athletic, Inc. (Kenya)

**Kwami Williams**, Co-founder of MoringaConnect (Ghana)

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**Enda Athletic | Women In Tech Uganda**  
**Moringaconnect | AkiraChix**  
**Unreasonable East Africa | J-Palm Liberia**
The African Diaspora Network Presents the Barka Award

“Barka” is an expression of gratitude. It is a word used in multiple languages and cultures in Africa. In fact, usage of the word can be found across the continent including in Ghana, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. To say “barka” in Mooré, Burkina Faso, is to express a gratitude so sincere and profound that it also conveys a blessing; imparting a dual meaning to the word: thank you, and be blessed.

African Diaspora Network is pleased to present its third Barka Award to:

Twum Djin, Goodwater Capital and Chairman of the Board, ADN

“Twum’s individual merit is manifested in the ways he leads and motivates our broader team. Twum has always put others first through his kindness, knowledge and mentorship. Unafraid of any challenge, Twum’s humble sense of excellence allows him to find creative solutions and drive execution.”

– Eric Kim, General Partner at Goodwater Capital

“As a longtime friend who has had the privilege of working with Twum, I see him as the epitome of dedication. Once he decides to support a cause or mission, he’s unwavering and will do everything in his power to make it successful. His servant heart makes him an empathetic leader who is always seeking the wellbeing of others, and setting them up for success. There are people who talk about making things happen, and there are people who actually make things happen. Twum is someone who makes things happen.”

– Kwasi Ohene-Adu

Since the first day I met Twum in 2015, he has offered his time, insight, and financial commitment to ADN with no questions asked. He is one of the very few people I know who, from the very start, has believed in the big vision of ADN and he always, always uses the word “we” to describe what ADN stands for. Twum, in my opinion, embodies what is GREAT, not just about Africa, but about human beings. We are fortunate to have him as chairman to lead ADN to new heights.

– Almaz Negash
Looking Ahead to Impact Africa in 2019

Did you know that in 2017, Silicon Valley, a small community of 46.89 square miles and three million people, far surpassed the venture capital funding earned on the continent of Africa? This statistic, report in the Silicon Valley Financial Times, reveals how the continent is far behind in securing venture capital for startups. But with the rise of emerging African business, there is an opportunity for the diaspora to engage the Silicon Valley venture capitalists to the work of Africans. At ADN, we are trying to capture that possibility.

Beginning with the 2019 African Diaspora Investment Symposium, we offer a platform to learn about the state of Africa and ways of connecting and engaging entrepreneurs, investors, and innovators. We sustain these efforts by continuing the Africa Impact & Innovation Series first launched at ADIS2018. Since our launch, we have developed a thriving ADN network from coast to coast. This year, we are delighted to announce our national sessions focusing on “Human Capital, Investment, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.”

- Women Leaders Impact and Innovation Series: Silicon Valley
- Entrepreneurship and Human Capital Development: Washington D.C., and New York
- Technology, Investment, and Innovation: Silicon Valley

Join us as we work together to close the gaps. Given that ADN is headquartered in Silicon Valley, we will continue to increase engagement with the investor community and VC sector to opportunities that exist in Africa.
The African Diaspora Network Technology Platform

We are excited to announce the launch of this online networking platform crafted for community-building and knowledge-sharing. The ADN online network is distinct from other networking sites, in that we do not collect membership data for marketing purposes. As a registered member, you will have full access to a unique communication tool developed to enable productive relationships and expedite action.

Our vision from the beginning has been to connect Africans of the Diaspora, friends of Africa, and changemakers on the Continent to build bridges and foster fruitful partnerships through collective efforts and ingenuity. The ADN online network is designed for community-building and knowledge-sharing. In order for our platform to become a powerful tool with collective benefit, we need your support and participation. Building a vibrant community that interacts both off- and online has always been ADN’s goal. Now that we’ve taken the next step toward this goal, we ask that you continue to support our efforts.

ADN Online Platform Features & Benefits Include

• Password protected individualized access to the platform.
• Ability to post your picture, bio, needs, and interest on the platform.
• Ability to send email to fellow members (without seeing their email address). We care about individual privacy and as such you will only see first, last, and expertise and no other demographic information. Note that the person to whom you are sending email has the right to accept to accept your invitation or not.
• Safe forum to explore opportunities, float ideas, challenge thinking, develop engagement skills.

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• Opportunity to speak, design and moderate a panel discussion at the Friday and Saturday sessions
• Recognition and promotion in e-Newsletter to more than 15,000 members of network partners.
• Detailed profile included in conference program/agenda
• Verbal recognition at event
• Information stall at event and 15 free tickets to the event
• Invitation to reception
• Large logo and business name displayed prominently in all marketing/outreach

Premium Sponsorship | $10,000 – $15,000

• Medium logo and business name displayed in all marketing and outreach materials.
• Recognition and promotion in e-Newsletter to more than 15,000 members of network partners.
• Opportunity to participate in panel discussions
• Profile included in conference program/agenda
• Verbal recognition at event
• Information stall at event and 10 free tickets to the event
• Invitation to reception.

Benefactor Sponsorship | $5,000 – $9,999

• Logo and business name on event program, website and displayed during event
• Opportunity to host table top topics during lunch.
• Invitation to reception and 7 free tickets to the event.
• Verbal recognition at event

Friend Sponsorship | $2,500

• Logo and business name on website and displayed during event
• Invitation to reception and 3 free tickets to the event.
Thank You

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