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Reshaping Africa's Narrative
Through Energy Transition,
Inclusive Growth and Trade
& Digital Transformation





The second Global Africa Business Initiative reminds us of the Continent's limitless possibilities. From its vast natural resources and links across global supply chains to its young and talented population eager for opportunities, to its global food basket and the renewable energy superpower, to the Africa Continental Free Trade Area which fully implemented would create a single market worth over \$3Trillion. Unleashing Africa's great potential is the great opportunity of our age!

– **Antonio Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General



I wholeheartedly endorse the design of this Forum which seeks to formulate the most relevant and substantial proposals to accelerate the process of economic transformation in Africa. The Global Africa Business Initiative is designed to accelerate the promotion of business, trade and investment opportunities on the Continent. This objective also constitutes the real dynamic level capable of creating the expected and shared prosperity. In doing so, this Forum, directly and indirectly, assigns a crucial role to the private sector.

– **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson



"We don't want this to stop in New York, we want to go back to Africa and of course, the networks across the world" – *Amina J. Mohammed*, UN Deputy Secretary-General

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Background

The Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI) is a private sector-led platform to accelerate Africa's business, trade, and investment prospects and to reposition Africa's narrative on the global stage while also contributing towards the African Union Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through these efforts, GABI aims to reshape Africa's narrative as the premier investment destination for the world.

Under the leadership of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, GABI aims to serve as a platform where Africa's private sector convenes governments, investors and philanthropy to amplify and accelerate opportunities in and for Africa. In 2023, GABI had its second annual forum tagged 'Unstoppable Africa' and it was convened by the United Nations Global Compact, in collaboration with the African Union (AU) and partner agencies namely, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Africa, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), International Trade Centre (ITC), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL).

GABI also benefited from the wealth of experience and coordination of its GABI Circle; this is a group of business leaders and philanthropists who provide leadership and advisory roles to GABI. They are pivotal to the shaping of GABI's short and long-term goals. GABI Circle members include Google, Africa Export-Import Bank (Afrexim) Bank, BUA Group, and The Rockefeller Foundation. GABI places high importance on all its partnerships, acknowledging that its success is directly influenced by the strength of collaboration with both the private and public sectors, in addition to the support provided by the government.

In September 2023, through Unstoppable Africa, GABI convened leaders from the private and public sectors to discuss business, trade and investment opportunities within three thematic areas: **Energy Access and Energy Transition, Inclusive Growth and Trade, and Digital Transformation**. The opening session featured remarks from principals of the United Nations and the African Union, emphasizing Africa's unstoppable progress. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres emphasized the immense opportunities in Africa. UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed highlighted the formation of the Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI) as a platform to ensure that Africa's voice and aspirations can be heard across the world. The African Union Chairperson H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat called for bolder private sector participation.

Through dialogue among a broad spectrum of private sector stakeholders on the thematic areas, GABI's commitment to engaging diverse actors in Africa's business, trade and investment sectors was evident by the fact that **more than 3,000 participants joined in-person and online**. The private sector was represented by distinguished leaders such as Abdul Samad Rabiou of BUA Group; Dr. James Manyika from Google; William Asiko from the Rockefeller Foundation, Florizelle Liser from the Corporate Council on Africa; Jacqueline Novogratz of Acumen; CEOs from the Africa Business Leaders Coalition (ABLC) and many others. They shared insights on the opportunities and challenges within the private sector and provided valuable perspectives on technology, corporate governance, impact investing, and trade finance that can scale African productivity, trade and development.

“Africa needs to rethink how it presents bankable projects and investment opportunities that it intends to sell to the world” – **James Mwangi**, Group Managing Director & CEO of Equity Group Holdings

Private sector icons, such as Microsoft President, Mr. Brad Smith; The Coca-Cola Company CEO, Mr. James Quincy, and business leaders such as the Equity Group Holdings–Group Managing Director & CEO, Dr. James Mwangi; The Rose of Sharon Group–Group Managing Director, Ms. Folorunso Alakija; Cleopatra Group Chairman and Founder, H.E. Hon. Mohamed Abou El-Enein; Harith General Partners CEO, Mr. Tshepo Mahloele; Summa Group President, Mr. Selim Bora; African Finance Corporation Executive Director & Head, Financial Services, Sanjeev Gupta; Essence Ventures President & CEO, Co-Founder of WangaWoman LLC, Ms. Caroline Wanga; and The Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Founder and Chair, Dr. Mo Ibrahim, all highlighted the pivotal role of businesses in shaping Africa's economic landscape. The contribution of leaders from global financial institutions, creative and sports industries, and non-profits emphasized GABI's holistic approach which ensures that stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and expertise contribute to inclusive and sustainable business, trade, and investment opportunities on the continent.

