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ABOUT

AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY FORUM

African Philanthropy Forum (APF) is a strong and vibrant community of partners who through their strategic giving, investments and influence, foster shared prosperity on the African Continent. It exists to promote homegrown development and reduce Africa's dependency on international aid.

APF was established in 2014 and incubated by the Global Philanthropy Forum (GPF), a global network of strategic philanthropists and social investors committed to international causes. In 2017, APF became an independent entity registered in Nigeria and South Africa and continues to be affiliated to the GPF.

Over the years, APF has established a strong presence on the Continent, with footprints in 14 African countries, namely, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe through its convenings and activities.

APF has also invested in the development of two Toolkits for African Philanthropists and the "Why Give" Series, which consists of interviews with Africa's strategic philanthropic leaders to showcase their motivations for giving.

Since inception, APF has reached over 3,000 philanthropists, social investors and key stakeholders in the philanthropic space across Africa and the world.

Through high impact convening and initiatives, APF has facilitated collaborations, amplified the work of change makers and shared best philanthropic practices and strategies for promoting homegrown development.

Our Mission

African Philanthropy Forum is a strong and vibrant community of partners who through their strategic giving, investments and influence, foster shared prosperity on the African Continent.

Our Vision

Transform the culture of giving in Africa to the extent that it exceeds development aid by 2030.





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EXCLUSIVE APF DINNER IN JOHANNESBURG



he total philanthropic giving in Africa has shown a positive trajectory, with a growing number of individuals and organizations recognizing the need to address pressing challenges such as poverty, healthcare, education, and environmental sustainability.

According to recent studies, the landscape of philanthropy in Africa has witnessed increased participation from local and international donors where the size of the HNWI population in Africa increased by 6.1% in 2019, while wealth increased by 6.5% to US\$ 1.7 trillion.

Private wealth in Africa is expected to increase by 38% to reach US\$ 3 trillion by 2023 while Africans with assets of more than US\$30 million will double by 2025 and their giving potential is estimated at US7 billion per annum. Sustaining the momentum by strengthening

philanthropic infrastructure in Africa is of the utmost priority.

It is against this background that on September 13, in Johannesburg, South Africa, African Philanthropy Forum (APF) hosted an exclusive in-person dinner event that underscored the importance of cross-border collaboration and co-creation in driving a unified philanthropic effort across the African continent.

At the Johannesburg event, collaboration and networking were highlighted as crucial components of the philanthropic ecosystem in Africa. The interconnectedness of philanthropic organizations, both locally and internationally, enhances the collective impact of their efforts. This collaborative approach is instrumental in addressing complex, multifaceted issues that require coordinated solutions.

The event provided a unique platform to engage with the philanthropic community, especially High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs), to discuss sustainable development and drive positive social transformation in Africa.





APF will continue to build upon its remarkable legacy by elevating the strategic dimension of giving, establishing a robust and resilient network across the continent.

- Nyimpini Mabunda

Gbenga Oyebode, Chair of APF Board, emphasized APF's critical role in bringing together philanthropists, social investors, and leaders from diverse sectors to address pressing challenges on the African continent. Nyimpini Mabunda, APF Board Member, shared that APF will continue to build upon its remarkable legacy by elevating the strategic dimension of giving, establishing a robust and resilient network across the continent, and firmly embedding APF within the broader philanthropy ecosystem.

APF's commitment to elevating the strategic dimension of giving aligns with philanthropy becoming more intentional and outcome oriented. Philanthropists are increasingly focusing on measurable impact, transparency, and accountability, ensuring that their contributions result in tangible improvements in the lives of those they seek to support.

In Africa, it is noteworthy to examine the general statistics that underscore the impact and potential of charitable contributions across the continent. Philanthropy in Africa has been experiencing a gradual but significant evolution, with various High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs) and family foundations playing a pivotal role in driving positive change.

