

Institutional Investor Delegation
Dallas, Texas
May 6-9, 2024

WELCOME TO DALLAS!



INSTITUTIONAL
Investor Network



ABOUT US



Institutional Investor Network (IIN) is a non-profit dedicated to increasing institutional investments in African markets. IIN's mission is to facilitate the exchange of information and education between U.S. institutional investors and African stakeholders to encourage investments in the continent backed by data.

Building upon the achievements of the NASP-USAID Investment Partnership (2016-2019), IIN has expanded its educational programming beyond international investor delegation trips. These enhancements include year-round webinars, comprehensive data collection, domestic events, participation in conferences, a dedicated follow-up team, and international investor delegations. These efforts are aimed at debunking risk perceptions associated with investing in emerging markets, particularly Africa.

IIN has increased awareness of and appetite for investments in Africa and forged enduring relationships between U.S. and African asset allocators and financial sectors.

ABOUT THE U.S.-AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT



CORPORATE COUNCIL ON AFRICA PRESENTS



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The U.S.-Africa Business Summit, the Corporate Council on Africa's (CCA) premier annual event, stands as a vital platform for deepening U.S.-Africa business ties across key sectors including agribusiness, energy, health, infrastructure, trade facilitation, ICT, and finance.

This high-level summit fosters unparalleled networking opportunities, facilitating meetings between U.S. and African private sector executives, government representatives, investors, and entrepreneurs.

Over 30 years, the Summit has become a crucible for forging partnerships, exploring new business avenues, and shaping policies that promote robust U.S.-Africa trade and investment relationships. Historically attracting an average of 1,000 attendees from 40 countries, including 46 Heads of State since its inception, the Summit is a testament to the dynamic and evolving U.S.-Africa economic landscape.

Sources: Corporate Council on Africa

AGENDA



This delegation will include the following :

- Actively engaging in CCA's annual U.S.-Africa Business Summit.
- Building relationships with pan-African fund managers attending the CCA conference.
- Participating in investor pitch sessions.
- Engaging with U.S. Government officials to understand U.S. trade and investment priorities for Africa and explore available government resources to support investors.

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As of 04/22/2024

Theme: U.S.-Africa Business: Partnering for Sustainable Success

Venue: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center – Dallas, Texas

Sunday, May 5

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Registration & Credential Pick-Up – Partner Hotels
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Monday, May 6

6:30 am – 1:30pm	CCA’s U.S.-Africa Business Summit Golf Tournament – Cowboys Golf Club
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Registration & Credential Pick-Up - Partner Hotels
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	CCA Annual Members Meeting and Luncheon – Cowboys Golf Club
2:15 pm – 4:15 pm	CCA Board of Directors Meeting - Cowboys Golf Club
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	U.S.- Africa Trade Associations Meeting – Omni Dallas Hotel (By-Invitation-Only)
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Millennium Challenge Corporation 20 th Anniversary Dinner – (MCC-led; Closed Door/By-Invitation-Only) Note: all invitees must arrive no later than 5:30 PM for mandatory security screening

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Registration & Credential Pick-Up (Convention Center Only)				
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Exhibits				
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Welcome Coffee/Tea				
7:30 am – 8:10 am	VIP Welcome				
8:15 am	VIP Family Photo				
8:20 am	VIPs Escorted into Plenary Hall – D Ballroom				
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening Ceremony				
9:05 am – 10:05 am	Millennium Challenge Corporation Presidential Plenary				
10:05 am – 10:25 am	Break				
10:15 am– 11:40 am	Roundtable: Impacts and Returns: African Infrastructure Investment (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
10:25 am– 11:25 am	Plenary: Future of U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment: AGOA and Beyond				
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	VIP Lunch: HOS or Minister/Sponsors (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
11:45 am – 1:45 pm	Networking Lunch				
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	U.S. Government Delegation Press Conference				
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	High-Level Dialogue: Strengthening Health Systems in Africa	High-Level Dialogue: Unlocking Africa’s Digital Potential – Addressing Challenges and Expanding Opportunities	High-Level Dialogue: From Food Insecurity to Thriving Agribusinesses	High-Level Dialogue: Strategic Infrastructure Investment: Sustaining Growth	High-Level Dialogue: Critical Minerals – The Crucial Components
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break				
3:30 pm– 4:30 pm	Plenary: Navigating Africa’s Energy Future				
3:30 pm– 5:00 pm	The Money Circle: Institutional Investors Closed Door Pitch Sessions (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Break				
4:45 pm– 6:15 pm	Roundtable: Advancing the Digital Economy – From Theory to Practice (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
4:45 pm – 6:15 pm	Invest in Angola	Invest in Morocco	Invest in Nigeria		
7:30 pm– 9:30 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Gala Reception – Fairmont Dallas				