Heads of State including the Prime Minister of Barbados, H.E. Mia Mottley; President of Botswana, H.E. (Dr.) Mokgweetsi Masisi; President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, H.E. Felix Tshisekedi; President of Ghana, H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo; President of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Ruto; gave insights on the critical role of political leadership in driving change.

The participation of the United Nations Secretary-General, global and regional institution leaders like Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank and Prof. Benedict Oramah, President of the Africa Export-Import (Afrexim) Bank underscored the active role of international organizations in Africa's development.

The Unstoppable Africa discussions revolved around Africa's pivotal role in the three thematic areas. **In the session on Energy Access and Energy Transition**, discussions underscored the importance of diversified supply chains and collaborative efforts in the energy transition and echoed Africa's competitive advantage in critical minerals, signaling transformative commitments like Ghana's net-zero emissions plan and the DRC's focus on batteries and electric vehicles.

Sessions on Inclusive Growth and Trade delved into strategies to propel Africa into economic growth. It emphasized the role of long-term investments, dispelled monolithic perceptions about Africa, and promoted business opportunities on the continent. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) took center stage. It highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts, an enabling environment for sustainable investments, and the need to tap into the diaspora for development.

“These are the areas I think we should work on, infrastructure development, food security and value addition” – **Abdul Samad Rabiu**, Founder & Chairman, BUA Group

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Panel discussion on Unveiling the Future of Intelligent Health In Africa

In the Digital Transformation session, the strategic use of data for Africa's digital transformation was a key thematic focus. Private sector leaders, including Google, highlighted the need for foundational infrastructure like electricity to unlock the full potential of technology on the continent. The focus on balanced regulation, collaboration between governments and businesses, and leveraging technology for informed decisions underscored a concerted effort to propel Africa into the digital age. Strategic initiatives, such as the African Development Bank's partnership with Google to establish a coding center, exemplified a transformative approach toward harnessing the potential of Africa's youth for innovation and economic progress.

Catalyzing Youth emerged as one of the themes, with discussions acknowledging the resilience of young political leaders and women in the face of challenges. Calls for reshaping traditional education models, providing access to funding for young entrepreneurs, and promoting youth engagement with the African Union underscored a commitment to empowering the next generation.

In the realm of the Creative and Sports Economy, there was recognition of Africa's innovative capabilities, with an emphasis on the creative industry's role in shaping positive investment narratives. Initiatives like the International Trade Centre (ITC) SheTrades Global Network and UNDP Timbuktoo Initiative signified the importance of private-sector investments in fashion, sports, and the broader creative sector. All these highlight the economic opportunities arising from strategic partnerships and investments in these industries.

Throughout the discussions, there was a recurring theme of exploring Africa's untapped and under-invested opportunities across various sectors. The need for collaboration, sustainable investments, and innovative approaches to harness Africa's resources, especially its youth, emerged as critical elements for the continent's economic growth and global competitiveness.

"The most important technology priority for Africa is electricity!" – **Brad Smith**, Vice Chair & President Microsoft

Announcements Made

Several substantial announcements were made by key participants, setting the stage for transformative changes on the continent:

Ghana's Ambitious Energy Transition:

Ghana announced an ambitious objective of achieving net-zero emissions and generating 400,000 jobs by 2060. To realize this vision, they unveiled a USD 550 billion Energy Transition and Investment Plan, aiming to lead the way in sustainable energy and job creation.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the EV Industry:

DRC, recognizing the growing importance of electric vehicles and batteries, made strides to establish a prominent position in these value chains. They introduced a 1,000-hectare space in Kolwezi with special economic zone status, signaling their intent to become a significant player. DRC also extended a call to global investors to collaborate on addressing climate change and fostering economic growth.

