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7TH EDITION THEME:

African Resourcefulness

Leading Sustainable Solutions from
Self to Society

Summit Report





Director's Report

Reflecting on the Sustaining Impact Summit

Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present this Summary Report for the 7th Sustaining Impact Summit, themed "*African Resourcefulness: Leading Sustainable Solutions from Self to Society.*" This year's convening reaffirmed our shared mission to celebrate and strengthen the creativity, resilience, and ingenuity driving Africa's social innovation landscape.

Throughout the Summit, participants explored a vital question: ***How can African actors creatively and collaboratively leverage local assets to build solutions that are sustainable, scalable, and deeply rooted in context?*** Through keynotes, panels, a fireside chat, and masterclasses, we examined how individuals, organizations, and networks can harness their own knowledge, relationships, and cultural assets to drive lasting transformation.

From inspiring keynotes on the concept of resourcefulness to interactive sessions on networks, ecosystems, and organizational resilience, the message was clear – Africa's greatest resource lies in its people and their capacity to adapt, create, and collaborate even in times of constraint.

Key discussions reinforced this theme: the Resourceful Society panel emphasized starting with local motion, aligning stakeholders as co-investors, and using technology to build trust. The Resourceful Networks session highlighted trust, local ownership, and collaboration as foundations for sustained impact, while the Resourceful Self and Organization panel underscored adaptability, learning, and belief in one's capacity to innovate. The fireside chat with Social Enterprise UK demonstrated the power of data, relationships, and evidence in influencing policy and building thriving ecosystems.

A major highlight was the Design Thinking and Business Model Innovation Masterclass, where participants learnt about user-centred approaches and leveraging of local assets to design context-relevant, sustainable business models. Together, these exchanges reaffirmed that resourcefulness is not a response to scarcity, but a mindset and a movement – one that challenges us to reimagine how we build, fund, and sustain our work, guided by local wisdom and collective purpose. As you read through this report, I invite you to reflect on how you can also embody resourcefulness – leading solutions that move from self to society.

My sincere appreciation goes to our speakers, partners, facilitators, judges, and participants whose insights and dedication made this Summit a success. Together, we continue to grow a continent-wide movement of impact-driven organizations leading change from the inside out.

Warm regards,
Dr Adeyemi Adelekan
Director, ASEW

What is the Summit about?

The Sustaining Impact Summit (SIS) is an annual event aimed at promoting the sustenance of impact and impact-focused organizations in Africa. It is the flagship event of the **African Social Enterprise Workshop (ASEW)** – a technical support platform for impact-oriented organizations in Africa offering training & knowledge exchange activities to enable them to sustain their impact.

Each year, SIS brings together social enterprises and NGOs, alongside industry experts, policymakers, and representatives from local and international development organizations to explore how impact focused organizations can sustainably resource their impact-related work, particularly in cases of limited or no external support. The theme for this year's summit is: "African Resourcefulness: Leading sustainable solutions from self to society".

As the world passes the halfway mark to the 2030 SDGs, progress remains slow and uneven, demanding bold, locally grounded solutions. In Africa, despite challenges from the pandemic, conflict, climate change, and shifting donor priorities, the continent's greatest strength—its people—continues to drive innovation and impact.

The 2025 Sustaining Impact Summit focuses on **resourcefulness**: the ability to mobilize and maximize existing assets such as local knowledge, networks, and infrastructure. Building on last year's insight that Africa doesn't lack ideas but mechanisms to use its resources better, this year's summit convened social enterprises, NGOs, cooperatives, and grassroots organizations to explore how resourcefulness can unlock new possibilities, scale sustainable solutions, and shift systems—from self to society.

Summary of the two days

This year's event, held over two days on August 28-29, 2025, featured an exciting lineup of keynotes, panel discussions, fireside chat, masterclasses, the Sustaining Impact Prize presentations and awards, and ample networking opportunities.

Day 1 Highlights

The day began with a brief welcome note from the Founder and Director of ASEW, **Dr Adeyemi Adelekan** followed by two insightful keynote sessions. The keynote speakers included:

- **Sophie Bacq** – Professor of Social Entrepreneurship & Coca-Cola Foundation Chair in Sustainable Development at IMD Lausanne
- **Debbi Brock** – Co-Founder, Social Change Innovators

Following the keynote sessions was a set of three engaging panel sessions and a fireside chat, moderated by experienced professionals in the impact sector:

- **Naomi Mwasambili** - CEO, Livy Africa
- **Daisy Bartlett** - Strategy Developer, Private Sector Partnerships, Amahoro Coalition
- **Jane Thiongo** - Chair, Social Enterprise Zambia and Co-Founder, Swalisano Advisory
- **Dr. Erick Franck Y Pathinvo** - CEO and Founder, Group PEFY-Consulting Global

The first panel session explored the topic: "Resourceful Society". The panel featured:

- **Vivian Nwakah** – Director, Pfizer
- **Michael McPherson** – Founder and CEO, Aquarius Foundation
- **Tizzita Tefera** – Board Member, Social Enterprise Ethiopia/ Social Enterprise World Forum

The second panel session focused on: "Resourceful Networks". Expert discussants included:

- **Oliver Nkunuzwanda** – Founder and CEO, Refugee Innovation Centre
- **Musa Konneh** – Director, Movement For Education And Advocacy Network Salone
- **Akufuna Muyunda** – Board President, Zambia US Exchanges Alumni Association.

The third panel session focused on: "Resourceful Self & Organization". Expert discussants included:

- **Ms. Cheryl Jacob** – Development Practitioner | Fund Manager | Strategy & Social Innovation Specialist
- **Fabrice Muchiga** – Social Entrepreneur | Systems Change Leader | Network Strategist
- **Nike Akerele-De Souza** – Co-Founder/Board Member, Teach for Nigeria Strategic Advisor, Dressler KBO Consulting

There was a fireside chat session with Social Enterprise UK which had the Membership Manager of SEUK, **Chris Morgan** share some insights on "*Building Strong Ecosystems*".

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Day 2 Highlights

The day began with presentations from the five Sustaining Impact Prize finalists before a panel of judges.

This year, three winners emerged:

Omoyemi Oladiran (El Plethora Vocational Academy), **Ogugumobi Oyesiji** (Mobi Designs), and **Christian Mwajige** (EcoAct Tanzania).

Following the awards presentation, the event transitioned into masterclass sessions held both virtually and in-person across eight partner locations in Africa.

These sessions focused on *Design Thinking and Business Model Innovation for social enterprises and NGOs*, providing practical tools and insights to help organizations design sustainable, high-impact solutions.