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Credential Pickup (Convention Center Only)				
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Networking Coffee/Tea				
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.- Africa Business Summit Exhibits				
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Invest in Mozambique (PANEL)		Invest in Namibia (ROUNDTABLE)		
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Plenary: Catalyzing Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Synergistic Approach for U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Partnerships				
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break				
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Panel: Scaling Agribusiness Ventures: Opportunities and Challenges in Taking African Agriculture to the Next Level	Panel: Automobile and Health Manufacturing in Africa	Panel: Lighting the Path Forward: Scaling Energy Access Down to the Last Mile in Africa	Panel: Cities: Cities – Delivering Now to and For the People of the Future	
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	The Money Circle: Institutional Investors Closed Door Pitch Sessions (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	VIP Lunch: HOS or Minister/Sponsors (<i>By-Invitation-Only</i>)				
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Networking Lunch				
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Invest in Botswana		Invest in Mauritania	Invest in Liberia	
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Panel: Special Economic Zones: Linking Africa to Regional and Global Supply Chains	Panel: African Diaspora: The X Factor	Panel: Payments At the Speed of Light – Digital Transactions Democratizing Growth	Panel: Detection and Diagnostics: the Key to unlocking Health System Resilience	
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break				
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Plenary: The Business and Philanthropy Nexus: Driving Sustainable U.S.-Africa Partnerships				
4:30 pm – 4:50 pm	Break				
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Panel: From Creative Industries to Sports: Financing the New Growth Sectors	Panel: The Business of Aviation in Africa	Panel: Prosper Africa: Leveraging Innovation, Technology and Collaboration to Transform U.S.- Africa Trade	Panel: Saving Africa’s Rarest Species	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Roundtable: Unlocking Financial Resources to Deliver Better Health Outcomes in Africa		Roundtable: Powering Partnerships: Unlocking Africa’s Energy Future through U.S.-Africa Collaboration		
7:00 pm	2024 U.S.-Africa Business Summit Presents TUFACE & Band Performing Live – Southside Ballroom				

Thursday, May 9

8:00 am – 10:00 am	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Registration & Credential Pickup (Convention Center Only)			
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Networking Coffee/Tea			
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	U.S.-Africa Business Summit Exhibits			
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Plenary: Health Regulatory System Strengthening			
10:15 am – 10:35 am	Break			
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Panel: Turbocharging SMEs: Strategies for Accelerating U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment	Panel: Cancer Detection and Care: Importance of Diagnostics and Treatment Access	Panel: Insurance Sector in Africa: Mitigating Commercial (Business) Risk	Panel: Clean Energy Technology
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	SPECIAL SESSION: Women’s Economic Empowerment (by-invitation-only)			
12:20 pm – 1:40 pm	VIP Lunch			
12:20 pm – 1:40 pm	Networking Lunch			
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Panel: Data-Driven: Unleashing Africa’s Economic Potential	Panel: From Hustle to Million Dollar Businesses: The Unfolding Story of African Entrepreneurs	Panel: Real World Suggestions about What Works under AGOA and How to Improve It	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break			
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Plenary: Partnering to Accelerate Africa’s Industrialization			
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremony:			

INVESTOR DELEGATION

BIOGRAPHIES



DANIEL MILLER
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NYC BOARD OF EDUCATION RETIREMENT SYSTEM (BERS)

Daniel D. Miller is the Deputy Executive Director for the New York City Board of Education Retirement System (BERS), an \$8 billion pension and 403B plan for the City's non-pedagogical school employees. Daniel partners with the Executive Director and Board of Trustees to implement necessary programs to achieve the objectives, mission, and goals of the agency. He is responsible for the management of the investment program which includes development of policy guidelines, asset allocation strategy, and risk management parameters.