AfDB and Google's Collaboration for Tech Education:

The African Development Bank (AfDB) joined forces with Google to establish a Center of Excellence for coding in Africa. This initiative represents a significant step towards enhancing digital literacy and holds the potential to empower African youth and foster innovation.

Empowering Women through ITC SheTrades:

The International Trade Center (ITC) extended an invitation to businesses to join the SheTrades network, a program dedicated to promoting women's economic empowerment. This initiative has already impacted the lives of over 200,000 women entrepreneurs since its inception in 2015.

"The diasporans are such important investors for the continent" – **Mimi Alemayehou**, Managing Partner, Semai Ventures LLC and Senior Advisor, Three Cairns Group

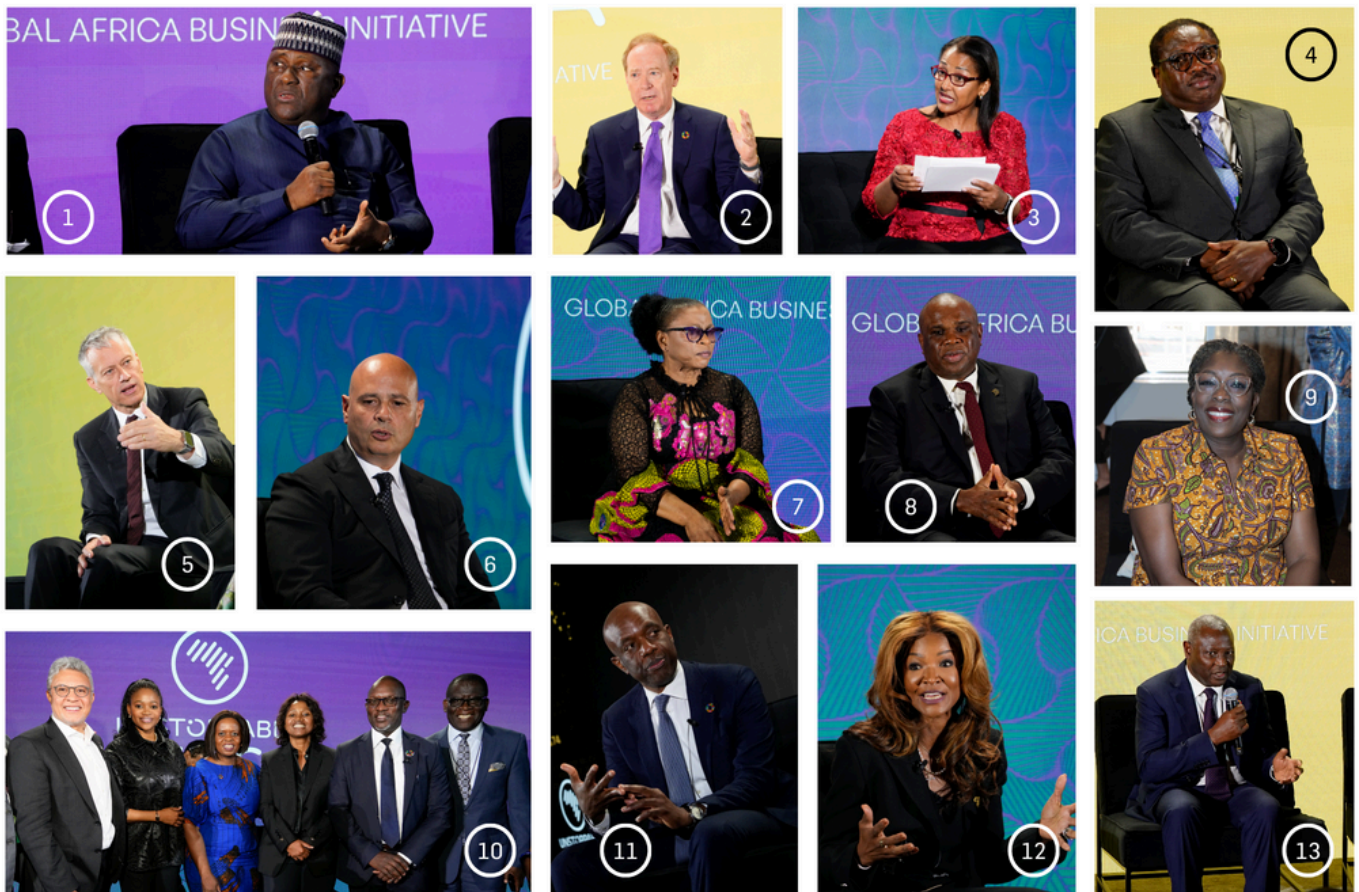


AfDB and Google's Collaboration for Tech Education

"I will highly encourage policymakers to make sure they encourage the youths to get involved in events technologies, AI and blockchain" – **Jeff Wong**, EY Global Chief Innovation Officer

A gala dinner was held on the evening of the first day of Unstoppable Africa. The dinner recorded the attendance of government representatives, African and global business leaders as well as sports and creative icons. The New York City Mayor, Eric Adams, extended a warm welcome and underscored **the significant contributions of the diaspora to Africa's sustained development**. Adding to the evening's allure, a captivating fashion show was presented, showcasing the creative prowess and opportunities within the African fashion industry.

At the end of the two-day forum, the Assistant Secretary-General & CEO of the United Nations Global Compact, **Sanda Ojiambo** expressed gratitude to those contributing to GABI's success, recognizing the vital roles of various teams, thought partners, and the African Union. The UN Deputy Secretary-General, **Amina J. Mohammed**, delivered a closing message celebrating Africa's resilience, innovation, and potential. She emphasized the importance of optimism, empowerment, and GABI's role in promoting Africa's progress and global influence. Below are the key highlights showcasing 47 dialogue sessions, featuring more than 120 speakers. Included is a summary of recommendations for GABI's collaborative execution with its partners