BREAKFAST MEETING ON THE SIDELINES OF UNGA

THE UNIQUE ROLE OF PHILANTHROPY IN TACKLING THE SDGs



n September 21, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, African Philanthropy Forum and Milken Institute Philanthropy convened an intimate cohort of leading philanthropists, funders and

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- Mike Milken

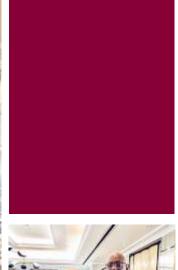
foundations to explore the unique and catalytic role that philanthropy can play in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Themed "The Unique Role of Philanthropy in Tackling the SDGs," the session delved into the vast potential of philanthropy as a driving force for progress in the SDGs. Participants explored initiatives at the intersection of health, education, socio-economic empowerment, and community livelihoods. The discussions also ventured into the power of partnerships and systemic thinking, emphasizing how these strategic approaches can significantly contribute to the realization of the ambitious SDGs.

Mike Milken, Chairman of the Milken Institute, delivered a compelling address during the session, underscoring the imperative of addressing challenges specific to Sub-Saharan Africa. Milken emphasized that for philanthropic impact to be truly transformative, it must encompass the diverse and complex landscape of the African continent. This acknowledgment of the unique challenges facing Sub-Saharan Africa echoed the growing awareness within the philanthropic community of the need for targeted and region-specific interventions.

Throughout the discussions, speakers who included Vimbai Masiyiwa, businesswoman and the Executive Director of Batoka Hospitality, a purpose-driven hospitality company and the first black female-owned Safari Lodge group in







Africa and H.E. Toyin Saraki, Founder and President of Wellbeing Foundation, Africa, illuminated why philanthropy holds a distinctive position in tackling deeply entrenched global challenges. The flexibility, innovation, and risk-taking capacity inherent in philanthropy were highlighted as crucial attributes that set it apart from other forms of funding. The ability of philanthropy to act as a catalyst for change, driving innovation and testing new approaches, was a recurrent theme.

Furthermore, the importance of networks and collaboration within the philanthropic space was central to the discussion. Participants recognized that collective action, shared knowledge, and collaborative efforts are indispensable

components of the journey towards a sustainable future. The interconnected nature of global challenges necessitates a united and collaborative approach, where philanthropists, funders, and foundations join forces to amplify their impact and address the root causes of complex issues.

As the event concluded, it left an indelible mark on the participants, reinforcing the notion that philanthropy, when strategically deployed and collaboratively harnessed, has the potential to be a transformative force in steering the world towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

REGIONAL CONVENINGS



APF REGIONAL
CONVENING IN ACCRA:
CATALYZING SOCIAL
CHANGE THROUGH
STRATEGIC
PHILANTHROPY

n November 2, African Philanthropy Forum hosted a regional convening in Accra, Ghana, themed 'Catalyzing Social Change through Strategic Philanthropy". This philanthropic gathering served as a platform, bringing together key stakeholders such as philanthropists, foundations, non-profits, government representatives, and social entrepreneurs, all united in their commitment to addressing critical social issues impacting the continent.

To initiate the discussions, Gbenga Oyebode, APF Board Chair, in conversation with Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Executive Vice President at ACET, took on the crucial task of addressing the challenges affecting philanthropy in Africa. He specifically highlighted the gap between the existing legal frameworks for charitable giving and their practical implementation on the continent.

A distinguished panel of speakers, skillfully moderated by Yvonne Botchey, Head of Embassies, International Organizations, and Airlines at Fidelity Bank - Ghana, engaged in a thoughtful exploration of the role of strategic philanthropy in driving social change while aligning with business objectives.

Juliet L. Butler, Member of the Governing Council at United Way Ghana; Chloe Assam, Senior Program Manager at the Or Foundation;



and Asiedua Addae, Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand, and Marketing at Standard Chartered Bank Ghana, collectively discussed the ways philanthropy can strategically allocate resources, enhance collaboration, and wield influence to create transformative impacts in society.

The insights gleaned from this event not only expanded our understanding of philanthropy but also served as a source of inspiration, motivating each participant to actively contribute to the positive change that Africa urgently needs. The gathering in Accra exemplified the power of strategic philanthropy as a catalyst for social change and reinforced the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing pressing societal issues.