Daniel has 19 years of experience, serving in various senior roles in project management, auditing, benefits administration, and risk management. Under his leadership BERS has beaten its 3-, 5-, and 10 year benchmarks, streamlined services for members, increased membership by 25%, and has a funding ratio of 101%. He is a board member of the NY National Association of Securities Professionals Foundation, the USAID Africa Institutional Investors Advisory Council, the Charter Financial Analyst Institute's Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee, and the Accelerate Investors Advisory Council. Daniel was the recipient of the rising star award from the National Association of Investment Companies and the National Association of Securities Professionals. As a speaker, he has presented at conferences in the U.S., Asia, and Africa on topics including capital market development, asset allocation, emerging markets, and environmental, social, and governance impact.

Daniel received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Rhode Island (URI), was a four-year letterman in football and a team captain. He received a Bachelor of Science in business administration from URI and a Master's in advanced management and finance from Columbia University.



ANTHONY GRIFFITH
MANAGING DIRECTOR PUBLIC FINANCE GROUP GLOBAL BANKING & MARKETS
BANK OF AMERICA

Tony Griffith is an experienced finance professional with over 30 years in the industry. As a Managing Director for the Public Finance Group at BofA Securities, Inc., he engages in a wide variety of financial transactions related to capital markets locally and internationally.

In a recent groundbreaking financial deal supported by USAID/Prosper Africa, Tony headed the team from Bank of America on housing financing for Caisse Regionale Hypothécaire (CRRH) in West Africa. The financing involved the use of a guaranty from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to help originate and refinance mortgages for low and middle-income individuals through member banks in West Africa.

In current and previous roles, Tony has worked as a senior manager and lead financial advisor on numerous projects totaling more than \$60 billion in both tax-exempt and taxable financings. These projects were for various clients, including the District of Columbia (D.C.), the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, the City of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and the Philadelphia International Airport.

Tony holds both a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Williams College and a Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



CHRISTINA WU
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER
DALLAS POLICE & FIRE PENSION SYSTEM

Christina Wu rejoined Dallas Police and Fire Pension System in September 2023 as Deputy Chief Investment Officer. She had previously worked at the System from 2008-2017 as an Investment Manager. Christina has over 15 years of institutional investment management experience across multiple asset classes.

Christina Wu previously worked as an Investment Officer at the Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund. She joined Fort Worth from Toyota North America where she was Senior Investment Strategist. Her institutional investment experience include all asset classes with a focus on private markets investments. She is a CAIA charter holder.

Christina received a MBA from Southern Methodist University, a MS from Texas A & M University at College Station, and a MS in Biochemistry from Kansas State University.



MARLON BROWN
FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & CEO
CLARENDON GLOBAL PARTNERS

Marlon W. Brown is President and CEO of Clarendon Global Partners (CGP) and HighGate Global Group, Ltd. Both are Investment Management, Investment Advisory, and Risk Management. He is an experienced leader with over 26 years of investment management expertise and a global asset management perspective. He has extensive global investment capability working across North America, Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Caribbean with deep knowledge, connections, and expertise in developing and emerging economies. Marlon is highly skilled in institutional investment management, including investment research, business development, client portfolio management, portfolio strategy, and relationship management.

