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About AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY FORUM

The African Philanthropy Forum (APF) was launched in 2014 and it brings together a diverse range of African philanthropists who are united by their passion and commitment to see inclusive and sustainable economic development throughout Africa.

The APF primarily seeks to build and continuously develop a learning community of Africa's strategic philanthropists and social investors through educational programs and match-making services, so as to inform and enhance the development impact of their giving and investing.

APF is affiliated with the Global Philanthropy Forum, a global community of over 1,800 donors and social investors committed to international causes.

OUR MISSION

The African Philanthropy Forum (APF) is a strong and vibrant community of givers who through their strategic investments, partnerships, and influence, foster inclusive and sustainable development on the African Continent.

OUR VISION

We envision a strong and dynamic homegrown philanthropic community on the African Continent, playing a catalytic role in Africa's achievement of inclusive and sustainable development.

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THE AFRICA WE WANT

To be truly prepared for something, one must actually expect it. One cannot be prepared for something while secretly believing it will never happen.

Tsisti Masiyiwa,
Board Chair APF

Truly believing in the Africa we want will greatly propel us to work towards actualizing it. With the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063, African countries have committed to an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. However, looking at the news headlines across Africa, one can truly see the continent's continued struggle with corruption and how it undermines socio-economic development. According to the latest Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index, not a single country, anywhere in the world, is corruption-free. However in sub-Saharan Africa, people in 40 out of 46 countries think their countries have a serious corruption problem.

From high-level political abuse to harassment by police officers, teachers, doctors or customs officials, corruption drains countries of resources, stifles small businesses and hampers education and healthcare. Together with lack of accountability and transparency, it is the most harmful barrier to development in Africa. While there's no silver bullet to eradicate corruption, a combination of forces can improve the situation.¹

We need a critical assessment of ourselves as Africans, said former President of South Africa Thabo Mbeki at the 2014 AFDB Meeting in Rwanda. He went further to highlight the African peer review mechanism and the need for leaders to be accountable one to another and to speak frankly about wrong doings and corrupt practices. He warned that if there are no checks and balances that we will be discussing the same leadership and corruption issue in the next century. In the same meeting, President Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania said, we want an Africa where there is equality, equality of gender, opportunities, promise of a good healthy life, an educated society, a leadership that thinks more about service than being served.

At the African Philanthropy Forum, we promote broad-based sustainable development on the continent and a citizenry that is informed, proactive in demanding the Africa they want and involved in creating the Africa of their dreams. The 2018 APF Conference in Johannesburg, we delved into Africa's reality, its possibilities and how we can collaboratively work together to bridge the gap.

¹<http://www.africa.undp.org/>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 APF CONFERENCE

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“None of the issues in Africa is insurmountable, each one of them can be resolved by individuals and resources within the continent.” These were the words of Dr Judy Dlamini Nxasana who gave the opening remark at the 2018 APF Conference in Johannesburg. The Conference gathered 244 like-minded changemakers who are passionate and proactively involved in the transformation of Africa as we know it. Themed **Potential and Reality: Bridging the Gap**, the two-day Conference comprised of 11 plenaries, 2 fireside chats and 4 breakout sessions, covering topics around the role of philanthropists in uncertain times, regional integration in Africa, aligning philanthropic investments to the SDGs, education, closing the gender gap, healthcare, the imminent population explosion in Africa, foundation effectiveness, the role of Africans in the diaspora and climate change.

The Conference gathered a diverse group of participants from 23 countries across the continent and globe including; South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, USA, UK, Germany, Bangladesh, Swaziland, Canada, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Singapore, Spain, Mauritius, Uganda, Cameroon, Tanzania, Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, UAE, Ghana and Rwanda.