The locations, partners, and moderators for this year's masterclasses are:

1. **Nigeria** – Aust Inspire Hub. Moderator: Rita Chikwem
2. **Ethiopia** – Social Enterprise Ethiopia. Moderator: Adenew Mesfin
3. **Zambia** – Swalisano Advisory. Moderator: Radhia Mtonga
4. **South Africa** – Vanhu Tech. Moderator: Cristianne Wendler
5. **Tunisia** – MenaCan. Moderator: Sauossen Ben Cheikh
6. **Ghana** – Social Enterprise Ghana. Moderator: Edwin Zu-Cudjoe
7. **Namibia** – Uhili Wellness Trust. Moderator: Pennina Tuufilwa
8. **Cote d' Ivoire** – Social Enterprise Cote d' Ivoire. Moderator: Kanon Danielle
9. **Virtual** – Amandine Robin of Innovative Matters. Moderator: Adeyemi Adelekan

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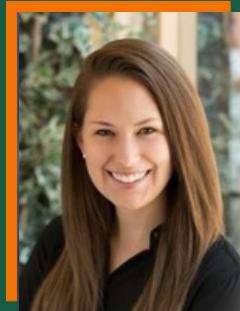
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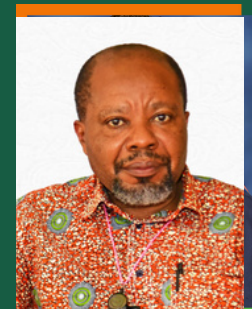
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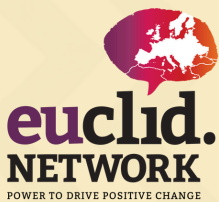
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Key insights for African social entrepreneurs and NGOs



**Topic: African Resourcefulness: Meaning and
relevance**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1

Name
Dr. Adeyemi Adelekan

1. Rethinking the Meaning of Resourcefulness

- **Beyond Scarcity:** Traditional interpretations of African resourcefulness emphasize making do with little. Dr. Adeyemi challenges this, asserting that true resourcefulness is not “doing more with less” but doing more with more — leveraging internal, human, and non-material capacities rather than fixating on external limitations.
- **Practical Takeaway:** Social innovators should shift focus from constraints to capabilities. Instead of designing interventions around what communities lack, begin by mapping and amplifying what already exists within — talents, skills, networks, and community trust.

2. The Three Dimensions of Resourcefulness:

- **Perception:** How we view our work and those we serve determines our effectiveness. Seeing communities as creative agents, not helpless beneficiaries, fosters empowerment and innovation.

o Action Point: Reframe your organization’s narrative — from “helping the poor” to “unleashing human creativity.”

- **Positioning:** Move from being receivers of aid to becoming givers and co-creators of value. The goal is to generate indigenous solutions that others can also learn from or fund.

o Action Point: Audit your funding and program model. Ask: “How can we design to generate or reinvest resources locally?”

- **Proactiveness:** Trust that you already have enough to start. The key to sustainability is movement, not waiting for perfect conditions.

o Action Point: Begin pilot actions with existing human and social capital — expertise, partnerships, goodwill, or local knowledge — and grow impact iteratively.

3. Lessons from Donor Systems: Rethinking Aid Dependence:

- **Critical Observation:** Despite billions in aid, Africa continues to lag on key SDGs. The model of dependency is failing.
- **Shift Required:** No nation or enterprise becomes powerful or successful by relying on foreign grants. Growth comes from investment, value creation, and ownership.

4. Stories of Resourcefulness in Action:

- **Muhammad Yunus’ Example:** His success with Grameen Bank stemmed from three inner qualities — right perception (seeing the poor as capable), position (acting as a giver), and proactiveness (using persuasion and self-leadership to create solutions).
- **The Parable of the Talents:** Those who multiplied their resources were rewarded; those who buried them lost even what they had.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1

Name
Dr. Adeyemi Adelekan

5. African Resourcefulness as a Framework for Leadership

- **Humans as Carriers of Resources:** Africa's greatest wealth lies in people — their creativity, relational ability, and problem-solving potential.
- **From Basic to Advanced Leadership:**
 - o Basic leadership is taking responsibility for your own gifts.
 - o Advanced leadership is channelling those gifts toward others and society at large.

- **Conclusion: From Self to Society**

African social innovators are called to lead sustainable change by first transforming their internal mindset.

The summit's challenge is clear: **become givers, stewards, and creators**, not perpetual receivers of external solutions. Resourcefulness is not about lack — it's about leadership, responsibility, and leveraging the abundance already within.



**3 Key Implementation Steps for
African NGOs:**

1. Shift Mindset: Move from deficit thinking ("we lack") to abundance thinking ("we have").



2. Activate Internal Assets: Identify and leverage non-material resources — people's skills, creativity, networks.

3. Design for Giving: Develop models that generate and reinvest local value rather than relying solely on donor funds.

Strategies for Stronger Social Impact: The Role of Collective Action



KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2

Name
 Professor Sophie Bacq

1. The Evolution of Social Entrepreneurship Thinking

- **From Individuals to Systems:** Early social entrepreneurship focused on the entrepreneur's mindset and traits — empathy, risk-taking, moral drive. Over time, research and practice revealed that real impact lies beyond the individual, within organizations, communities, and collective structures that sustain change.

2. Civic Wealth Creation: A Framework for Localized Impact

Definition: Civic wealth
 3 Key Implementation Steps for African NGOs:

• creation refers to **building shared, non-material forms of wealth**—such as social trust, health, knowledge, and local capacity—through collaboration between entrepreneurs, funders, and communities.

- **Key Elements of the Model:**

1. **Entrepreneurial Agents** – the initiators and innovators of change.
2. **Regimes of Support** – funders, mentors, and ecosystem enablers who provide financial and non-financial backing.
3. **Communities** – the localized networks of people whose participation and ownership make impact durable.

° **Practical Takeaway:** Redesign your initiatives around shared value creation rather than service delivery. Engage communities as co-implementers and co-owners, not passive beneficiaries.

3. Understanding Communities: Beyond Geography

- **Expanded View:** Communities can exist as:
 1. **Communities of Place** – geographic or neighborhood-based.
 2. **Communities of Identity** – bound by shared culture or history.
 3. **Communities of Fate** – linked by shared challenges like disaster or poverty.
 4. **Communities of Interest or Practice** – formed around shared missions or professional collaboration.

° **Practical Takeaway:** Map your “community” more broadly. Align interventions not just to place, but to shared identity, experience, or purpose. This allows NGOs to design programs that are more inclusive and resonant.