Born in Jamaica, where he lived until he was 13 years old before moving to New York, and with historical roots in Ghana, Marlon quickly understood and felt at home working in developing countries. These early efforts involved, for example, working with newly appointed 'trustees to the \$200+ billion government employee pension fund (GEPF) in South Africa to provide pro-bono investment education while marketing exposure to US Large Cap equities; working in Rwanda as a board member of a non-profit beginning in 2004 to help promote peace and reconciliation, emotional healing and better health for orphaned kids; working on rural farm road projects in Liberia; small scale gold mining in Ghana; investment advisory work in Ghana; and working in Tanzania to help revitalize a 93,000-acre government-owned cattle and agricultural ranch.

Marlon is adept at people-oriented relationship building, collaborative ideas, and solutions development in diverse and multi-cultural environments.

Education: Emory University, Goizueta Business School, MBA, Investment and Finance concentration; Boston University, B.S. Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Campion College, Jamaica, West Indies



DONNA SIMS WILSON
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
KAH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Donna Sims Wilson is currently Chief Operating Officer of Kah Capital Management, an alternative asset management firm, where she serves on the Management Committee and the Investment and Risk Management Committee and is Chairman of the Valuation Committee. Ms. Sims Wilson co-founded the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) Africa Financial Summit in 2015. With subsequent funding from USAID, Mobilizing Institutional Investors to Develop Africa's Infrastructure (MiDA) was born and has since executed over \$1 billion in African infrastructure investments from U.S. institutions. Her leadership in ideating and launching these successful endeavors served as a precursor to her participation in leading a delegation of U.S. pension funds and foundations to the 2018 G20 Buenos Aires summit to educate global institutional investors on how to generate safe, risk-adjusted returns by investing in African infrastructure. Ms. Sims Wilson also previously served as Chair for the Export-Import Bank of the United States on the Sub-Saharan African Advisory Board.

Ms. Sims Wilson Donna is a frequent speaker at financial service industry events, has testified before the U.S. Congress on laws relating to diversity, and has appeared on CNBC's Squawk Box and C-SPAN discussing issues of diversity, equity, and how diverse populations are faring in the economic recovery. She was named One of the Most Powerful Women in Business by Black Enterprise Magazine and received NASP's coveted Joyce Johnson Award in 2010.

Ms. Sims Wilson is an advocate of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and she helps businesses break down demographic, social, and geographic barriers to achieve expanded levels of success. Additionally, she brings extensive corporate governance experience through her international corporate board service, leadership positions with numerous not-for-profit boards, and working closely with institutional investors and analysts. Ms. Sims Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Yale University.



ALPHONSE KOUAGOU
IMMEDIATE PAST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WORLD BANK GROUP

As an Executive Director at the World Bank Group, Alphonse was responsible for representing the needs of 23 African nations. He is an international development and finance professional with over 30 years of experience across several sectors. Prior to joining the World Bank, he spent 18 years at the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

In his current role as Principal Portfolio Officer with the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Infrastructure Operations Team, he works closely with clients and projects sponsor to establish, maintain and leverage strategic relationships with private sector companies' senior management (CEOs and CFOs) to support their capital investment needs and the overall corporate strategy.

Apart from his successful professional career, Alphonse Kouagou is a passionate social entrepreneur. In 1998, he founded a not-for-profit organization, the Benin Education Fund, which provides scholarships and educational support to children in Benin, his native country. Eager for an education, Alphonse walked 20 miles from his village to attend high school. Through hard work and determination, he graduated and pursued higher education in the U.S. Alphonse received his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.



RYAN BAILEY

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TEXAS EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER & MANAGING PARTNER, PARADIGM INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Ryan Bailey is the Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer at Paradigm Institutional Investments, offering the team a wealth of knowledge and strategic insights, enhancing the firm's capacity to create great investment solutions and drive superior outcomes for clients.