(1.) **Abdul Samad Rabiu**, Founder & Chairman BUA Group (2.) **Brad Smith**, Vice Chair & President, Microsoft (3.) **Prof. (Dr.) Senait Fisseha**, The Susan Buffet Foundation (4.) **William Asiko**, The Rockefeller Foundation (5.) **James Quincey**, Chairman & CEO of The Coca-Cola Company (6.) **Selim Bora**, Chairman of Summa Group (7.) **Folorunso Alakija**, Vice-Chairman, FAMFA Oil Limited and Managing Director, The Rose of Sharon Group (8.) **Prof. Benedict Oramah**, President of the Africa Export-Import (Afrexim) Bank (9.) **Zouera Youssoufou**, Managing Director/CEO, Aliko Dangote Foundation (ADF) (10.) **ABLC CEOs with Sanda Ojiambo**, Assistant Secretary-General & CEO of United Nations Global Compact (From left: **Ayman Ismail**, Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO, Dar Al Mimar Group; **Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo**, Special Advisor, Africa Director, Climate Champions; **Phumzile Langeni**, Deputy Chairman of Imperial Logistics; Non-Executive Director of DP World Group; **Martin Ochien'g**, CEO, Sasini; **Daniel Sackey**, Regional Executive for Anglophone West Africa, Ecobank) (11.) **Dr. James Manyika**, Google Senior Vice President of Research, Technology & Society (12.) **Tamika Tremaglio**, Executive Director, National Basketball Players Association (13.) **Dr. James Mwangi**, Group Managing Director & CEO, Equity Group Holdings and Executive Chairman, Equity Group Foundation

Speakers

Global & Regional Institution Leaders



Global & Regional Institution Leaders: (1.) Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (2.) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (3.) H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) (4.) Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank

The World's Energy Hub



The World's Energy Hub: (1.) H.E. Amani Abou-Zeid, AUC Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy (2.) Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Founder and Chair, The Mo Ibrahim Foundation (3.) Dr. Acha Loke, Senior Partner, Chairman McKinsey & Company Africa (4.) Makhtar Diop, Managing Director, International Finance Corporation (5.) Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite, Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment of Nigeria (6.) Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All; Co-Chair of UN-Energy (7.) Cristina Duarte, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General (8.) Antha Williams, Head of the Environment Programme, Bloomberg