Tsitsi Masiyiwa, Graca Machel, H.E Ameenah Gurib Fakim, Herbert Wigwe, Dr Obiageli Ezekwesili, Julie Essiam, Ndidi Nwuneli, Gbenga Oyeboode



Delegates speed networking at the 2018 APF Conference



Norman Moyo, Kareem AbdulJabbar and Lord Michael Hastings



David Herve Ludovic de Lys; Country Director, UNICEF, Yvonne Chaka Chaka; Founder, Princess of Africa Foundation and Ambassador Vincent Karega; Ambassador of Rwanda to South Africa



The Mzansi Youth Choir



Donne Nicol; CEO, Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation, C.D Glin, President, USADE, Sello Hatang; CEO, Nelson Mandela Foundation and Nomsa Daniels; CEO, Graca Machel Trust

2018 APF CONFERENCE SURVEY & FEEDBACK

100%

of respondents reported that the conference enlightened them on the importance of investing in youth as a means to achieving sustainable development in Africa

80%

of respondents reported that the conference provided directions on how philanthropists can support the development of a research culture in Africa

100%

of delegates were very satisfied with the caliber of speakers

80%

of respondents reported that the conference provided practical tips on how African Philanthropists can align their philanthropic and business investment with the SDG's

80%

of respondents reported that the conference empowered them to form strategic partnerships to solve issues within the community

100%

of delegates were very satisfied with the relevance of the panel topics

**Delegates
Feedback**

"The rich insights were shared not only by those on the panels but also those in the audience."

"It ranks on my top 5 conferences in the past 3 years. The quality of speakers and conversations were exceptional."

"The curation of the content and speakers was very well done this year- every topic seemed relevant and up-to-date and the quality was very high."

"As this was my first, there were several areas of the conference that first need to be applauded: organization, entertainment, variety of speakers, subject discussions. Most valuable for me and our Foundation were the networking opportunities."

QUOTES FROM SPEAKERS

"Leadership is not about solving the problems of one group alone. It is about addressing the needs of the people in totality."

Graca Machel

"Development is not the business of the state alone. The state should act as a facilitator, that brings in other actors to drive results aligned to a common vision."

Tonye Cole

"If we replace the older generation with young people who have the same wrong spirit, we haven't really made any change."

Dr Obiageli Ezekwesili

"In an African context, we don't think of ourselves as philanthropists... I just know that when my neighbor doesn't have anything to eat for dinner, that's my problem. I help him, we just give. "

Dr Judy Dlamini

"Africa will have 1 Billion unemployed youths in 6000 days. This is either a time bomb or an opportunity to drive global development. We need to innovate and educate 1 Billion people in 6000 days."

Patrick Swaniker

Following the two-day Conference, delegates visited innovative initiatives including SPARK Schools and the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital.

SPARK School Bramley

SPARK Schools is a network of independent schools offering affordable, globally competitive education. The network was founded in 2012 and opened its first school in 2013. Currently, there are 15 schools in South Africa, serving over 7000 families.

"SPARK" stands for 5 core values – Service, Persistence, Achievement, Responsibility and Kindness. Social Emotional Learning is woven into the fabric of the schools and ties learning together with the common language and symbols that each staff



and scholar uses. SPARK staff teaches the scholars the Dovetail TOOLBOX, which are twelve tools used for conflict resolution.

SPARK School Parent Testimonial – *Our son started at SPARK Schools quite late in the second term. Having missed so much time away from school and never having proper exposure to Grade R where he learnt to properly count and write, I must say the Grade 1 teachers at SPARK Les Marais are miracle workers. There has been a remarkable improvement in his discipline, social skills, behavior and most importantly his academic work. I always believe in measuring my children's experience based on their reaction to things and I must say my son loves it at SPARK and is having a wonderful experience. Happy Child, Happy Parents. Kudos to Principal Moyo-Zitha and her Team.*