4. The Power of Collective Action

- **Core Idea:** Solving today's challenges requires multi-stakeholder coalitions—where entrepreneurs, funders, civil society, government, and communities each play complementary roles.
- **Why It Matters:** No single actor (entrepreneur, NGO, or government) can fix systemic problems alone. Sustainable social change emerges when diverse actors align around shared goals.

° **Practical Takeaway:**

- Form or join cross-sector coalitions that unite businesses, NGOs, and local actors around specific issues (e.g., waste management, youth employment, or food security).
- Establish mechanisms for trust-building, shared agenda setting, and role clarity early in collaborations to avoid fragmentation.

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5. Key Insights from Collective Action Research

- **Renewed Focus on Locality:** Stronger impact emerges when organizations start with what exists locally—resources, institutions, cultural practices—and build outward.
- **Importance of Civil Society Actors:** Civil society provides the connective tissue for coordination across scales—from grassroots to policy.
- **Social Entrepreneurs as Part of a Collective:** They are catalysts, not saviors.

o **Action Point:** Position your organization as a facilitator of networks, enabling others to innovate and take ownership of solutions.

6. Aligning with African Resourcefulness

- Professor Bacq’s message reinforces Dr. Adeyemi’s call to move from self to society—but through collective resourcefulness.
- **True resourcefulness**, in this lens, is relational and collaborative: doing more together with the resources and creativity that already exist within communities.

o **Practical Takeaway:** Build initiatives that blend internal (human, cultural, social) resources with collective, civic energy to multiply impact at community level.

- **Conclusion:** From Individual Impact to Collective Transformation

Social innovators and NGOs in Africa can amplify their effectiveness by shifting from individual entrepreneurship to collective, community-driven entrepreneurship. The future of sustainable impact lies in building civic wealth—where communities are co-creators, resources are locally defined, and leadership is shared.



3 Key Implementation Steps for African NGOs:

1. **Collaborate Broadly:** Build partnerships across civil society, business, and government for systems-level impact.



2. **Empower Communities:** Engage beneficiaries as co-implementers and decision-makers in every stage.

3. **Anchor Locally:** Use community assets — social, cultural, and natural — as the foundation for solutions.

Cultivating Human Capacity for Lasting Social Impact



KEYNOTE SPEAKER 3

Name
 Professor Debbi Brock

1. Start with Purpose: Anchor everything in a clear “WHY”

- **Insight:** Organizations tend to explain what they do and how they do it, but lasting impact is driven by why they do it.
- **Practical takeaway:** Make purpose operational. Run a fast “WHY → HOW → WHAT” exercise with staff and partners; translate your WHY into 3–5 purpose metrics (e.g., women empowered into decent jobs, youth retained in education, emissions avoided).

2. Human Capacity is the Engine of Impact

- **Insight:** Many training programs miss core inner competencies that determine resilience and long-term effectiveness.
- **Four priority capacities to cultivate:**
 - o Empathy (design with, not for)
 - o Self-awareness & mindfulness (know your triggers, biases, and limits)
 - o Reflection & learning (after-action reviews; what to stop, start, continue)
 - o Resilience (bounce-back plans for shocks: funding gaps, disasters, policy shifts)

3. From Scarcity to Abundance: Mindset Shift

- **Insight:** Impact accelerates when organizations begin from existing gifts and assets (people, trust, culture, places) rather than deficits.
- **Practical takeaway:** Run an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) scan. Catalogue people’s skills, informal leaders, spaces, tools, and networks before budgeting for external inputs.

4. Skills for Practice: Leadership, Technology, and Systems Thinking

- **Insight:** Purpose without practice stalls. Teams need hard skills that translate vision into execution.

5. Systems Change: Go Below the Iceberg

- **Insight:** Band-aid projects fade; systems work addresses root causes (before the crisis shows up).

- **Six conditions to watch and influence:**

- o Structures (institutions, norms)
- o Policies & infrastructure
- o Resource flows (money, talent, data)
- o Relationships & trust
- o Power dynamics (who decides? who benefits?)
- o Mental models (beliefs, narratives)

- **Practical takeaway:** For your top problem (e.g., youth unemployment), map root causes and the six conditions; pick two leverage points to act on in the next 90 days.

6. Collective Action and Ecosystems

- **Insight:** You go farther together. Durable impact requires cross-sector coalitions and community ownership.

- **Practical takeaway:**

- o Do a stakeholder map; define roles (convener, knowledge partner, funder, beneficiary-as-co-designer).
- o Shift power to community: co-lead governance, budgets, and evaluation with community reps.

Cultivating Human Capacity for Lasting Social Impact



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o Leverage underused local assets (e.g., weekday church halls for training; shared equipment libraries).

7. From Problem Understanding to Iterative Solutions

- **Insight:** Deep problem literacy precedes effective solutions.
- **Practical takeaway:** Use a “map-the-system” sprint: two weeks of field listening, system mapping, and assumption testing; then pilot, learn, iterate.

8. Purpose + Profit, but Purpose Leads

- **Insight:** Revenue matters, but mission is the North Star.
- **Practical takeaway:** Build a simple purpose screen for new products/services: “Does this advance our WHY? How? What evidence will we use?”

Conclusion: Build people, build systems, build staying power.

Lasting social impact flows from cultivated people and purpose-driven systems. Invest in inner work and practical skills, rewire mental models and power dynamics, and embed your work in coalitions that turn community assets into collective outcomes.



3 Key Implementation Steps for African NGOs:

1. Codify purpose and people: run a WHY workshop; adopt a team competency matrix (empathy, self-awareness, reflection, resilience) with quarterly practice.



2. Map systems and assets: complete an ABCD asset map plus a root-cause/system map for one priority problem; choose two leverage points and design 90-day experiments.

3. Build coalitions with shared power: form a local action coalition; co-own decisions and evaluation with community members; use underutilized local spaces and networks to start now.

Panel Discussions



PANEL
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THEME:

- Resourceful Society

MODERATOR: NAOMI MWASAMBILI CEO, LIVY AFRICA (TANZANIA)

DISCUSSANTS:

- MICHAEL MCPHERSON – FOUNDER AND CEO, AQUARIUS FOUNDATION (SOUTH AFRICA)
- TIZZITA TEFERA – BOARD MEMBER, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ETHIOPIA/ SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WORLD FORUM (ETHIOPIA)
- VIVIAN NWAKAH – DIRECTOR, PFIZER (NIGERIA & USA)

To Michael McPherson & Tizzita Tefera:
 What does a resourceful society look like to you?

