THE DIASPORA EXPERIENCE

WHY THE PLATFORM?
The diaspora already ‘give’ significantly to Africa. According to the World Bank, they remitted $60 billion in 2012 to Africa to support relatives and also to invest. They also supported development projects, through sharing skills and knowledge, and political lobbying.

From 2003 onwards, AFFORD developed and worked on projects focused on mobilising young Africans aged 18-35, to support development in Africa. The engagement revealed that many young Africans were as committed and passionate about giving to the continent but lacked structures, systems, methods and pathways for giving.

AFFORD has sought to understand and overcome the challenges facing this demographic and one way is by creating structures that enable them to harness the resources available to them. One that transforms the potential of young diaspora giving and philanthropy for development in Africa.

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