The World's Trade Hub



The World's Trade Hub: (1.) **Martin Kingston**, Executive Chairman, Rothschild and Co SA (Pty) Ltd. (2.) **Tariye Gbadegesin**, CEO, Climate Investment Funds (3.) **Sanjeev Gupta**, Executive Director & Head, Financial Services, African Finance Corporation (4.) **Gayle E. Smith**, CEO, The One Campaign (5.) **Walid Hareb Al Falahi**, CEO, UAE Trade Center and Dubai Consultancy Company (6.) **Yvonne Aki-Sawyer OBE**, Mayor-elect of Freetown (7.) **Jacqueline Novogratz**, Founder & CEO, Acumen (8.) **Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong**, Executive Chairman, NantWorks

The World's Innovation Hub



The World's Innovation Hub: (1.) **H.E. Dr. Bosun Tijani**, Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Federal Republic of Nigeria (2.) **H.E. Paula Ingabire**, Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation of Rwanda (3.) **Jeff Wong**, EY Global Chief Innovation Officer (4.) **Caroline Wanga**, President & CEO, Essence Ventures; Co-Founder of WangaWoman LLC (5.) **Niraj Varia**, CEO, iProcure Ltd (6.) **Christine Souffrant Ntim**, Founder & CEO, Global Startup Ecosystem (GSE) (7.) **Courtney Powell**, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Partner, 500 Globa (8.) **Charles Murito**, Director, Sub-Saharan Africa, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Google

The World's Sports Hub



The World's Sports Hub: (1.) Strauss Zelnick, Chief Executive Officer of Take-Two Interactive (2.) Bismack Biyombo, Phoenix Suns and NBPA Executive Committee Member (3.) Nana Appiah-Korang, Executive Director on the Board of Directors, Silverbacks Holdings (4.) Ndamukong Suh, National Football League (NFL) (5.) Gorgui Dieng, National Basketball Association (NBA) (6.) Nneka Ogwumike, Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) (7.) Kyle Okposo, National Hockey League (NHL) (8.) NBPA Team with H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi, President of Botswana

The World's Creative Hub



The World's Creative Hub: (1.) Ayanna Lonian, Director and Head of Worldwide Major Studio Licensing Strategy at Amazon Prime Video (2.) Tokunbo Akerele, Chairman, Style House Files; CEO, TOA Advisory (3.) Deniece Laurent-Mantey, Special Advisor on U.S.- Africa Leaders Summit Implementation, U.S. Department of State (4.) Baaba Maal, Singer, Guitarist, and Activist (5.) Ernestine White-Mifetu, Sills Foundation Curator of African Art, Brooklyn Museum (6.) Susan Sabet, Publisher & Editor-In-Chief, Fashion; Co-founder, Egyptian Fashion and Design Council (EFDC) (7.) Audu Maikori, Co-Founder, Pixel Ray Studios (8.) Moky Makura, Executive Director, Africa No Filter

[Speakers List Download Here](#)

Heads of State in Attendance



H.E. Mia Mottley
Prime Minister of Barbados



H.E. (Dr.) Mokgweetsi Masisi
President of Botswana



H.E. Felix Tshisekedi
President of the Democratic Republic of Congo



H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo
President of Ghana



H.E. (Dr.) William Ruto
President of Kenya



H.E. Andrzej Sebastian Duda
President of Poland

Youth Voice



(1.) Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, Special Envoy on Youth to African Union Chairperson & Cabinet (2.) Ugo Nwadiani, Co-President of Microlumbia Impact Fund (3.) Lakeshia Ford, Founder, Ford Communications (4.) His Royal Highness King Kufulula Arnold, King of Congo Bapindi Kingdom (5.) Tobi Amusan, Athlete and Current World Record Holder in the 100 Metres hurdles (6.) Claudia Kwarteng-Lumor, CEO and Founder, Glitz Africa Fashion Week (7.) Afua Osei, Ghanaian-American Writer (8.) Iyinoluwa Aboyeji, Founding Partner, Future Africa (9.) Arsema Thomas, Actor/Entrepreneur (10.) Wangari Muchiru, Director, Africa Wind Power Association (11.) Fadilah Tchoumba, Secretary General, African Business Angels Network (12.) Denim Richards, Actor; CEO, Khumo Studios (13.) Shakti Ramkumar, Senior Director of Policy and Communications, Student Energy (14.) Joy Basu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs (15.) Edeifo Brittany Aikhuele, Miss Nigeria USA 2023