- **Use What You Have:** A resourceful society uses what it already has to solve its own problems—local talent, indigenous knowledge, natural assets—before seeking external help.
- **Community-Originated Solutions:** Impact grows when solutions come from within the communities that experience the problem.
- **Examples:** African innovators are already doing this—turning unused land into solar-powered food hubs and using mobile phones for AI-driven health diagnostics.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Look for abundant, local inputs—land, skills, waste, or technology—and turn them into self-sustaining assets before looking outward for aid or investment.



Michael McPherson

-Founder and CEO, Aquarius Foundation

- **Reconnecting with Nature:** A resourceful society values harmony between humans and ecosystems. Indigenous wisdom can guide how we rebuild this balance.
- **Circular Thinking:** Waste is not waste—it's a raw material. African designers and entrepreneurs transforming textile waste into new products exemplify regenerative resourcefulness
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Integrate environmental thinking into every initiative. Explore waste-to-value opportunities within your programs—textiles, plastics, food, or energy.



Tizzita Tefera

-Board Member, Social Enterprise Ethiopia/ Social Enterprise World Forum

Naomi Mwasambili

- CEO, Livy Africa



To Michael McPherson & Tizzita Tefera:
 What mindset and skills do young people
 need to create a resourceful Africa?

Naomi Mwasambili

- CEO, Livy Africa



- **Mindset Shift:** Young Africans must stop viewing themselves as dependent on foreign solutions. They are capable creators who deeply understand local problems.
- **Social Capital as Currency:** Relationships and trust are vital. Her example from Ethiopia showed how eight years of trust-building enabled policy change for social enterprises.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Train youth not only in technical skills but also in relationship management, negotiation, and trust-building—these are the true enablers of systems change.



Tizzita Tefera

-Board Member, Social Enterprise Ethiopia/
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- **Creativity as a Core Resource:** Creativity, when grounded in community realities, is one of Africa's most overlooked assets.
- **Local Mentorship over External Validation:** Instead of looking abroad for approval, young innovators should find mentors within their communities who understand context and culture.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Build peer mentoring networks that pair young innovators with local role models. Celebrate indigenous creativity as much as international recognition.

To Vivian Nwakah: How can African
 entrepreneurs access finance and sustain
 their ventures?

Naomi Mwasambili

- CEO, Livy Africa



- **Passion and Momentum Attract Funding:** Money follows movement. Investors are drawn to authentic passion and early traction—even if small.
- **Energy of Action:** "Money is energy." When you take consistent steps toward solving a problem, you attract people who want to fuel your mission.
- **Leverage Existing Networks:** Early investors often come from your circles—friends, family, former colleagues—who have seen your integrity and drive.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Teach entrepreneurs to start small, act fast, and tell their story. Progress, not perfection, attracts support.



Michael McPherson

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Vivian Nwakah

-Director, Pfizer



- **Engage Stakeholders as Co-Investors:** Clients and beneficiaries—like hospitals in her example—should also be investors or equity partners in the solution.
- **Think Beyond External Capital:** Local partners, suppliers, or even customers can finance innovation when they feel ownership of the outcome.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Redesign funding models to co-own value creation with communities and local partners.



Vivian Nwakah

-Director, Pfizer

To Michael McPherson, Tizzita Tefera & Vivian Nwakah: Practical advice for young innovators in villages or underserved areas

Naomi Mwasambili

- CEO, Livy Africa



- **Act Now with What You Have:** Don't wait for validation or foreign resources—start locally, prove concept, and attract support later.
- **Seek African Capital First:** Build data and traction, then engage African investors who understand your context.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Encourage lean-startup models—pilot projects using local inputs that demonstrate proof of concept before scaling.



Michael McPherson

-Founder and CEO, Aquarius Foundation

- **Promote Intra-African Collaboration:** Africa must trade, learn, and build with itself. Activate intra-African trade and shared services (e.g., tech-for-impact partnerships across borders).
- **Policy Advocacy for Mobility:** Push for policies that make travel, trade, and collaboration across African countries easier.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Facilitate cross-border collaborations and advocate for policy change that lowers barriers to intra-African innovation.



Tizzita Tefera

-Board Member, Social Enterprise Ethiopia/
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- **Grow the Pie Together:** Abandon the “crabs in a barrel” mindset. Collaboration, not competition, creates sustainability.
- **Technology as Trust Builder:** Use digital tools to build trust and transparency among partners working toward shared goals.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Develop collaborative innovation clusters—digital or physical spaces that help organizations co-create and build trust-based systems.



Vivian Nwakah

-Director, Pfizer



Collective Takeaways for African Social Innovators and NGOs

1. Start Where You Are: Resourcefulness means converting what already exists—skills, waste, land, networks—into impact.



2. Invest in People and Trust: Social capital is often more powerful than financial capital. Build it intentionally.

3. Collaborate Across Borders: Intra-African trade, learning exchanges, and cross-sector coalitions are vital for scaling impact.



4. Reframe Finance: Money follows motion. Begin small, tell your story, and align investors as co-owners, not outsiders.

5. Build Together: Sustainable African impact will come not from isolated heroes but from collective systems of trust, creativity, and action.

**PANEL
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 TWO**

THEME:

- Resourceful Networks

MODERATOR: DAISY BARTLETT - STRATEGY DEVELOPER – PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS, AMAHORO COALITION

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To Musa Konneh, Olivier Nkunuzurwanda & Akufunda Mayunda: How can African networks sustain themselves without traditional funding or rigid membership models?

- **Community ownership from day one:** Co-identify problems, co-design solutions, co-implement programmes.
- **Adaptive learning:** Mid-implementation “change of method” check-ins to keep what works, fix what doesn’t.
- **Use local assets:** Lean on land/agriculture to finance scholarships and skills training when grants lapse.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Bake co-creation and asset-use into your operating model (not as a side activity).



Musa Konneh

-Director, Movement For Education And Advocacy Network Salonen

- **Trust is capital:** Start by building trust across refugee and host communities so programmes are locally owned and replicated.
- **Skilled volunteers as hidden balance sheet:** Map and mobilize in-community expertise (teachers, artisans, health workers).
- **Network pooling:** 30+ refugee-led orgs combine small resources to tackle big challenges and reach >26k people.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Formalize a resource-pooling pact (skills, venues, micro-funds) across allied groups.



