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Welcome to Ethiopia!

We are honoured by your participation at this our 10th year anniversary celebration conference on philanthropy and Africa’s development. By honouring us with your presence and recognising this significant milestone together with us, you are contributing to the process of shaping our future. As we mark TrustAfrica’s 10-year anniversary we are also unveiling TrustAfrica’s new strategy for the period 2016 – 2020. Our goal under the new strategy is to advance political economic and social justice in Africa by tackling a number of priority thematic issues. These issues which have found expression in the African Union’s Agenda 2063, the African Mining Vision, the African Union’s Transitional Justice Policy Framework as well as the Sustainable Development Goals will be a major focus of the next phase of TrustAfrica’s programming. We are humbled by your support not only today but in the decade that has brought us to this point. We welcome you. Thank you.

TrustAfrica Board Chairperson

Aicha Bah Diallo

Bienvenue en Ethiopie!


Présidente du Conseil d’administration

Aicha Bah Diallo
Tendai Murisa

Creating a Legacy of African Agency

Ten years ago on the 6th of June 2006 we opened our doors for business in Dakar to serve the continent of Africa. With a decade of work behind us, we identified this moment as the time to listen and learn, to take stock and to chart our course into the future. It is clear that TrustAfrica has become an integral part of the global community and a key partner to civil society in communities across the continent. We will continue in this role. Our intent is to ensure that all citizens, especially those who are marginalised, play an active role in governance in the pursuit of economic, political and social justice.

We believe we can maximise the political and economic gains of the past decade in a way that ensures that all Africans benefit. We will continue our work in African philanthropy, in recognition of the vital need to resource the work of social change. We will look for opportunities to reconnect with our cultural, social and linguistic foundations in Africa by tapping into the diversity of our cultural heritage, indigenous systems and social institutions. We will continue to focus on government effectiveness and on creating stronger public institutions that address macroeconomic instability by creating more inclusive democracies with improved prospects for women and youth. While our intentions are ambitious, our partners are many, which will hopefully make the load lighter towards achieving our vision.

I look forward to your continued support in this exciting next phase of TrustAfrica as we continue to strive to create a legacy of African agency.

Executive Director, TrustAfrica

Etablir une tradition d’Agence africaine

Il y a dix ans, le 6 juin 2006, nous installions nos bureaux à Dakar, dans le but de servir le continent africain. Après une décennie de travail, nous avons identifié ce moment pour écouter et apprendre, faire le point et planifier notre trajectoire dans le futur. Il est évident que TrustAfrica est devenue une partie intégrante de la communauté mondiale et un partenaire incontournable de la société civile auprès des communautés à travers le continent. Nous continuerons à assumer ce rôle. Notre ambition est de garantir que tous les citoyens, en particulier ceux qui sont marginalisés jouent un rôle actif dans la gouvernance par la recherche de la justice économique, politique et sociale.

Nous sommes convaincus que nous pouvons maximiser les acquis politiques et économiques de la décennie passée, au profit de tous les Africains. Nous continuerons à œuvrer pour la philanthropie en Afrique, pour la reconnaissance de la nécessité vitale d’apporter des ressources en vue du changement social. Nous chercherons des opportunités de renouer avec nos racines culturelles, sociales et linguistiques, en exploitant la diversité de notre héritage culturel, de nos systèmes autochtones et de nos institutions sociales. Nous continuerons à mettre l’accent sur l’efficacité gouvernementale et sur la création d’institutions publiques plus fortes qui permettra de prendre en main l’instabilité macroéconomique, en mettant en place des démocraties plus inclusives avec des perspectives plus attrayantes pour les femmes et les jeunes. La mesure de notre ambition nous a valu le soutien de nombreux partenaires, ce qui, nous l’espérons, allégera le fardeau en vue de la réalisation de notre vision.

Je compte sur votre soutien continu dans cette prochaine phase passionnante de TrustAfrica dans son effort permanent d’établissement d’une tradition d’agence africaine.

Directeur exécutif, TrustAfrica
**Speaker Profiles**

**Bhekinkosi Moyo**, Executive Director, **Southern Africa Trust**

Former director of programs at TrustAfrica—a pan African foundation based in Senegal for close to seven years contributing to its growth and pan African reach. He writes extensively on African philanthropy, governance and the state of civil society in Africa. Among his recent books are: *Helping to Give, Giving to Help: The Context and Politics of African Philanthropy* (2013), *Disenabling the Public Sphere: Civil Society Regulation in Africa* (2010), *Africa in Global Power Play* (2007) and *What about the children? The silent voices in Maintenance (2004)*. He has also contributed a number of journal articles, book chapters and regularly writes a column for the African Decisions Magazine. Most of his work can be found on www.bhekinkosimoyo.com

**Brenda Mofya (Ms)**, Pan Africa Policy Advisor, **Peace, Security and Governance, Oxfam**

Has profound professional and field level experience in governance, human rights, humanitarian policy, gender, peace and security having worked with various local and international organisations. Before joining Oxfam Ms. Mofya served as Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Liaison Officer to the African Union, as Centre for Peace Initiative in Africa (CPIA) Deputy Director - UN Relations, Culture of Peace and Training, as American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) representative for Southern Africa and as a student lawyer with Zambia Civic Education Association (ZCEA). Brenda is an excellent academic, a diligent, resourceful and insightful policy advocate, lobbyist and researcher who holds a Master's degree in European and International Law from the University of Breman, Bremen, Germany.

