

Diaspora Engagement Forum (DEF) and African Diaspora & Development Day (AD3) 2024

The next 30 years: Harnessing diaspora resources for sustainable socio-economic development and investment in Africa: contributions of the African diaspora in the United Kingdom"

6 July 2024
Holiday Inn, Kensington, Wrights Lane
London, W8 5SP

Programme

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | <i>Registration and welcoming coffee</i> | |
| 09:00 – 9:20 | OPENING CEREMONY | |
| | <p><i>Welcoming Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ndidi Njoku, AFFORD</i> <p><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Amadou Cisse, AIR</i> ● <i>Stella Opoku-Owusu, AFFORD</i> | |
| 9:20 – 9:45 | SESSION I – KEYNOTE ADDRESS | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Lewis Goode, Afrivest</i> | |
| 9:45 – 11:00 | SESSION II - DIASPORA INVESTMENTS AND PHILANTHROPIC CHANNELS | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Different investment channels and products available in the UK that allow pooling of resources.</i> - <i>Crowdfunding to implement collective investments.</i> - <i>Philanthropic activities in home countries.</i> - <i>Legal implications and policy hindrances of such collective investments.</i> - <i>Diaspora engagement with necessary authorities to influence decision making to promote pooling of resources.</i> - <i>Lessons and success cases in other jurisdictions and in Africa and replicability.</i> | <p>Moderator: <i>Dilys Winterkorn, Advisor, African Philanthropy</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Samantha Atta-Mensah</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hon. Abdulrahman Terab, NIDCOM</i> 2. <i>R. Yofi Grant, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) *</i> 3. <i>Agnes Gitau, Eastern African Association</i> 4. <i>Githiora Thuku, Baobab Network</i> 5. <i>Na Ncube, Enaleni *</i> 6. <i>Toyin Solaru Balogun, NDDIS</i> |
| 11:00 -11:15 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | SESSION III – COLLECTIVE DIASPORA INITIATIVES: EXPERIENCES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Experience of the UK diaspora in collective actions/remittances including challenges.</i> - <i>Leveraging technology to facilitate more collaboration in collective projects.</i> - <i>Role of tech companies in integrating the diaspora communities and the local communities in home countries.</i> - <i>Barriers to financial inclusion and solutions.</i> - <i>Leveraging diaspora investment (time, skills, and money) through block chain technology.</i> - <i>Member States to present opportunities available in Africa for diaspora contribution and engagement</i> | <p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Eva Khair, Sudan Transnational Consortium</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Mina Okuru Addico* / Ayanfe Oluwa Atolagbe</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Joseph Lamptey, Pay Angel</i> 2. <i>Nicolai Eddy, Nala Money</i> 3. <i>Joe Kinvi, PLTFM</i> 4. <i>Afzaal Mauthoor, EarthboundX</i> |

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| 12:30 – 13:00 | AFFORD@30 CULMINATION, LAUNCH OF IMPACT STUDY – NICHOLAS ATAMPUGRE, CARORA CONSULT THE NEXT 30 YEARS: SUPPORTING AFFORD'S MISSION – MARIAMA KAMARA, SMILING THROUGH LIGHT & AFFORD BUSINESS CENTRE (ABC) ALUMNI | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 14:00 - 15:15 | SESSION IV: ROLE OF REMITTANCES IN EMERGENCIES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mechanisms for coordinated African diaspora disaster response in Africa.</i> - <i>Challenges/barriers/obstacles to effective coordination.</i> - <i>Harnessing diaspora professionals' skills as volunteers in emergency situations.</i> | <p>Moderator: <i>Elvina Quaison, Shabaka</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Yoma Ziregbe</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Moses Mulimira, THET</i> 2. <i>Georgia Prati, FAO</i> 3. <i>Unisa Dizo-Conteh, PhD Researcher</i> 4. <i>Yasmin Ghaffar, Save the children</i> |
| 15:15 – 16:30 | SESSION V: BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF IMPACT FIRST AND INVESTOR MARKETS TO DEVELOP DIASPORA TARGETED INVESTMENT PRODUCTS | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>An overview of initiatives piloted and challenges faced in scaling up (example regulatory hurdles).</i> - <i>Partnerships and expertise needed to produce and launch such products.</i> - <i>A clear outline of prerequisites to attract impact first investors and other donors.</i> - <i>And understanding investors/funder profiles.</i> - <i>Creative ideas to develop prototypes with limited resources.</i> | <p>Moderator: <i>David Smith, British African Business Alliance</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Ayanfe Oluwa Atolagbe / Karen Arthur*</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hon. Edwin Afande, Kenya High Commission</i> 2. <i>Ndidi Njoku, AFFORD</i> 3. <i>Gibril Faal, GK Partners*</i> 4. <i>Roopal Kanabar, Fund Manager</i> 5. <i>Angela Odai, AU-CIDO*</i> |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | CLOSING REMARKS | <i>As per protocol</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Diaspora</i> - <i>Partners</i> - <i>DEF 2024 Host – AFFORD, UK</i> - <i>AIR</i> | |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | Coffee Break and networking | |