Olivier Nkunuzurwanda

- Founder and CEO, Refugee Innovation Centrem

Daisy Bartletti

- Strategy Developer – Private Sector Partnerships, Amahoro Coalition



- **Leadership that elevates others:** Clear direction → inspiration → distributed leadership.
- **Consistency & visibility:** Show up, keep showing up; use media to normalize local climate action.
- **Tech as glue:** Post-COVID tools sustain campaigns and cross-border collaboration at low cost.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Create a lightweight digital backbone (WhatsApp/Telegram + shared drive + simple CRM) to keep networks active.



Akufunda Mayunda

-Board President, Zambia US Exchanges Alumni Association

To Musa Konneh:
 How do you keep young people—especially girls—engaged and invested over time?

- **Celebrate small wins loudly:** Recognition fuels momentum.
- **Peer-to-peer engines:** Alumni mentor “Community Girls Network” drives advocacy and skills transfer.
- **Monthly experience exchanges:** Each group brings a solved challenge and replicable practice.
- **Youth advisory board:** Girls review programmes quarterly; their feedback is acted on (and seen).
- **Real roles, real rooms:** Youth represent the org at meetings and lead sensitive tasks (e.g., family reunification).
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Shift from “for youth” to “by youth”—governance seats, budgets, and external representation.



Musa Konneh

-Director, Movement For Education And Advocacy Network Salonen

Daisy Bartletti

- Strategy Developer – Private Sector Partnerships, Amahoro Coalition



To Akufunda Mayunda :
 Balancing international partnerships with local ownership?

- **Local interest first:** Partners play facilitator, not driver. Design to local needs, owned by local actors.
- **Bridges, not crutches:** View partnerships as opportunity bridges (seed to plant and nurture), not handouts.
- **Accountability builds trust:** Radical transparency, community-informed design, clear reporting loops.
- **Inclusive, not performative, networks:** Avoid “Pan-African” labels with narrow participation.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Write MoUs that codify local decision rights, transparency duties, and exit/sustainability plans.



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To Olivier Nkunuzwanda:
 Why do networks matter for African change?

Daisy Bartletti

- Strategy Developer – Private Sector Partnerships, Amahoro Coalition



- **“More hands lift an elephant”:** Networks multiply reach, credibility, and staying power.
- **Funders trust coalitions:** Coordinated, accountable networks are more investable than solo actors.
- **From consumers to producers:** Networks help Africa move from dependency to production and export of solutions.
- **Lesson for NGOs:** Position your coalition as a producer network (shared assets, shared pipeline, shared outcomes).



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Collective Takeaways for African Social Innovators and NGOs

1. **Ownership > Participation:** Co-create, co-implement, co-govern—then replication follows..

2. **Trust is Working Capital:** Build it deliberately (consistent presence, visible accountability, shared wins).

3. **Pool What Exists:** Skills, venues, equipment, data, audiences—small pieces, loosely joined.

4. **Youth Lead, Adults Enable:** Institutionalize youth decision rights and public representation.

5. **Partnerships = Bridges:** Local needs and authority first; transparency as the price of admission.

**PANEL
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THEME:

- Resourceful Self & Organization

MODERATOR: DR. ERICK PATHINVO - CEO AND FOUNDER, GROUP PEFY-CONSULTING GLOBAL

DISCUSSANTS:

- **CHERYL JACOBS - DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER | FUND MANAGER | STRATEGY & SOCIAL INNOVATION SPECIALIST, RESONATE, SOUTH AFRICA.**
- **NIKE AKERELE DE-SOUZA - CO-FOUNDER/BOARD MEMBER, TEACH FOR NIGERIA | STRATEGIC ADVISOR, DRESSLER KBO CONSULTING.**
- **FABRICE MUCHIGA - SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR | SYSTEMS CHANGE LEADER | NETWORK STRATEGIST**

To Cheryl Jacobs, Nike Akerele De-Souza & Fabrice Muchiga: What does a resourceful society look like to you?

- **Resourcefulness begins with agency:** It is the belief that individuals already have what they need within themselves to act and succeed.
- **Challenge dependency thinking:** Many Africans wait for external help; leaders must help people rediscover their inner capacity and available assets.
- **Action point:** Encourage self-belief and team agency by identifying existing assets—skills, knowledge, relationships—and using them strategically.



Cheryl Jacobs

-Development Practitioner | Fund Manager |
 Strategy & Social Innovation Specialist,
 Resonate, South Africa

- **Avoid scarcity-based models:** Any business model built on scarce human or financial resources is not scalable.
- **Build systems and structures:** Internal organization—clear strategy, defined processes, and operational discipline—is key to resource mobilization.
- **Action point:** Strengthen internal systems before pursuing external impact; operational efficiency fuels sustainability.



Nike Akerele De-Souza

- Co-Founder/Board Member, Teach for Nigeria
 | Strategic Advisor, Dressler KBO Consulting.

Dr. Erick Pathinvo

- CEO and Founder, GROUP PEFY-
 CONSULTING GLOBAL



- **Shift the mindset:** Resourcefulness means recognizing that you and your network are the first resources.
- **Reframe challenges as opportunities:** Think creatively about how to leverage people, relationships, and context before seeking money or aid.
- **Action point:** Help your teams map non-financial resources—skills, community networks, influence—and turn them into value.



Fabrice Muchiga

-Social Entrepreneur | Systems Change Leader | Network Strategist

To Fabrice Muchiga: Why is being resourceful important for African entrepreneurs and changemakers?

- **Self-reliance creates power:** Dependence on external support limits growth and negotiation strength.
- **Local potential is abundant:** Africa has the raw materials, talent, and social capital to solve its own challenges.
- **Action point:** Anchor innovation in local resources; act from what you have rather than wait for what's missing.



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To Cheryl Jacobs: How can teams demonstrate adaptability and creativity during difficult times?

- **Adopt a learning mindset:** Teams must continuously learn, unlearn, and relearn to stay agile.
- **Challenge "we've always done it this way":** Flexibility and humility to try new things are essential for innovation.
- **Action point:** Build a culture of experimentation and continuous learning; reward curiosity, not perfection.

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To Nike Akerele De-Souza : How can constraints drive innovation?

- **Context:** During COVID-19, schools closed and technology access was limited.
- **Innovation:** Teach For Nigeria launched Radio School—partnering with radio stations and state governments to reach learners nationwide.
- **Impact:** Over 5 million children accessed lessons through radio during lockdowns.
- **Action point:** Turn constraints into catalysts—use simple, accessible tools already within reach.

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To Fabrice Muchiga: What turning point or example demonstrates resourcefulness in practice?

Example from Africa Peace Initiative-

- **Challenge:** Donor conditions limited local ownership of peace programs.
- **Action:** Declined restrictive funding and mobilized communities directly to co-design peacebuilding solutions.
- **Outcome:** Locally led dialogue spaces across conflict regions sustained peacebuilding without heavy funding.
- **Lesson:** Community-driven action often proves more sustainable than donor-dependent projects.