APF REGIONAL CONVENING IN LAGOS:

LEVERAGING LOCAL PHILANTHROPY FOR SOCIAL IMPACT IN NIGERIA

frican Philanthropy Forum (APF) held its regional convening in Lagos, Nigeria, on November 16, under the theme "Catalyzing Local Philanthropy for Social Impact." This event served as a dynamic gathering point for philanthropists, private and corporate foundations, as well as SMEs active in the social impact space. Together, they explored innovative strategies aimed at constructing a robust philanthropic network in Nigeria to amplify, broaden, and deepen the impact of their initiatives.

Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, Chairman of the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation, delivered a compelling keynote address. He emphasized the pivotal role of development as the greatest hero, providing unparalleled leverage for national progress.

Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima, Senior Program Officer for West Africa at the Ford Foundation, encouraged Nigerian philanthropists to broaden their conversations beyond the scale of philanthropy, urging them to also consider discussions about tax incentives as a complementary facet.

A highlight of the convening was an enthralling panel discussion featuring esteemed speakers, including Emmanuel Etuh from the Jennifer Etuh Foundation, Ejiro Gray, Executive Director of Governance and Sustainability at Sahara Group, Gima H. Forje, CEO of the TY Danjuma Foundation, Zouera Youssoufou, Managing Director and CEO of the Aliko Dangote Foundation, and Pearl Uzokwe,





Board Member of the Malala Fund. Their collective wisdom and experience offered invaluable perspectives on effective philanthropic strategies.

This was followed by an interactive session titled 'The Case for a Local Philanthropy Network", skillfully facilitated by Ese Emerhi, Global Network Weaver for Nigeria at The Global Fund for Community Foundations. This engaging session sparked meaningful discussions and fostered strategic connections among attendees, further propelling the momentum towards impactful philanthropy in Nigeria.

The event also presented a significant opportunity to unveil the findings of the APF Ecosystem Mapping exercise in Nigeria, which is funded by the Ford Foundation. This exercise offered valuable insights into the demographics of philanthropists in the country, including age, gender, and religious affiliation. Notably, it revealed that philanthropy in Nigeria transcends generations, with substantial contributions from Gen X, Baby Boomers, and Gen Y.

In his remarks, Gbenga Oyebode, APF Board Chair, underscored the importance of the Lagos convening, emphasizing its focus on social impact for philanthropy. He highlighted the significance of the newly launched APF Philanthropy Ecosystem report, indicating that it will lay the foundation for a heightened commitment to impactful work in Nigeria. This report represents a strategic compilation of lessons learned and knowledge gained, positioning philanthropy as a catalyst for positive change in the region.

LEVERAGING THE CURRENCY OF COLLABORATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER JUSTICE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



n September 26, APF hosted its 4th knowledge building session in a series dedicated to elevating the importance of strategic philanthropy at the intersection of Digital Technology and Gender Justice in Africa.

This event, titled "Leveraging the Currency of Collaboration at the Intersection of Gender Justice and Digital Technology," shed light on the imperative for increased investment by African philanthropists in initiatives that bridge Gender Justice and Digital Technology and aimed to illustrate the transformative power of collaboration. It showcased how collaborative efforts create pathways for resource pooling and the vital support needed in the philanthropic landscape. This support is essential to foster the emergence of African philanthropists and build an ecosystem that bolsters organizations working in this field.

The panel of experts featured Latanya Mapp Frett, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, renowned for her global advocacy for women and girls' rights; Dr. English Sall, a data enthusiast and researcher specializing in Humanitarian Work Psychology, serving on the boards of the African Philanthropy Forum and the Sall Family Foundation; Alberto Cerda Silva, Global Program Officer for Internet Rights and Access at Ford Foundation; and Melizsa Mugyenyi, a seasoned development executive committed to inclusive and sustainable impact in Sub-Saharan Africa. Melizsa also chairs the Advisory Board of the African Visionary Fund and was recently appointed as Lead and Deputy Vice President, Strategic Engagements at World Data Lab. The session was moderated by Elizabeth (Liz) Ngozi, CFRE, Founder/CEO of The International Social Impact Institute and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Center for Global Affairs at New York University.

TYING IT TOGETHER: REVIEWING THE DISCOURSE ON GENDER JUSTICE AND DIGITAL RIGHTS

n December 6, 2023, APF concluded its virtual convenings for the year with a thoughtful exploration under the theme "Tying it together: Reviewing the Discourse on Gender Justice and Digital Rights". This session served as a comprehensive review, consolidating key insights from previous discussions to ensure a thorough understanding and uptake of information among funders and philanthropic organizations operating within this dynamic space.

