



Dear Northeastern Community and Friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce the Northeastern University Africa Global Initiative (AGI). This new collaborative effort will build strong, mutually beneficial connections between our wonderful university and outstanding African partners. Through the AGI, we will increase African student enrollment in Northeastern programs and leverage existing or new partnerships with academic institutions, alumni, and employers to promote research, educational, and experiential opportunities.

The African continent includes 54 countries, each with its own ambitious economic goals and predominantly young population. Top universities, dynamic industries, and a vibrant entrepreneurship culture characterize many African countries. Northeastern's excellence as an innovative R1 research university, as a global institution, and as a place with a unique focus on experiential education matches the dynamic African landscape, and poises us for expanded and important engagement across key regions of Africa.

The COVID-19 pandemic remains challenging, and has affected every aspect of life around the world. As countries implement new public health policies, we are looking forward to activating strategic Northeastern-Africa connections.

Northeastern African alumni include leaders in research, government, and companies, and some of our faculty and students already engage in programs in several African countries. As a native South African, with undergraduate degrees from Wits University, Johannesburg, I hold the Northeastern Africa Global Initiative close to my heart. Although I built my career in the U.S. and was pleased to join Northeastern as Dean of the College of Science in June 2020, I have deep African connections in higher education. It is my honor to chair the Northeastern Africa Global Initiative Working Team, comprising faculty, alumni, staff, and students, as we brainstorm, construct, and build success in each aspect of the AGI.

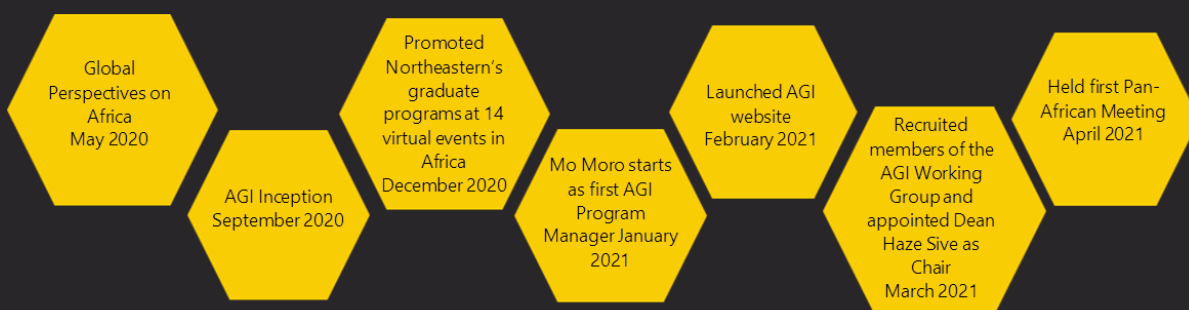
In these quarterly publications, we will share our Northeastern African Global Initiative progress, through news, stories, and events. We invite you to join us on this exciting, important journey!

With best regards,

Hazel Sive, PhD
Dean, Northeastern College of Science
Chair, Africa Global Initiative Working Team



AGI Milestones



Africa as an Economic Powerhouse

- Africa has the world's youngest population, and by 2030, will represent one-fifth of the world population.
- "Hubs" could help Africa take advantage of the human capital and consumer market benefits of its youthful population.
- Lessons can be learned from Hong Kong and Singapore, which are examples of such hubs.



Source: World Economic Forum



Mohammed "Mo" Moro, A Transatlantic Journey

My personal and educational journey started in Kumasi, Ghana, and continued in the U.S. I started at the Right to Dream Academy in Ghana, then went to the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, and subsequently to Boston College, where I earned my bachelor's degree, after which I came to Northeastern University.

Earning my master's degree in international relations, with a focus in global health and development, enabled me to build a knowledge base and network to subsequently use to serve individuals, families, organizations, corporations, and nations. I strive to empower these groups in Ghana, the U.S., and abroad to support them in embarking on a humanistic approach to education as an essential aspect of fostering independence and alleviating poverty. My role as the project manager, an African, and Northeastern graduate student gives me a unique opportunity to explore possibilities for mutually empowering Africa's talents and, simultaneously, the Northeastern community.

FACULTY PROFILE:
Jonathan Esole

This Africa Day, join us for a conversation between Dr. Jonathan Mboyo Esole and Mo Moro, CPS'21, from Ghana. Professor Esole will discuss his journey as a groundbreaking scientist from the Democratic Republic of Congo, his work in support of COVID-19 responders in Central Africa, and his commitment to promoting excellence in research in Africa. Moro is the project manager of Northeastern's Africa Global Initiative. This conversation will also feature Dean Hazel Sive of the College of Science, as well as representatives of Northeastern's African Student Organization.



DATE:
Tuesday, 25 May 2021

TIME:
10–11AM EDT

[Register Here](#)

Featured Pan-African Alumni Network



Siphon Bavuma

L'94, Advocate at South Africa Revenue Services



Nomathemba Chandiwana

S'04, Senior HIV Treatment Research Clinician at EZINTSHA



Anna Butler

SSH'14, International Development Consultant and Founder of MODZI

African Voices and Events



Financing Africa's Creative and Cultural Industries – Hatch Africa

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 6:00–7:15 am EDT

The Future is Africa:

exploring the future of us all – Green Economics Institute

Sunday, June 13, 2021, 5:00–12:00 pm EDT

African Institutional Transformation:

Issues, Trends, and Perspectives – African Researchers Network

Saturday, Jun 19, 2021, 9:30 am EDT

Meet & Greet Africas Start-ups – Pangea Trust

Friday, June 25, 2021, 11:00 am–2:00 pm EDT

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