



## Please Save the Date

for our 7th Annual

# BCNA Immigrant Heritage Week Awards

Business Center for New Americans invites you to join keynote speaker **Aline Sara**, co-founder of NaTakallam, and **Gregg Bishop**, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services, to honor outstanding refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs.



The event will also feature a panel discussion, moderated by journalist and photographer **Nina Roberts**, with panelists:

Deepti Sharma Kapur: CEO of Food to Eat & BCNA Board Member  
Godshelter Kwesi Oluwalogbon: owner of DF Nigerian Gourmet Food Truck  
Nabin Sherchen: owner of Nepali restaurant Thakali Kitchen  
Denys Gorbatiuk: owner of Den's Hot Dogs LLC  
Manal Kahi: founder of Eat Offbeat

Thursday, April 19th

## **\$20 Million Dollars and Counting!**

In January, we issued our 3,070<sup>th</sup> loan, bringing the total amount of small business loans BCNA has disbursed since its first loan in 1998 to a remarkable 20 million dollars! What makes this milestone exciting is more than just the excellent work of our terrific loan officers. It is that each dollar went to helping our clients - the vast majority of whom are recent immigrants or refugees - realize their dream of building a small business of their own here in New York City. [Click to read more!](#)



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## **Meet BCNA Board Member Kwame Marfo**

Kwame Marfo, who is one of the newest members of the BCNA Board of Directors, is a co-founder and Managing Partner of the Africa Empowerment Fund, and was the founder of Diaspora Capital LLP, a West Africa-focused investment platform. [Click to learn more](#) about Kwame, and the importance his family has had on his own journey.





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## Please Join us for 2 Exciting NY Women in Business Events

We are proud to be a member and sponsor of New York Women in Business, a coalition that also includes SCORE NYC, WE NYC, NAWBO NYC, the Financial Women's Association of New York, Women in Insurance & Financial Services, WhatNowWhatNext, and NY Women in Communications.

Please join us and exciting NYWIB Breakfast Series guests and panelists for [Building A Million Dollar Business](#) on March 26 and [Goals to Growth](#) on March 29.



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## BCNA Voices, Inspirational BCNA Speakers

**BCNA Voices** is an exciting roster of engaging speakers: women entrepreneurs who can share their stories to inspire members of their own communities or to help influence policies that promote entrepreneurship. For more information, [click here](#).



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## Workshops

To see all our upcoming workshops on **Small Business Success, Home Ownership** programs, and using **Social Media** to promote your business [click here.](#)

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