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To Nike Akerele De-Souza & Fabrice Muchiga: Final advice for young African entrepreneurs and organizations

Dr. Erick Pathinvo

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- **Plan strategically:** Resourcefulness thrives on structured planning and alignment between resources, activities, and intended impact.
- **Institutionalize systems:** Embed processes that enable creativity and long-term sustainability.
- **Action point:** Balance passion with planning—clarity of direction maximizes limited resources.



Nike Akerele De-Souza

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Three anchors for resourceful leadership:

- **Self:** Personal wellness, discipline, and mental clarity strengthen your capacity to lead.
- **Networks:** Collaboration amplifies impact—no one solves big challenges alone.
- **Execution discipline:** Resourcefulness without consistent action achieves little; plan and follow through.
- **Action point:** Value your time and structure your execution. Respect for time reflects respect for purpose.



Fabrice Muchiga

-Social Entrepreneur | Systems Change
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Collective Takeaways for African Social Innovators and NGOs

- 1. Agency First:** Resourcefulness starts with the mindset that you are the resource.
- 2. Systems Build Strength:** Sustainability comes from strong internal structures, not just external funding.



- 3. Community is Capital:** Local networks and people hold untapped power—mobilize them.
- 4. Adapt to Thrive:** Stay flexible—learn, unlearn, and experiment continuously.



- 5. Constraints = Creativity:** Limitations can inspire scalable innovations when approached strategically.
- 6. Plan + Execute:** Strategy and discipline convert ideas into tangible impact.

Fireside Chat with SEUK



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THEME:

- Building Strong Ecosystems

MODERATOR: JANE THIONGO — CHAIR, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ZAMBIA (SEZ)

SPEAKER:

- **CHRIS MORGAN — MEMBERSHIP MANAGER, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE UK (SEUK)**

**To Chris Morgan:
 How did SEUK build trust and credibility as a national network?
 What can SEZ learn?**

- **Evidence builds credibility:** Over 20 years, SEUK has established trust by continuously collecting and publishing data on the social enterprise sector.
- **Flagship tool:** The State of Social Enterprise Survey (every two years) provides clear evidence of jobs created, economic value, and community benefit.
- **Policy alignment:** SEUK adapts its messaging to fit government priorities—linking social enterprise to economic growth, job creation, and community development.
- **Lesson for SEZ and other networks:** Start early with a simple national survey and a few case studies. Use evidence to position social enterprise as a driver of Zambia's economic and social goals.

Jane Thiongo

- Chair, Social Enterprise Zambia (SEZ)



Chris Morgan

-Membership Manager, Social Enterprise UK (SEUK)



**To Chris Morgan:
 How do political changes affect engagement and advocacy?**

- **Priorities shift with each government:** Every new administration requires rebuilding relationships and reframing evidence around its agenda.
- **Institutionalize relationships:** Regular reporting, annual data publications, and case studies ensure continuity despite leadership changes.
- **Resilience proven:** During COVID-19, UK social enterprises grew revenue and created jobs while other businesses contracted—demonstrating sector strength.
- **Lesson for SEZ and other networks:** Build adaptable systems for engagement that survive political transitions and show the consistency of the social enterprise sector.

Jane Thiongo

- Chair, Social Enterprise Zambia (SEZ)



Chris Morgan

-Membership Manager, Social Enterprise UK (SEUK)



**To Chris Morgan:
 How did SEUK attract and retain members?**

Jane Thiongo

- Chair, Social Enterprise
 Zambia (SEZ)



- **Started as a coalition:** SEUK emerged from partnerships among existing social enterprise stakeholders.
- **Membership value:**
 1. Networking & Learning – access to peers, events, and shared resources.
 2. Market Access – helping members connect with buyers.
 3. Policy Voice – representing members' interests at national level.
- **Continuous evaluation:** SEUK monitors engagement—webinars, events, and online portal use—to refine its offerings.
- **Lesson for SEZ and other networks:** Keep membership participatory and data-driven. Offer clear value and adjust based on what members actually use.

Chris Morgan

-Membership Manager, Social
 Enterprise UK (SEUK)



**To Chris Morgan:
 Opening new markets for social enterprises**

Jane Thiongo

- Chair, Social Enterprise
 Zambia (SEZ)



- **Corporate partnerships:** The Buy Social Corporate Challenge launched in 2016 to link large companies with social enterprise suppliers.
- **Strong uptake:** From 7 to over 30 corporates now buying from social enterprises across sectors.
- **Local engagement:** SEUK's Social Enterprise Places initiative mobilizes councils, universities, and hospitals to buy locally.
- **Lesson for SEZ and other networks:** Create a Buy Social Zambia (include your country name here) pledge with early anchor buyers (banks, telecoms, universities) and help members become procurement-ready.

Chris Morgan

-Membership Manager, Social
 Enterprise UK (SEUK)



**To Chris Morgan:
 How can emerging networks like SEZ sustain
 engagement and growth?**

Jane Thiongo

- Chair, Social Enterprise
 Zambia (SEZ)



- **Co-create with members:** Involve them in designing activities and representing the network.
- **Engage wider stakeholders:** Partner with universities, local government, and business associations to strengthen the ecosystem.
- **Keep communication open:** Use regular updates, showcases, and success stories to maintain momentum.
- **Lesson for SEZ and other networks:** Build collective ownership—networks thrive when members feel part of shaping direction and decisions.

Chris Morgan

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Collective Takeaways for African Social Innovators and NGOs

- 1. Evidence = Influence:** Data and stories make your advocacy credible.
- 2. Relevance = Longevity:** Align messages with current government priorities.



3. Member-Led = Stronger Voice: Involve members in decisions and delivery.

4. Markets = Sustainability: Develop procurement pathways through “Buy Social” initiatives.



5. Systems = Continuity: Embed regular reporting and engagement routines that outlast leadership changes.

Sustaining Impact Prize



Sustaining Impact Prize

Description & Participants details

The Sustaining Impact Prize recognizes and rewards innovative solutions driving sustainable development in Africa. This prestigious prize aims to celebrate impact-focused organizations and initiatives on the continent that demonstrate a commitment to self-sufficiency and sustainable resourcing.

This year's award was judged based on a project or initiative's:

- Alignment with the SDGs
- Demonstration of how impact work is being sustained now
- Demonstration of how impact work will be sustained in the future

The finalists for this year are highlighted in the list on the right.