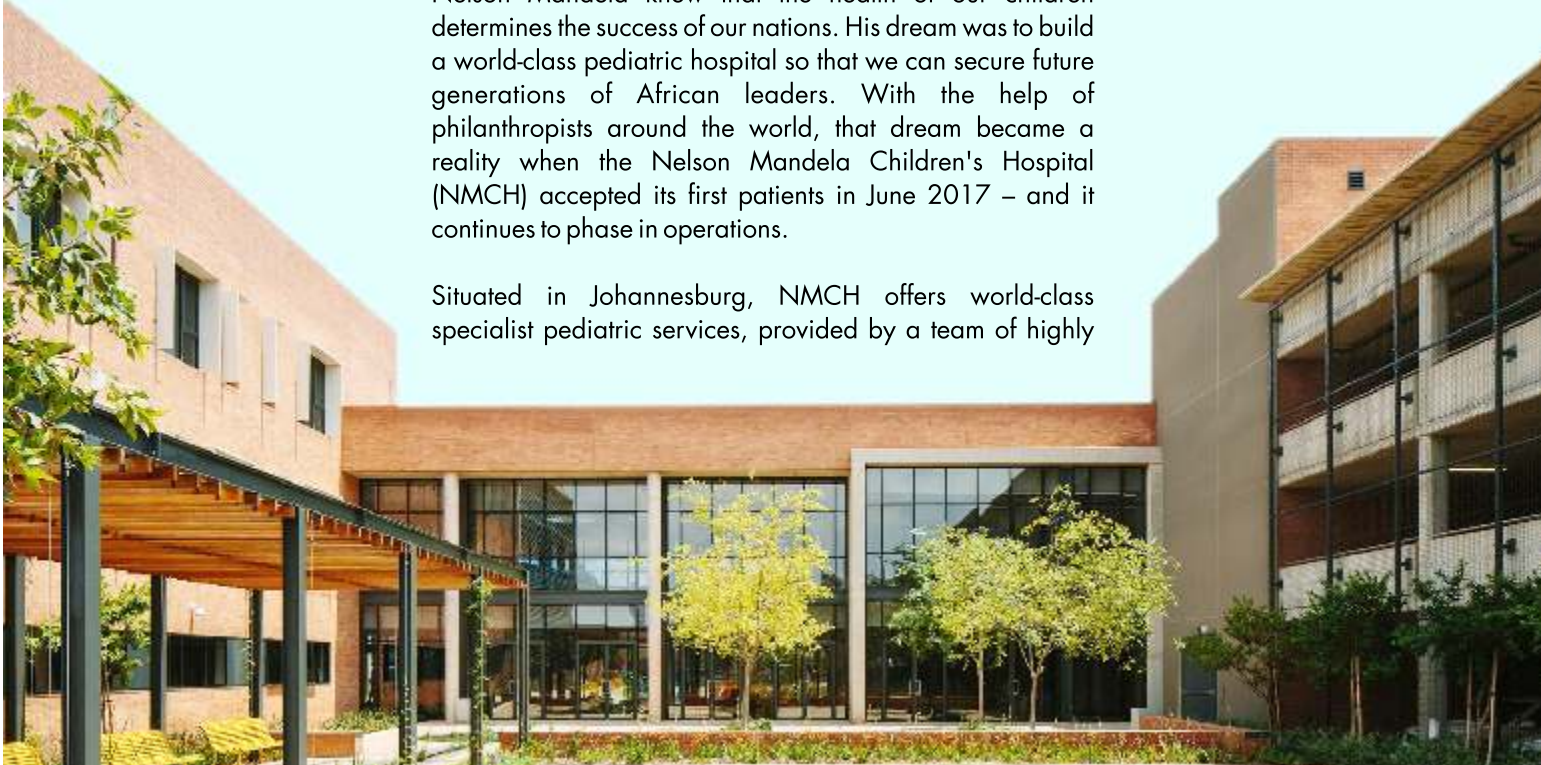
For more information visit <https://www.sparkschools.co.za/>.



NELSON MANDELA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: A Dream Becoming a Reality

Nelson Mandela knew that the health of our children determines the success of our nations. His dream was to build a world-class pediatric hospital so that we can secure future generations of African leaders. With the help of philanthropists around the world, that dream became a reality when the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital (NMCH) accepted its first patients in June 2017 – and it continues to phase in operations.

Situated in Johannesburg, NMCH offers world-class specialist pediatric services, provided by a team of highly





experienced medical professionals whose commitment is to render exceptional service to all children of Southern Africa, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Inspired by Nelson Mandela's love for children NMCH embraces a holistic healing approach that includes the ability to provide quality, specialized, evidence-based, family-centered care by promoting specialist training and research to improve the health outcomes of all children.

For more information, visit <http://www.nelsonmandelachildrenshospital.org/>.