Our Reach



Voices of Insight

"Young Africans deserve to be on the global stage; we want to contribute to the continent, but we also want to contribute towards global development." – **Chido Cleopatra Mpemba**, Special Envoy on Youth to African Union Chairperson & Cabinet

"Africa is the youngest and fastest-growing continent in the world, with unparalleled potentials for business and opportunities for economic growth" – **H.E. (Dr.) Mokgweetsi Masisi**, President of Botswana

"Value addition is key for Africa. We produce 75% of the world's cocoa, yet we only get 10% of the \$150 billion market. Adding value to our resources, focusing on food security, and promoting local addition are areas that demand our concentration and efforts." – **James Manyika**, Senior Vice President of Research Technology and Society, Google

"When you look at sports, sports has become a bridge to also figure out where we can educate our young brothers and sisters." – **Bismack Biyombo**, Phoenix Suns and NBPA Executive Committee Member

"We talk a lot about the trajectory of Africa's growth in terms of trade; my belief is that we can't talk about the future of Africa without speaking about the Caribbeans." – **Lakeshia Ford**, Founder, Ford Communications

"Trust young people with funding, project management responsibilities, and resources to execute innovative ideas. This trust is crucial for accelerating and scaling up actions needed for a sustainable and equitable energy future." – **Shakti Ramkumar**, Senior Director of Policy and Communications, Student Energy

"We have to enter this continent called Africa through a promise rather than a problem lens." – **Ahunna Eziakonwa**, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator, and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA), UNDP

"Venture capital has a unique role in the energy transition, especially for nascent technologies in Africa like hydrogen, energy storage, and biofuels. Knowledge exchange is vital, but our challenges are unique, and we need local innovators who understand the system and can develop tailored solutions." – **Ugo Nwadiani**, Co-President of Microlumbia Impact Fund

"What is standing between Africa and our opportunities is investment capital and that is what we are looking for" – **H.E. (Dr.) William Ruto**, President of Kenya

"Unless we master the logistics of trade with respect to air transport and sea transport, we are not going to be able to move goods and people easily" – **The Honourable Mia Mottley**, Prime Minister of Barbados

"We have got to tell our young women that they are born into CEO roles and have them start to operate from that place." – **Caroline Wanga**, President & CEO, Essence Ventures; Co-Founder of WangaWoman LLC

"With very little, African women and fashion have really seen a lot of growth, but there is so much to be done." – **Claudia Kwarteng-Lumor**, CEO and Founder, Glitz Africa Fashion Week

"I admire our young leaders truly in the creative industry space. I think that the currency of our generation is really Africa's innovation." – **Deniece Laurent-Mantey**, Special Advisor on U.S.- Africa Leaders Summit Implementation, U.S. Department of State

"Achieva Foods Limited is on a mission to save lives through organically grown, taking berry fruits that we process and add value to them into teas, juices, cereal, mix powders, and jam spreads." – **Millicent Adoboe**, Co-founder and CEO at Black Mamba Foods

"The real need for the Continent now is health security, and by health security, I mean complete independence to your own health capacity at scale using innovation" – **Patrick Soon-Shiong**, Executive Chairman, Nantworks

"This is it, we are big, we are noisy, we are beautiful, and we are going to be unstoppable, and we have no apologies to it; we are still Unstoppable Africa." – **Amina J. Mohammed**, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Recommendations

The success of the Unstoppable Africa convening encompasses the insights and recommendations derived from the two days and also hinges on the continued collaboration of its diverse stakeholders.

Following the Unstoppable Africa convening, a comprehensive survey gathered recommendations from participants, and the evaluation extended to assessing the Forum's effectiveness in meeting the diverse needs of stakeholders, including African businesses, global corporations, government/UN agencies, and entrepreneurs. Some of the findings include:

- Having greater pan-African and global representation of stakeholders at the convening,
- Finding solutions on the inclusion of informal economies into global supply chains for transformative impact,

- Connecting investment opportunities to high-impact and scalable initiatives for SMEs,
- Promoting sessions on women-owned businesses across various sectors, especially in agriculture, food, and manufacturing.