**Carlos Lopes**, Executive Secretary, **Economic Commission for Africa**

Previously served as Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva and Director of the UN System Staff College in Turin at the level of Assistant Secretary-General from March 2007 to August 2012. Dr. Lopes was appointed UN Assistant-Secretary-General and Director for Political Affairs in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General during the period 2005 to 2007. Dr. Lopes has actively contributed to research on development issues. He has also received an Honorary PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Cândido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli**, Director, **African Philanthropy Forum**

Founder of LEAP Africa, Co-Founder of AACE Food Processing & Distribution, an indigenous agroprocessing company, and a partner at Sahel Capital, an advisory and private equity firm focused on the agribusiness sector in West Africa. Ndidi started her career as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company, working in their Chicago, New York and Johannesburg Offices. She returned to Nigeria to serve as the pioneer executive director of the FATE Foundation. She established LEAP Africa and NIA in 2002 and 2003 respectively. LEAP is a respected leadership development organization that has worked across Nigeria providing leadership training, and coaching to thousands of entrepreneurs, youth, teachers and community organizers.

**Sarah Mukasa**, Deputy Director, **Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA)**

Former Director of Programmes at the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF) where she oversaw and operationalized the growth of the organisation to become one of the largest women’s funds with a series of award winning programmes. Sarah has over 14 years senior leadership and management experience in a range of civil society organizations in Europe and Africa. Her areas of specialty are strategic planning, resource mobilization, programme development and management, staff development and management. Sarah describes herself as a ‘Pan African, feminist activist whose roots are firmly planted in the social justice, equality and peace efforts on the continent’. She is a co-founder of highly influential initiatives such as African Women Leaders Institute and the African Feminist Forum.

**Yao Graham**, Executive Director, **Third World Network**

Has extensive knowledge and experience of Ghanaian, African and international development issues from many years of work as an academic, public intellectual and activist, government official and journalist. He was a member of the International Study Group (ISG) on reform of Africa’s mining regimes set up by the UNECA and the Africa Union Commission, which produced the report Minerals and Africa’s Development (2011), and anchored the intellectual processes around the Africa Mining Vision and its 2011 Action Plan. Yao was the Convener of the Civil Society forum at UNCTAD XII held in Ghana in 2008 and also served on the Steering Committee of a UNDP Project on Capacity Building for Trade and Development in Africa.

**Tendai Murisa**, Executive Director, **TrustAfrica**

Tendai Murisa is the Executive Director of TrustAfrica. He holds a PhD in Sociology from Rhodes University in South Africa. He has published journal articles and book chapters and has co-edited a number of books on land reforms, social organisation and agency. His research interests have mostly focused on rural development, social mobilisation and civic agency. He is a practitioner interested in ensuring that the marginalized have voice and that power holders are accountable to citizens. Tendai is passionate about building relevant and sustainable institutions across the continent for development and promotion of policy processes that contribute towards socio-economic justice on the continent.

**Madam Aïcha Bah Diallo**, Board Chair, **TrustAfrica**

A renowned champion of girls’ and women’s learning, Ms. Bah Diallo is from Guinea, where she served as Minister of Education from 1989 to 1996, implementing major reforms that strengthened access to primary education and doubled girls’ enrollment. She went on to become a senior education leader at UNESCO, where, from 1996 to 2005, she worked to reduce barriers to education for girls in the world’s least developed countries. Then from 2005 to 2009 she was the Special Advisor to the Director general of UNESCO for Africa. Ms. Bah Diallo helped found both the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAME) in 1992 and the Association for Strengthening Higher Education for Women in Africa (ASHWEA) in 2005. In Guinea, many private as well as public schools are named after her.

**Gerry Salole**, Founding Chair, **TrustAfrica**

Gerry Salole is the chief executive of the European Foundation Centre (EFC) since 2005. The EFC is an association of over 230 public-benefit foundations and corporate funders. Salole’s previous posts have included serving as a representative at the Ford Foundation’s Southern Africa office and director of the Department of Programme Documentation and Communication of the Bernard van Leer Foundation. He has also worked for Save the Children Federation (USA) in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, Norwegian Save the Children, OXFAM, and UNHCR in Ethiopia. Salole holds a B.A. from London University (SOAS) and a MA(Econ) and a PhD from the University of Manchester. He is the chair of the Global Fund for Community Foundations based in Johannesburg, and a diligent, resourceful and insightful policy advocate, lobbyist and researcher who holds a Master’s degree in European and International Law from the University of Breman, Bremen, Germany.
Programme – 29 September 2016

Conference Chair – Prof Adebayo Olukoshi, Regional Director, International IDEA

Specific Objectives

- Reflect on TrustAfrica’s journey and evolution as an African foundation over the last decade and share our experience.
- Showcase TrustAfrica’s current work and officially unveil the new TrustAfrica strategy.
- Assess key social, economic and political developments shaping the continent’s future.
- Deliberate on new approaches and innovations in African philanthropy and how it can help transform the continent.

