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Amini Kajunju is president and CEO of the Africa-America Institute (AAI), a U.S.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening human capacity in Africa through education, training, and dialogue. A native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kajunju is the first African to serve at the helm of the oldest nonprofit organization of its kind in the United States. With twenty years of experience in entrepreneurial and economic development, she joined AAI from the Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO), a New York-based nonprofit service provider for small business development serving New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, where she served as executive director for ten years. Kajunju

previously served in program positions at the International Executive Service Corps and Social Science Research Council and interned at the Center for Humanitarian Outreach and Intercultural Exchange and the Carter Presidential Center. She is a founding member and vice president of the board of ANGELAFRICA, a nonprofit organization whose mission seeks to build a network of business and professional leaders and promote economic growth in Africa. Kajunju received a BA in international relations with an emphasis on economic development from Brigham Young University and an MPA with a concentration in finance and management from New York University.



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