The engaging conversation between Adaora Ikenze, Director of Public Policy (Anglophone West Africa) at Meta, and Mosun Layode, Executive Director of African Philanthropy Forum, examined the challenges and opportunities inherent in shaping the future of gender justice and digital innovation in Africa. The discourse not only highlighted the current landscape but also outlined crucial steps to be taken in advancing gender justice within the evolving digital technology realm.

In a candid exchange, Ms. Ikenze refrained from citing any groundbreaking achievements for women concerning gender justice and digital rights, emphasizing the considerable distance still to be traversed. She articulated, "Gender justice within the digital space mirrors the challenges experienced in all other arenas — a lack of access, inequities, and limited opportunities. While the conversation has entered the digital realm, the core issues persist. The premise remains unchanged."

Persisting challenges include funding constraints, with limited resources posing a significant hurdle to addressing

the necessary changes and opportunities. Remedies were proposed, emphasizing the critical need to fund areas essential for social change and developmental progress, with a specific focus on improving women's access to healthcare.

The importance of collaboration and a shared understanding of goals emerged as pivotal elements for achieving systemic change in the development space. Recognizing that collaboration is indispensable, especially in resource-constrained environments, the discussion underscored the necessity of strengthening policies and institutions for sustainable progress in any area.

The virtual series on Gender Justice and Digital Rights, skillfully curated by APF, not only explored but actively promoted philanthropic endeavors at the intersection of gender justice and digital rights in Africa. Throughout the series, diverse objectives were achieved, including identifying strategic philanthropic approaches, distilling lessons from the experiences of individuals in the field, uncovering best practices in funding initiatives that advance gender justice within the digital rights context, and, most recently, discerning existing and emerging priorities for collaboration.

This series has not only informed but has also set the stage for meaningful and impactful interventions in the dynamic landscape where gender justice and digital rights intersect.



APF PODCAST SERIES -

Our podcast series continued this year as we disseminated a wealth of knowledge to a global audience, igniting inspiration and catalyzing action.

Log into Spotify to listen to engaging discussions, stories of impact, and the wealth of knowledge shared by our community members.

Here are some exciting conversations to tune in for.



- A Conversation with Fred Swaniker
 - Founder, African Leadership Academy
- Harnessing the Power of the Next Generation
 - Mmabatho Maboya, CEO, Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation
- **▶** On a Mission to Fund African Visionaries
 - Katie Buten-Wamaru, Co-CEO, African Visionary Fund

HIGHERLIFE



omboshava, once known for its granite hills, is now recognized for affordable living close to Harare. However, its growth has strained infrastructure, particularly in elementary education. Higherlife Foundation addressed this by opening Simba Education in 2020, aiming to enhance early childhood education. The school's interactive learning approach and low student-to-teacher ratio benefit 145 students, with a tech-driven curriculum and a supportive platform tracking performance. Simba Education's impact extends beyond academics, offering scholarships, teacher training, and its own content, Growing Trees Books. The school's resilience during challenges, like the pandemic, showcases its commitment to community development and holistic education in Domboshava. This is how Higherlife Foundation did it.

Interactive Learning and Infrastructure

Simba Education distinguishes itself not only through its well-built infrastructure, positioning it among the best elementary schools in Zimbabwe, but also through its culture of interactive learning.

NURTURING MINDS AND COMMUNITIES IN DOMBOSHAVA

Tinashe Musharu, the school administrator, emphasizes a teaching approach that goes beyond rote memorization, encouraging students to understand concepts through handson experiences with toys and physical learning materials.

The school's low student-to-teacher ratio, ranging between 15 and 20 students per class, facilitates personalized attention. Simba Education boasts a well-equipped computer lab, complete with computers and tablets, anchoring a tech-driven curriculum. The Simba Platform further enhances the learning experience, allowing teachers to plan and access lessons while tracking individual student performance.