The recommendations outlined below, are designed for various stakeholder groups and should act as a road map for collaborative initiatives. These multi-stakeholder partnerships involve private sector leaders, global investors, multinational corporations, African Governments, UN agencies, civil societies, the media, cultural sectors, regional trade bodies, and the African diaspora.

Recommendations To:

Private Sector Leaders

- Partner with government and civil societies to enhance investment in resilient and long-term energy sources for the continent such as solar, wind, hydropower, biomass, and nuclear.
- Harness the economic potential in the sports and creative industry through increased investment in these sectors.
- Promote the adoption of secure and user-friendly digital payment systems to increase financial inclusion.
- Promote training, mentorship, and diversified supply chains to enhance women's and youth's representation in business.
- Collaborate with GABI to translate discussions into actionable strategies within your organizations.

Governments and Policymakers

- Establish programs and funding mechanisms for research and development of AI technologies in collaboration with the private sector and international partners to optimize energy production and distribution.
- Develop AI capacities that address healthcare, transportation, and environmental challenges.
- Craft clear and consistent regulatory frameworks for investment in renewable energy infrastructure.
- Capitalize on existing trade agreements, such as the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), to harmonize trade regulations and boost intra-Africa trade.
- Foster an enabling environment for fintech startups with streamlined regulatory processes and access to funding.

Regional Trade Bodies and the African Diaspora

- Prioritize investments in areas with energy poverty, considering the regional context.
- Explore technologies like blockchain for climate-resilient agriculture.
- Strengthen regional integration to make Africa a more attractive partner for G20 nations.
- Advocate for the protection of intellectual property laws to safeguard the interests of creatives.
- Encourage diversification of supply chains to provide more opportunities for women-owned businesses.

Educational and Training Institutions

- Invest in training programs to develop a skilled workforce for the renewable energy industry.
- Integrate AI-based medical education tools into curricula to train healthcare professionals.
- Develop educational youth programs that nurture creative and sports talent.

Civil Society and the Media

- Involve local communities in decision-making processes to ensure that energy transitions are just and do not exacerbate existing inequalities.
- Invest in digital literacy programs to empower the unbanked and underprivileged communities with the skills to use digital financial services.
- Promote policies for gender equality, women's participation in sports, and mentorship programs that empower women in various sectors.

GABI Secretariat

- Work towards more diverse representation, including global leaders, young leaders, women, religious leaders, regional representation, and entrepreneurs on speaker panels.
- Turn discussions into actionable strategies, emphasizing execution and sustainability.
- Consider hosting GABI on the continent of Africa.

Conclusion & Next Steps

GABI's mission to Convene, Champion, Connect, and Catalyze investment stands out for its innovative approach undertaken through Unstoppable Africa. GABI exemplifies a platform for translating discussions into concrete solutions for action, positioning GABI as a trailblazer in shaping the future of African trade and investment opportunities. These strategic next steps underscore GABI's continuous commitment to its mission and value proposition:

- The establishment of **GABI convenings in Africa** provides dynamic platforms for sustained dialogue, collaboration, and investment catalysis.

- **Deepening institutional engagement** with the African Union strengthens support and alignment with broader continental objectives.
- **Monitoring and tracking commitments** made at GABI ensures that the organization remains steadfast in its pursuit of impactful and accountable contributions to the future of African trade and investment.

In 2024, GABI will reconvene on the continent of Africa and in New York during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 79) to advance opportunities in fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable and inclusive economic growth of Africa and the global community.

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Launched in September 2022, GABI is the premier private sector-led global platform that galvanizes African and global leaders from various sectors to amplify and accelerate Africa's unstoppable business, trade, and investment opportunities, for Africa and the world.

GABI is built upon three pillars– to convene the African private sector and global stakeholders to amplify and accelerate opportunities in and for Africa; to connect and showcase Africa's private sector to potential partners, businesses, and investors across the world; and to catalyze and promote collaboration amongst sectors and industries to drive sustainable and inclusive business, trade and investment for Africa and the world.

- For more information and interest in partnering with the Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI), contact gabi@unglobalcompact.org
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