

The **35th Annual International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium** – An Additive Manufacturing Conference (SFF 2024) - <https://www.sffsymposium.org/>. August 11-14, 2024 - Hilton Austin - Austin, Texas, USA

### **BiAM Networking Symposium: Empowering Inclusion in Additive Manufacturing**

**Event Overview:** Join us for an engaging Networking Symposium hosted by Blacks In Advanced-Additive Manufacturing (BiAM) at the 35th Annual International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium (SFF 2024). Our symposium is dedicated to fostering inclusion within the realm of Additive Manufacturing (AM) and Advanced Manufacturing Technologies. Through insightful discussions, inspirational talks, and collaborative initiatives, we aim to empower individuals from all backgrounds to excel in the field of Additive Manufacturing.

**Duration:** 2 hours

#### **Agenda:**

##### **0-5 mins: Welcome and Introduction**

- Dr. Chukwuzubelu Ufodike, Founder of BiAM, and Dr. Chinedum Okwudire, BiAM Co-founder
- Setting the stage for the Networking Symposium's significance and goals.

##### **5-20 mins: Keynote Address**

- Introduction by the moderator.
- Keynote speaker: A distinguished figure in Additive Manufacturing or academia.
- Delivering an inspiring keynote on the importance of inclusion in Additive Manufacturing.
- Sharing personal experiences and insights.

##### **20-40 mins: Panel Discussion: Fostering Inclusion in AM**

- Moderated by Dr. Chukwuzubelu Ufodike.
- Distinguished panelists: Experts from diverse backgrounds in Additive Manufacturing.
- Discussing the significance of inclusion in AM, challenges faced, and opportunities for growth.
- Sharing strategies for individuals to thrive in an inclusive environment.

#### **40-50 mins: Audience Q&A Session**

- Audience engagement with panelists.
- Participants can ask questions, share perspectives, and seek advice.
- Interactive and informative segment fostering dialogue and collaboration.

#### **50-55 mins: Launch of Mentorship Program**

- Introduction of BiAM's mentorship program.
- Invitation for mentors and mentees to join the initiative.
- Overview of the program's objectives and benefits for aspiring professionals in Additive Manufacturing.

#### **55-60 mins: Collaborative Initiatives with Industry Partners**

- Representatives from industry partners share their commitment to inclusion.
- Discussing collaborative efforts and resources available through industry partnerships.
- Encouraging attendees to explore opportunities for involvement and collaboration.

#### **60-75 mins: Networking Session**

- Participants join breakout rooms for small group discussions.
- Opportunity to connect, share experiences, and build relationships.
- Facilitated networking to encourage meaningful interactions and collaborations.

#### **75-90 mins: Closing Remarks**

- Dr. Chukwuzubelu Ufodike and Dr. Chinedum Okwudire
- Summarizing key insights and takeaways from the symposium.
- Emphasizing the importance of inclusion in Additive Manufacturing.
- Encouraging attendees to join BiAM's initiatives and continue fostering inclusivity in the field.

Join us for an enriching symposium that aims to mobilize excellence and empower inclusion in Additive Manufacturing!

**Note:** *The agenda is subject to change based on scheduling and speaker availability.*