Project Sites Visits Feedback

I really enjoyed the site visits, which enabled me to better understand some of the challenges that South Africa and Johannesburg face, and how they were mitigating these in innovative ways. I found that having the additional time with the group and participants, in a more intimate setting, was really terrific.

Conference Delegate

APF ENABLED COLLABORATION

TechSolves: An Initiative of Most Influential People of African Descent & UN Women

Among other outcomes, the APF Conference provides a platform for philanthropists, social investors and industry experts to discuss and find common grounds for collaborative efforts towards development on the continent.

The 2018 APF Conference provided a platform for MIPAD and UN Women to create the TechSolves initiative which crowd sources ideas, resources and funds to bring innovative and impactful ideas to life with the help of a strong global network. The organisation believe in the power of technology and innovation to make the world a better place.



MIPAD and UN Women focuses on solving SDGs to enable the creation of a sustainable & prosperous planet for all humanity. We work in partnership and cooperation with those who share our values. For more information, visit <http://techsolves.org/>

EXCERPTS OF AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY AT THE POLICY TABLE

By Lisa-Anne Julien

Philanthropy, or the act of giving, finds itself on an exciting cusp in contemporary Africa. While the term 'philanthropy' may still conjure up perceptions of vertical charitable giving (the rich in the north giving to the poor in the south), many consider giving an intrinsic part of African life and customs. Horizontal forms of philanthropy, referring to peer-to-peer giving or assistance within poor communities based on reciprocity, solidarity and cooperation, has long been practiced in Africa.

GROWING EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE

A recent study of 19 philanthropy institutions in Africa revealed that while many still focus on service delivery, particularly in education, there is growing support for advocacy for improved policies. Such policies include those related to health, housing, education, food security, natural resource governance, rural development and micro-credit, among others. The motivations for supporting policy advocacy were not fleshed out in the study, titled African Philanthropy: Evolution, Practice, and Change. However, the reason for this growing support for policy work could be based in the author's assertion that HNW philanthropists have, in the past, been criticized for their unwillingness to support policy initiatives that promote greater accountability within government structures.

There is also a concerted effort among philanthropic foundations in Kenya to engage more strategically with government. Research conducted between July 2016 and January 2017 by the Development Center of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development found the biggest reason for sharing data and information between foundations and government was in order for the former to influence policy and the latter to strengthen it. Again, the specific details of what policies were influenced and strengthened and how, were unfortunately not explored.

Founder of the Wellbeing Foundation, Toyin Saraki, has

always been clear about her desire to work strategically with the government of Nigeria. During the African Philanthropy Forum's (APF) 2017 annual conference in Nigeria, Saraki discussed her work with Nigeria's National Primary Health Care Development Agency where she advocated for the training and re-deployment of retired midwives to rural areas. This action contributed to a reduction in the country's rate of maternal mortality in later years. The motivation to work at a systems level lay not only in Saraki's own difficult childbirth experience, but also on the recognition that working with government was critical for Nigeria to attain the SDGs.

PLATFORMS STRENGTHENING POLICY ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

The move towards strengthening focus on policy development can also be seen at a regional level. The Kenya/Tanzania/Uganda Philanthropy Forum, a loose network of approximately 40 philanthropy organizations working together on an enhanced policy environment, is an example of a collective voice for policy advocacy. In addition to advocating for improved policies in the education sector, the Forum is working towards a more efficient and beneficial legal and environment for philanthropy. Similarly, the APF as a platform for engaging philanthropists across Africa on sustainable development and strategic investments, has recognized the need to create more dialogue around working with government. According to organization's executive director Mosun Layode, APF believes that while philanthropists still generally tend to be service-driven, they are clear on wanting to be part of more systemic changes.

For the full article, visit <https://www.africaportal.org/features/philanthropy-policy-table/>.

APF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KENYATTA TRUST

Nyokabi Kenyatta has over 30 years experience in property development, education and farming, with a diversified work history in both the public and private sector. Over the years Nyokabi has constantly found herself drawn to the needs of the youth in the society, which has led her to be a founding member and director of The Kenyatta Trust, a Trust that is transforming lives through education, mentorship and economic empowerment.

Q1. How long has your family been giving and what motivates you to keep the tradition?