Ryan currently serves as a Director on the board of Blue Dolphin Energy (BDCO), Board Member for the Texas Alternative Investment Association, Bridgeway Capital Management, STREAM Foundation, Portfolios with Purpose, Dallas CFA Society, and is an Angel for the Texas Wall Street Women. In addition, Ryan serves on the Investment Committee for Texas Employee Retirement System, American Heart Association, Dallas Police and Fire, and Parkland Hospital and as a strategic advisor for Carbonado Partners. Prior to joining Paradigm, Ryan received notoriety for his job as the Head of Investments at Children's Health System of Texas, where he expertly managed assets totaling \$1.8 billion across 4 different portfolios. As the founding investment officer, Ryan played a vital role in creating the investment department designing and executing systems, procedures, and governance structures to create a top-tier endowment office.

Before that, Ryan was the Investment Officer and Interim Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of the Meadows Foundation, where he successfully drove the due diligence process, contributed to formulating strategic asset allocation, and designed and executing investment strategies to achieve competitive performance.

Ryan has received numerous honors and recognitions from major organizations such as Institutional Investor, Asset International – Chief Investment Officer Magazine (aiCIO), and Trusted Insight.

Ryan graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He holds several certifications, including the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Financial Risk Manager (FRM), Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA), and Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designations.



MOHAMED BALLA

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
CITY OF ATLANTA

Mohamed Balla serves as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Atlanta. Mr. Balla joined the City in 2011 and began serving as CFO in July 2021. In his current role, Mr. Balla advises the Mayor and City Council on a variety of policies, issues, and financial activities.

Previously, Mohamed served the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer. In this role, Mr. Balla provided leadership over the Department's multibillion dollar financial functions. Prior to joining DWM Mohamed served as a key member of the City's pension reform team responsible for restructuring the City's \$3 billion pension plan. Mr. Balla also served as the City's Cash and Investment Manager overseeing the City's \$1.5 billion cash and investment portfolio. Mr. Balla has over 15 years of experience in investment banking, corporate finance, and public finance.

Before joining the City, Mr. Balla worked as an investment banking professional at Citigroup Corporate and Investment Bank and Wachovia Securities. Mr. Balla has extensive background in financial modeling & analysis, leverage lending, and public finance. Mr. Balla earned his B.A. in Business Administration from Morehouse College with a concentration in Finance and an M.B.A from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.



COURTNEY KNIGHT
TREASURER
CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Courtney Knight has been a municipal finance professional for almost 40 years. He has rendered financial advice and investment banking services to state and local governments, their agencies and authorities, higher education, K-12 and charter schools and nonprofit organizations across the United States.

During his career, Courtney is a widely respected financial advisor and investment banker who has completed hundreds of financings ranging from as small as under \$1 million to almost \$4 billion. In January 2022, Courtney was appointed Treasurer of the City of Atlanta. As the City's Chief of Treasury, Debt, and Investments, Courtney heads the team that manages the City's \$6.5 billion debt portfolio, including general obligation, water and wastewater, and airport revenue bonds, as well as other lease and tax increment bonds. His office also governs the use of the City's fiscal portfolio and executes all cash and investment functions. They are responsible for managing the cash flow of all City accounts with deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, as well as implementing efficient and cost-effective means for collections and payments.

Courtney has long focused on advancing the community and economic development of the communities where he has lived and worked. He currently serves on the GFOA Standing Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning. Courtney previously served on the board of the Council of Development Finance Agencies and on the Environmental Financial Advisory Board. Nearer to home, Courtney serves on the board of the Development Authority of the Cobb County (Georgia) and heads its Affordable Housing Task Force.

Courtney graduated from Harvard College with a degree cum laude in economics and obtained his Master of Business Administration from the Stanford Graduate School of Business with concentrations in finance and public sector management. Courtney and his wife, Daveitta, reside in Atlanta, are the proud parents of three adult daughters, and have been blessed with two granddaughters, Grace Alaina and Eden Olivia.



APRIL CHAN
TRUSTEE
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD

April Chan is a Bay Area native and the first Asian American woman to serve on the EBMUD board. In 2014, April was recognized by the Filipino Women's Network for her service and leadership in the San Francisco East Bay.

