



AAI at a Glance

The Africa-America Institute (AAI) is a premier U.S.-based international organization that works to increase the capacity of African individuals and institutions through higher education, professional training, convening activities, program implementation and management.

AAI's mission is to empower African youth to become globally competitive, and to promote engagement between Africa and the United States.

More than 23,000 individuals from 54 African countries have benefited from our higher education scholarship and professional training programs, and are among today's leaders in Africa's public, non-profit, and private sectors. Some 90 percent of our alumni live and work in Africa, significantly contributing to the continent's development in fields ranging from finance, business, technology and public administration to agriculture, education, public health, and natural resource management.

We harness the power of our African Alumni Network—comprised of the men and women who have benefited from AAI programs—to gain insights and know-how on African realities and solutions to some of the most pressing challenges on the continent.

We create opportunities for empowerment, education and employment for the next generation of African leaders. AAI raises funds to develop programs that increase the capacity of African youth and enhance their competitiveness in the global workforce.

AAI's past signature programs include: The African Graduate Fellowship Program (AFGRAD), Advanced Training for Leadership and Skills Project (ATLAS), African Scholarship Program of American Universities (ASPAU), International Visitors Program (IVP) and International Fellowship Program (IFP).

What We Do

Mission:

To strengthen human capacity for Africa's development through education, skills training, dialogue, convening activities, program development and management.

Objective:

To play a role in providing Africa's youth with opportunities to strengthen their talents and skills and become the chief economic drivers in their communities.

Model:

We identify capacity-building projects and coordinate the programmatic, financial administration and evaluation necessary to deliver high-impact results.

*Unlocking the Potential
of Africa's Next Generation*

CURRENT PROGRAMS

Transformational Leadership Program (TLP)

Launched in 2007, the Transformational Leadership Program (TLP) is a rigorous leadership and management training program to strengthen the professional managerial capacity in African civil society and small business sectors. TLP educational partners include United States International University (USIU) in Kenya; Pan-Atlantic University in Nigeria; UNISA—The University of South Africa, and University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) in South Africa.



AAI Future Leaders Legacy Fund

The AAI Future Leaders Legacy Fund provides academically motivated, yet under-resourced students, with scholarships to study in high performing African universities and technical colleges to earn bachelors degrees and vocational and technical training certifications. The Fund will also ensure that African universities benefit by receiving increased resources to retain and educate students.



The Legacy Fund's partner institutions include Ashesi University, Ghana; United States International University (USIU-Africa), Kenya; and UNISA—The University of South Africa.

The State of Education in Africa

The State of Education in Africa (SOE) conference provides a platform to discuss the present and future of the primary, secondary, tertiary and technical education in Africa. The SOE explores innovative approaches and solutions to strengthening the capacity of Africans and educational institutions.

Previous SOEs were held in New York City in 2014, and in Lagos, Nigeria in 2015.

AAI Speaker Series

The AAI Speaker Series provides an engaging forum for prominent U.S., international and African leaders to offer fresh insights, perspectives and viewpoints on issues relevant to Africa. Our *Conversations on Africa* (COA) series in Washington, D.C. offers a platform for congressional leaders, U.S. government officials, policy experts and diplomatic corps to discuss U.S.-Africa policy.

EADB Math, Science, Technology and Engineering University Scholarship Program

AAI is administering the East African Development Bank (EADB) scholarship program for experienced teachers and lecturers to earn a post-graduate degree in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at Rutgers University and New Jersey Institute of Technology in the United States.

AAI Annual Awards Gala

Held annually during the week of the United Nations General Assembly, AAI's Annual Awards Gala is one of the largest and most anticipated Africa-focused events in New York City. Distinguished U.S. and African business, philanthropic, academic, political and diplomatic leaders gather each year to celebrate African achievement.

AAI Lifetime Achievement Award

Hage Geingob (2015)

President of the Republic of Namibia and AAI Alumnus

Alassane Ouattara (2014)

President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and AAI Alumnus

AAI Leadership Award in Business and Philanthropy

Strive Masiyiwa (2015)

Founder and Executive Chairman, Econet Wireless

Vivienne Yeda (2014)

Director-General, East African Development Bank

Tony Elumelu (2013)

Nigerian entrepreneur, philanthropist and Chairman of Heirs Holdings Limited and Founder, The Tony Elumelu Foundation

AAI Corporate Responsibility Award

IBM (2015)

General Electric (2014)

Chevron (2013)

AAI Distinguished Alumni Award

Past honorees include:

Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella

Founder, African Energy Leaders Group

Professor Thandika Mkandawire

Chair of African Development, London School of Economics (LSE)