- **Omyemi Temitope Oladiran** – Founder & Principal, El Plethora Vocational Academy
- **Anyanwu Glory Ifechi** – Founder, Green farm Resources
- **Oguguamobi Oyesiji** – Founder, mobi Designs
- **Tambe David Tipah** – Program Manager, Centre for Phage Biology and Therapeutics
- **Christian Mwijage** – Managing Director, ECOACT Tanzania

The distinguished panel of judges included:

Finals Judges

- **Mrs. Bola Ogunremi** – Lead Investor, BOG Medical
- **Karie Schultz** – Trusts and Major Gifts Fundraising Officer, Africa Research Excellence Fund (AREF)
- **Andrew Echono** – Development Consultant

1st and 2nd Screening Judges

- **Cristianne Wendler** – Founder, Vanhu Tech
- **Dr Jennifer Daniels** – Founder, Sasie.Org

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After thorough evaluation and deliberation by the judges, **Omoyemi Temitope Oladiran** was awarded the 1st Prize, receiving a \$500 cash award, a complimentary one-year subscription to the People & Planet First verification badge, a media package, ambassadorship, and mentorship opportunities.

Ogugumobi Oyesiji secured the 2nd Prize, earning \$300, while **Christian Mwijage** claimed the 3rd Prize with \$200. Both second and third-place winners also received the full package of benefits, including the one-year People & Planet First subscription, media package, ambassadorship, and mentorship opportunities.



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1ST PRIZE
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MASTERCLASS





Masterclass Summary

Design Thinking & Business Model Innovation for Social Impact

Overview

- The masterclass was part of the 7th edition of the Sustaining Impact Summit. It was organized both virtually and in-person across 8 different African countries.
- It aimed to provide participants with hands-on tools and frameworks to better understand the problem they are aiming to solve, help them uncover and use local resources, and to design sustainable social business models to address those problems.
- Through collaborations with several partners, the In-person masterclass took place in Nigeria, Zambia, Namibia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Cote d' Ivoire, Tunisia, and South Africa this year.

Key Components & Focus Areas

- Design Thinking Methods: Participants were introduced to techniques of user-centric innovation, ideation, prototyping, and iterative testing.
- Social Innovation Frameworks: The masterclass integrated frameworks suited to social enterprises, helping participants apply design thinking in contexts of limited resources.
- Business Model Innovation: Sessions included adapting business models for resilience—reconfiguring revenue streams, value propositions, and operational design to align with local realities.
- Resource Mapping & Leverage: Emphasis was placed on identifying what local and non-monetary assets (skills, relationships, waste, natural resources) participants already had, and how to turn them into sustainable leverage.

Benefits for Participants

Participants are left equipped with:

- A sharper understanding of how to design for local context, rather than importing solutions externally.
- Tools to prototype and test ideas cheaply before scaling.
- Strategies to reinvent business models that are adaptive, resilient, and locally grounded.
- A mindset shift toward seeing resources beyond money—valuing skills, networks, and environment as core inputs.

Integration into Summit Objectives

- This masterclass reinforced the summit's theme of “resourcefulness” by translating theory into practice—helping innovators turn abstract ideas into actionable design processes.
- It served as a capacity-building component, giving participants tangible skills that align with the goal of sustainability and self-reliance in their social impact work.



Masterclass Summary

Design Thinking & Business Model Innovation for Social Impact Overview

Partners

A special thanks to our masterclass organizers for their dedication, creativity, and commitment to advancing practical learning for social innovators across Africa. Their effort in curating and facilitating the Design Thinking & Business Model Innovation Masterclass helped translate the summit's theme of African Resourcefulness into action—empowering participants to design sustainable, locally grounded solutions.

We also appreciate the supporting partners and facilitators whose collaboration made the sessions impactful, interactive, and relevant to the diverse realities of social enterprises across the continent.

Nigeria – **Aust Inspire Hub** | Facilitator – Michael Mozie

Zambia – **Swalisano Advisory, Bongo Hive** | Facilitator – Radhia Mtonga

Namibia – **Uhili Wellness Trust** | Facilitator – Jacobine Amutenya

Ethiopia – **Social Enterprise Ethiopia** | Facilitator – Kidist Gebreamlak

Ghana – **Social Enterprise Ghana** | Facilitator – Edwin Zu-Cudjoe

Cote d' Ivoire – **Social Enterprise Cote d'Ivoire** | Facilitator – Agnéroh Marc Antoine EGUE