In her professional life, April worked as a congressional aide with a focus on securing federal funding for infrastructure issues, emergency response, and legislative analysis.

April also previously served on the Hayward Citizen's Advisory Commission and was a member of EBMUD's inaugural Community Water Academy in 2022.

April has a master's degree in public administration from California State University, East Bay.



BRYAN BAGGENSTOS
INVESTMENTS MANAGER
CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Bryan is a director of investments at Casey Family Programs, where he has served the investment team since 2006. He currently acts as the Asset Class Lead for the Fixed-Income and Real Estate segments of Casey's portfolio. Prior to his time at Casey, he worked at Frank Russell in their investment management group.

Bryan has earned the CFA and CAIA designations and graduated with a Bachelor's in economics from the University of Washington.



CHARLES LITTLE JR
SENIOR INVESTMENT ANALYST
CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Charles Little Jr is a senior investment analyst at Casey Family Programs. He assists with managing the foundation's private markets portfolios. Charles holds a Bachelor's in Economics from the University of Chicago and a Master's in Management from Harvard University. Charles is also a CFA Charterholder.

IIN TEAM



BINTOU KABORE ZERBO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR NETWORK

Bintou is the current interim Executive Director of the Institutional Investor Network, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to increasing institutional investments in African markets. IIN's mission is to facilitate the exchange of information and education between U.S. institutional investors and African stakeholders to encourage investments in the continent.

Bintou concurrently founded and serves as the Managing Partner for Frontier Bridge Advisory, a U.S.-based global firm providing a range of advisory services to investors, private corporations, and non-profit and governmental institutions. A legal professional by training, she has always had a natural dedication to impact-driven activities across the international trade and development sectors. Bintou is a firm believer in the power that investment and trade can lift developing countries out of poverty and assist them to achieve robust economic growth and sustainable development.

Prior to launching Frontier Bridge Bintou worked with the NASP-USAID investment partnership successfully coordinating the education of institutional investors on investment opportunities in Africa through visits of infrastructure assets on the African continent, and the facilitation of discussions with African stakeholders on the creation of future investment vehicles. The three-year, \$2 million grant-funded program mobilized more than \$1 billion in investment into Africa. Bintou holds a Juris Doctorate with a concentration in international law from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada.



HELLEN FISSIHAIE
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR NETWORK

Hellen Fissahaie is an entrepreneur with a passion for emerging markets, particularly in Africa. Born in Sudan and raised in Dallas, Texas, she is an international consulting professional who has worked globally in various strategic roles. She is the founder and CEO of F3 Global Advisory Group LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based firm that helps clients grow and scale their organizations through customized services focused on capacity building, strategic planning, and market entry.

Hellen has extensive experience in health, agriculture, and entrepreneurship, working with clients from both the private and public sectors in the U.S., Africa, Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. Some of her notable clients include Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, Kenya Investment Authority, U.S. Agency for Global Media, and Johnson & Johnson.

Hellen is known for her work in emerging markets, particularly through partnerships with stakeholders in various countries. She is dedicated to supporting the African diaspora by fostering connections between Africa and international actors and markets. Hellen also provides support to millennial entrepreneurs in Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Nigeria through fundraising, investing, and connecting partners. She has served as a City Commissioner for the D.C. Mayor's Office on African Affairs and is currently a board member at Grid2Grid, as well as a mentor for youth and Mandela Yali Fellows.



KENEDI HOUSTON
INTERN
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR NETWORK

Kenedi Houston is a senior pursuing her Bachelors of Science in Political Communications from the University of Texas at Austin and is a two time Moody College Dean's List Scholar. Additionally she is seeking a Business in Spanish certificate and a minor in African And African Diaspora studies. Kenedi was the Membership Chair for the UT National Black Student Lawyers Association, Executive Director of the UT NAACP Unit #6888-B, and is a member of both the Fearless Leadership Institute and Minority Women Pursuing Law. She has studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa, and Puebla, Mexico with the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.