Beyond academics, Simba Education places a strong emphasis on student well-being. The school's commitment is evident in its assistance to students facing health challenges, ensuring access to medical care. Moreover, recognizing the financial barriers some families face in sending children to preschool, the Higherlife Foundation has provided scholarships to 15 students in Domboshava.

Teacher Training, Content Development, and Adaptability

Simba Education not only prioritizes student learning but also invests in the professional development of its teaching staff. Regular training focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy equips teachers with the skills necessary to bridge educational gaps in rural communities. Lauren Ford, the Executive Head of Simba International, highlights the potential for well-equipped teachers to uplift students in rural areas, narrowing the inequality gap between urban and rural schools.

Dedication Mureyi, joined as an Assistant Teacher in 2020 and has progressed to become a Grade One class teacher. The





institution's adaptability was evident during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, where the school swiftly transitioned to online classes via Zoom and WhatsApp.

Post-pandemic, Simba Education introduced intensive revision sessions to ensure that content taught online was effectively understood and retained. Zvikomborero Nhamo, an Early Childhood Development (ECD) B Teacher, underscores the school's holistic approach, emphasizing not only academics but also physical development through play, exploration, and sports.

A Beacon for New Families in the Community

Simba Education has proven to be a timely respite for families seeking a high-quality educational alternative closer to home. Parents, like Kudzanayi Chingono, have made the pivotal decision to transfer their children from elite schools in Harare to Simba. Overcoming initial reservations about rural education, Chingono witnessed positive changes in his son's behavior and engagement with learning after the transition.

Similarly, Violet Makusha, drawn to Simba through a friend's recommendation, observed significant improvements in her child's pre-writing skills. Simba Education has become a beacon for families seeking accessible, quality education in Domboshava, fostering confidence and positive development in its students.

Despite the early doubts of parents such as Mrs. Doreen Tom, who relocated her daughter to Simba Education, the school has become a catalyst for positive transformations. Students exhibit improved confidence and enthusiasm for learning, a testament to the school's commitment to holistic education.

A Source of Hope and Inspiration

Simba Education extends its impact beyond academics, recognizing the socio-economic challenges faced by families in peri-urban areas like Domboshava. The school provides food support, acknowledging the crucial role nutrition plays in child development. Simba's standardized approach encompasses not only educational resources but also includes similar toys and stationery for all learners, fostering a sense of equality.

The Christian and family-oriented environment at Simba Education creates a unique bond among teachers, learners, and staff. What began as an initiative to address a gap in rural education has blossomed into a source of hope and inspiration for young minds in Domboshava. Simba Education stands as a testament to the transformative power of education, nurturing not just academic growth but also personal development and community well-being.



King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS) is a 'philanthropy architect' – we craft personalized solutions for one-time gifts, recurring donations through Donor Advised Funds, planned giving with Legacy Funds, and gifts of artworks to museums overseas.

In addition to our work with donors, we also partner with foreign nonprofit organizations. With an American Friends Fund at KBFUS, they can receive tax-deductible gifts from U.S. donors, while saving the trouble and expense of setting up their own charity in the United States.

Over the past 3 years, KBFUS facilitated over \$210 million in grants, providing much needed funding to hundreds of nonprofits across the globe, working in a broad diversity of fields.

Since the opening of its offices in New York City in 2002, the King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS) has served as a knowledgeable bridge between American donors and nonprofit organizations overseas.

We work with individuals, families, corporations and foundations, and help them support their favorite causes across the globe – whether it's a children's hospital in Egypt, a research institute in Belgium, a business school in Kenya, or an art museum in Italy.



JOIN APF EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT IN AFRICA

Being a member of African Philanthropy Forum (APF) helps individuals, communities and organizations join an effort that drives systematic change in communities across Africa, creates improved outcomes and greater impact. Becoming a member is not like joining a recreational club, it is about accelerating transformation and changing narratives with pulled resources and efforts.

African Philanthropy Forum members, their Boards and staff benefit from a year-long access to programs, conversations, research and information to enhance the effectiveness of your philanthropic initiatives and help build a dynamic homegrown philanthropic community in Africa.

Take the first step towards being a member today by checking out our membership categories on our website at africanpf.org and completing the membership application form. Please do not stop there. Spread the news and invite members of your network.

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