Tunisia – **Mena Can** | Facilitator – Saoussen Ben Cheikh

South Africa – **Vanhu Tech** | Facilitator – Cristianne Wendler

Virtual – **Innovative Matters** | Facilitator – Amandine Robin

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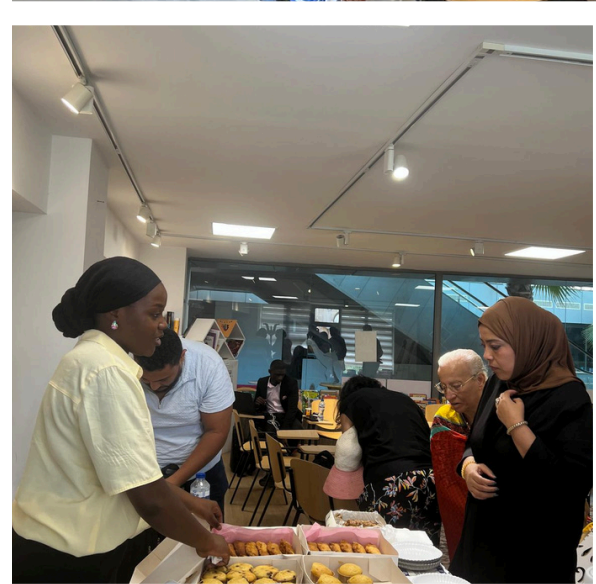
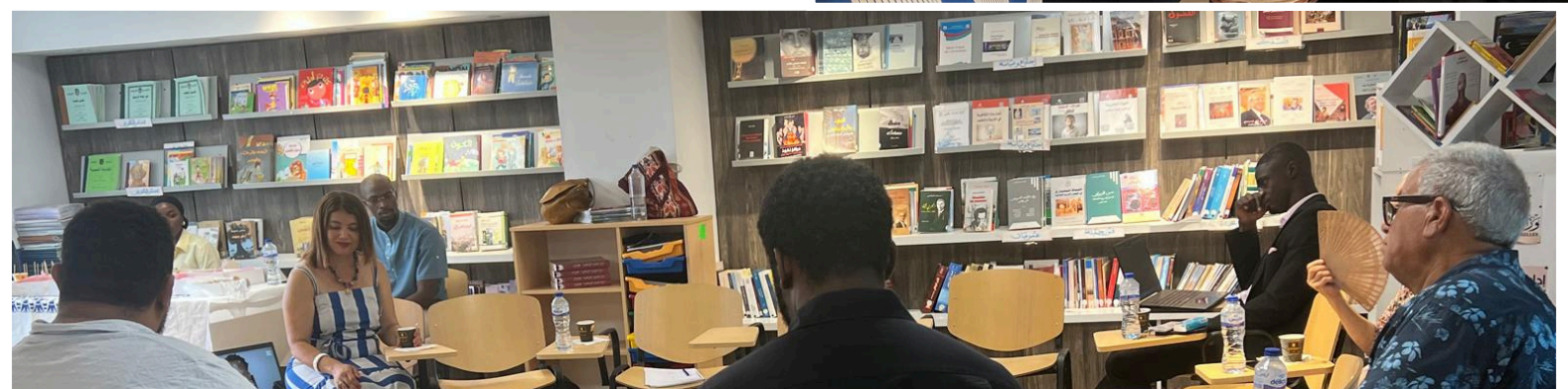
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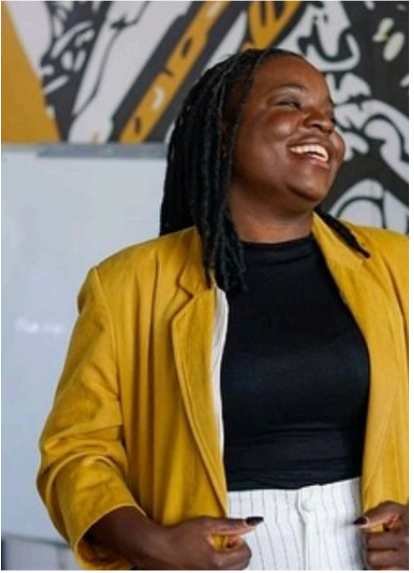
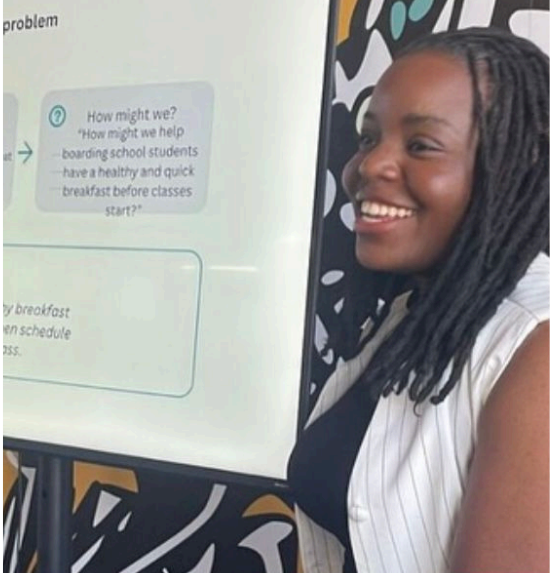
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Feedback from SIS-7th Edition



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I learned how we as Africans should be knowledge producer and solution leaders, not just a beneficiary of global aid only. The “self-to-society” framing is highlights personal responsibility, community leadership, and collective transformation. It encourages Africans to leverage indigenous knowledge, cultural strengths, and local innovations to lead in climate action, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

- Elizabeth Christopher

TESTIMONIAL



I learnt that change should come from within oneself before sharing it to the next individual

- Thulisile Nobuhle Maziya

TESTIMONIAL



Ability to use available resources in tackling our issues without eating for external support that may not as expected.

- Benjamin Olorunfemi

TESTIMONIAL



Resourcefulness has really open my understanding and will go a long way to impact the way i perform my duties

- Daniel Silas Ayakpat

TESTIMONIAL



Mobilizing or using our local resources to bring sustainable change to the society; empowerment programs, training and business opportunities.

- Judith Biyaki

TESTIMONIAL



It's about that African magic, turning little into lasting. When we lead from self to society, we prove that resourcefulness isn't just survival, it's sustainability with style.

- Beverly Joy Achieng' Okoth

TESTIMONIAL



The one knowledge that has been passed down to me today, especially about using the resources around to give and not waiting for others to give you.

- Ogubuike Precious

TESTIMONIAL



Start first, Go inward

- Modupe Adelanwa

TESTIMONIAL



Personal responsibility and empowerment.

Using your own talents, skills, and creativity to solve challenges.

Starting with self-sufficiency and building from within

- Angela Nduku mbuli

Feedback from SIS-7th Edition

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It have changed my mindset to work with what I have. My resourcefulness's not just tied to financial strength, but from my knowledge and skill. I have something to offer. Secondly, I have learnt to understand the problem fully in order to provide a solution

- Doris Mercy Wanjiku Ng'ethe

TESTIMONIAL



This was great. I will definitely recommend to others, This will help us in planning our next project

- Duncan Mwangi

TESTIMONIAL



Solving the right problems with available resources

- Njogu Grace Wangui

TESTIMONIAL



Firstly, I'll like to commend the organizers and facilitators of this summit. Africans are very resourceful people, we always find innovative ideas to overcome every obstacle and challenges we face, we make the most of what we have, that is available resources, to increase our value. these could be achieved when an individual is self sufficient. Resourcefulness begins from a person before it spreads to the society.

- Fajonyomi Omolara Edith

TESTIMONIAL



Will definitely apply it coz it will help me move to the next upper level in my personal works and growth

- Dennis Mburu Wandaka

TESTIMONIAL



I learnt that change should come from within oneself before sharing it to the next individual

- Princess Esther Taiwo

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"Am likely to apply the insights within my community, as the summit highlighted resourceful solutions that can empower collective growth and resilience. By sharing what I learned, I can help others adopt innovative practices, foster collaboration, and create positive change locally."

- Angela Nduku mbuli

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I understand that "African Resourcefulness" is about reclaiming agency: using what we have, where we are, to create solutions that are context-relevant, cost-effective, and scalable.

- Oluwabukola Fagbemi

TESTIMONIAL



Yes the guests were phenomenal and they have improved my world and African view.

I am also sold to the idea of African solving and giving solutions to the issues Africa and the world faces. Also how to build a good business from the beginning is great.

- Doris Mercy Wanjiku Ng'ethe

Are you ready for SIS 2026?

Plans are already ongoing for the Sustaining Impact Summit- 8th Edition. For partnership and enquiries, contact us at sustainingimpacts Summit8@aseworkshop.com.

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