Kenedi's desired professional path includes law school, as well as serving as a Peace Corps volunteer or in the U.S Foreign Service in pursuit of her goal of being a public servant on a local, state, or national level. She is a 2020 graduate of the Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet high school in Dallas. As a scholarship recipient of Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta, Dallas Links, Eastern Stars, and Negro Business Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPWC), she has been instilled with values of community service towards the African American community throughout her life. She is interested in bilingual journalism as a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and is an intermediate Spanish speaker.

Kenedi's desired career path includes law school, as well as serving as a Peace Corps volunteer or perhaps even in the U.S Foreign Service in pursuit of her ultimate goal, running for office at the local, state, or national level. Kenedi served as president of her high school's League of United Latin American Citizens chapter and recently represented the organization in Washington, D.C. at a national conference. She became an election poll worker out of her passion for civil rights and ending voter suppression, volunteered on behalf of the NAACP, and was a communications intern for Texas Representative Victoria Neave Criado, a rising star at the 2020 Democratic National Convention.



KRYSTAL DECKARD
INTERN
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR NETWORK

Krystal Esquire Deckard, originally from Arlington, Texas, has consistently pursued her education in Dallas. She graduated with pride from the Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet at the Townview Magnet Center in 2020 and is currently a senior majoring in Political Science at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

Krystal's future plans include attending law school after graduation and eventually assuming control of her mother's law firm. With aspirations to become a Texas Supreme Court Justice, Krystal is determined to leave her mark in the legal realm. Holding various leadership positions, such as President of the UNT Dallas Student Government Association, President of the UNT Dallas Pre-Law Society, and President of the Upsilon Mu Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., she currently serves as the Employer Relations Assistant for the UNT Dallas Office of Career Services. Krystal's commitment to philanthropy and community service shines through in all her endeavors.

Conference Center: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas
Address: 650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX 75202, United States

CCA Partner Hotels

The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) has secured a limited number of discounted hotel rooms from Partner Hotels in Dallas, TX.

Due to the increased demand during this peak season in Dallas, we highly recommend making your hotel room reservation as early as possible and before the specified cutoff date.

Please be informed that in the event that the currently available rooms are reserved, we kindly suggest you make arrangements for alternative accommodations.

Please see the list of partner hotels below.

Discounted Room Rate: \$249.00 USD
One Bedroom Suite: \$249.00 USD
Discounted Dates: Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday,
May 8, 2024

Reservation link: [Click here to reserve a discounted hotel room](#)

Hotel contact: Diana Robledo, Conference Services Manager diana.robledo@fairmont.com
Website: [Fairmont Dallas](#)



Discounted Room Rate: \$289.00 USD
Triple: \$309.00 USD
Quad: \$329.00 USD
Discounted Dates: Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday,
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Reservation link: [Click here to reserve discounted hotel room](#)

Hotel contact: Ryan Hayes, Group Reservations Coordinator ryan.hayes@omnihotels.com
Website: [Omni Dallas](#)



Discounted Room Rate: Deluxe King: \$289.00 USD
Executive King: \$339.00 USD
Discounted Dates: Sunday, May 5 - Wednesday,
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Reservation link: [Click here to reserve discounted hotel room](#)

Hotel contact: Valerie Mills, Group Reservations Coordinator vmills@adolphus.com
Website: [The Adolphus Hotel](#)



IIN Hotels Recommendations



Residence INN Dallas Downtown
Standard Rate : \$298.00 USD
Reservation link: [Click here to reserve hotel room](#)
Website: [Residence INN Dallas Downtown](#)



Hotel Indigo Dallas Downtown
Standard Rate : \$262.00 USD
Reservation link: [Click here to reserve hotel room](#)
Website: [Hotel Indigo Dallas Downtown](#)

IIN Transport Recommendation

Jake's Limo and Car Service:

Contact: [+1 469-708-2133](tel:+14697082133)

Airport Transfer: \$120 each way (pick up at baggage claim with a sign).

Discount Code: [IINDallas2024](#)

For weekly/ daily car service, please contact POC:

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