As a family, we have always been givers. Beginning with our parents, HE Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and HE Mama Ngina Kenyatta who instilled in us the virtues of giving. We have continued to give and are motivated by the Word of God in Acts Chapter 20 that says, "it is more blessed to give than to receive". We are also motivated by seeing the positive impact in the lives of others. Giving and caring for others in the society is also inherently African.

Q2. What are the benefits of having a Trust for your family's philanthropic initiatives?

The Kenyatta Trust acts as a structured avenue through which we can give strategically for the greatest impact.

Q3. What challenges are you addressing through the Kenyatta Trust and why?

Through the Kenyatta Trust, we are addressing four pillars:

Education

At The Trust, we enable needy students to access secondary and tertiary education. We cater for all their requirements while in formal education.

Social Economic Empowerment

The homes from which our scholars come from, are financially disadvantaged. We recognize that there are other children in those same families that still need assistance. Since we select one child per family, we have seen it necessary to establish our Inuka program, which provides seed money and training for the families to set up small business that will provide income for sustenance and growth.

Mentorship

We are aware that the old tradition of young men and women being mentored by uncles and aunts is slowly disappearing. At the Trust, we recognize the importance of mentorship for our scholars, to ensure that they sharpen their moral compasses as well as provide them with career guidance, to enable them cope with life's challenges.

Life Skills

Through our life skills programs, we engage our scholars in community service, emotional intelligence,

critical thinking and problem solving. These skills ensure that our scholars are groomed for leadership in line with the core values of The Kenyatta Trust which are service, leadership, justice, integrity and peace.

Q4. Since inception, what impact has the Kenyatta Trust made in these areas?

Through our Inuka program, we have been able to impact over 4,000 families throughout the 47 counties in Kenya. We have seen our scholars join institutions of higher learning both locally and overseas as well as take part in the Yale Young African Scholars Program. Our scholars are also able to find job placements soon after graduation.

Q5. How has the next generation in your family been inspired to engage in philanthropy?

Our children are directly involved with The Trust and other philanthropic endeavors. One of the Directors is the Patron's daughter and another child is involved with a social justice endeavor in Kibera Slums.

Q6. Why did you join the APF community?

I joined APF to engage with like-minded philanthropists. I felt it would be a forum to share experiences and learn from one another. APF has given us access to well structured regional forums with stimulating conversations and networking opportunities that focuses on Africans for Africa.

Q7. How has being a part of the APF community impacted your work?

APF has allowed me to find 'our' voice to help others find theirs. APF has also given us a phenomenal platform to speak about our work.

Q8. What advice would you give an emerging philanthropist in Africa?

Give where you can, in whatever form you are able to give - be it financial, giving of your time, expertise, or whatever available resource.

It is important to also be clear on your intentions to fully maximize impact.

Work with structure but remain flexible.



Nyokabi Kenyatta with beneficiaries of the Kenyatta Trust.

WARIF Walkers



WARIF Walkers are an amazing group of women and teenagers who successfully reached the top of Mount Kilimanjaro on August 26th 2018 following an eight-day grueling trek. This rewarding experience was used to highlight the work of the Women at Risk International Foundation (WARIF) which addresses the high incidence of rape and sexual violence among young girls and women in Nigeria and Africa.

WARIF is a member of the APF network and the organisation is operational in communities throughout Lagos, Nigeria.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday September 23, 2018
**APF Side Event on the Sidelines of the
 UN General Assembly in New York**

APF IN DOUALA- NOVEMBER, 2018

APF IN CAIRO- DECEMBER, 2018

*"If you want to go fast go alone,
 if you want to go far go together".*

- African Proverb

**JOIN A
 VIBRANT
 COMMUNITY
 OF**

**CHANGE MAKERS TO LEARN, SHARE AND BE EQUIPPED TO GIVE
 MORE EFFECTIVELY AND STRATEGICALLY FOR DESIRED IMPACT.**

The APF membership is open to emerging and established African philanthropists as well as social investors who have made or plan to make a significant commitment to philanthropy. APF has several membership options available for individuals, foundations and grant-making organizations depending on the desire.

For more information about on APF membership, please contact us via email at apf@africanpf.org or telephone on +234 803 729 1889.



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