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TEA BREAK 10:30 – 11:00

LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 14:00

BREAK 16:00 – 16:15

CELEBRATION DINNER & BOOK LAUNCH: 19:00-22:00

Authors Panel
## Objectifs spécifiques
- Réfléchir sur le parcours et l’évolution de TrustAfrica en tant que Fondation africaine au cours de la dernière décennie et partager notre expérience.
- Présenter le travail actuel de TrustAfrica et dévoiler officiellement la nouvelle stratégie de TrustAfrica.
- Évaluer les principaux développements sociaux, économiques et politiques qui déterminent l’avenir du continent.
- Réfléchir sur les nouvelles approches et innovations dans la philanthropie africaine et comment elle peut aider à transformer le continent.

### SESSIONS ET PROGRAMME

#### Cérémonie d’ouverture
- Allocations de bienvenue et Introductions
- 08:30-09:00
- Madame Aicha Bah Diało, Présidente du Conseil d’administration, TrustAfrica
- Dr. Tendai Murisa, Directeur exécutif, TrustAfrica
- Mr. Désiré Assogbavi représentant Résident & Chef du Bureau de Liaison de Oxfam International à l’Union Africaine
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Discours d’ouverture
- Repenser la transformation structurelle de l’Afrique au 21e siècle
- 09:00-09:30
- Dr. Carlos Lopez, Secrétaire exécutif, Commission économique pour l’Afrique des Nations Unies
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Big Bets on Africa (Perspectives africaines)
- L’Afrique d’aujourd’hui : Perspectives pour la Démocratie et la Justice politique
- 09:30-10:00
- Prof. Khabele Matloua, Directeur du Département des Affaires politiques, Union Africane
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Discours-programme
- TrustAfrica : Retour sur les origines et l’histoire à ce jour
- 10:00-10:30
- Dr. Gerry Saloe, Président fondateur, TrustAfrica
- Dr. Tendai Murisa, Directeur exécutif, TrustAfrica

#### Panel 1
- Mobilisation des particuliers à valeur nette élevée - Forum sur l’expérience de la Philanthropie africaine
- Le Secteur privé et la Philanthropie en Afrique
- Quelle est la prochaine frontière ? Réfléchir sur les innovations dans la philanthropie en Afrique
- 11:00-12:00
- Mme Nndidj Nwuneli, Directrice, Afrique Philanthropy Forum
- M. Craig Featherby, Président Directeur Général, Carrick Wealth
- Dr. Bheki Moyo, Président du Conseil d’administration d’APN & Directeur exécutif, Southern Africa Trust
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Panel 2
- Redynamisation de l’Enseignement supérieur pour une Croissance socioéconomique inclusive de l’Afrique
- La Philanthropie et l’Avenir des Petits exploitants agricoles en Afrique (focus sur les femmes africaines)
- La Philanthropie et le Mouvement des Droits de la Femme en Afrique
- 12:00-13:00
- Prof. Michael Faborode, Président du Groupe d’étude sur l’Agriculture de l’Académie nigériane de Gérontologie
- Mme Fatima Shabodien, Directrice pays, Action Aid, Afrique du Sud
- Sarah Mukassa, Open Society Initiative of East Africa
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Panel 3
- Financement novateur pour le Développement de l’Afrique:
- Renforcement du secteur de l’extraction en Afrique pour une transformation économique inclusive
- 14:00 – 15:00
- Dr. Abdalla Hamdok, Secrétaire exécutif adjoint, CEA
- Dr. Yeo Graham, Directeur exécutif, Third World Network
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Panel 4
- La Cour africaine, et l’Agenda de la Justice Pénale Internationale : Quelle voie suivre?
- Gouvernance, Droit de l’Homme, Paix et Sécurité en Afrique : Quelle voie suivre?
- 15:00–16:00
- M. Donald Deya
- Mme Brenda Mofya, Oxfam International
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Panel 5
- TrustAfrica et la Quête de l’Afrique d’une Justice politique, économique et sociale : dévoiler la nouvelle Stratégie de TrustAfrica
- Allocations de clôture et motion de remerciements
- 16:15–17:00
- Bishop Malusi Mphumipwana, Membre du Conseil d’administration, TrustAfrica
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA

#### Panel des Auteurs
- Discours liminaires : les connaissances, la production, la société civile et le Développement de l’Afrique
- 19:00–1915
- Prof. Emmanuel Akwetey, Directeur exécutif, Institut pour la Gouvernance démocratique (IDEG)
- Dr. Chipo Mubaya, M. Humphrey Sipalla
- Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Directeur régional, International IDEA
Speaker Profiles

Engr. Prof. Michael O. Faborode, Secretary General, CVC Nigeria

Prof. Faborode researched extensively in areas on rural environments and livelihood, biomaterial properties and bioprocess engineering with emphasis on crop storage, biosecurity and the deformation mechanics of biomaterials, thermophysical properties and conservation drying of tropical crops and technology policy on machine commercialization and diffusion of innovation, innovation competitiveness and technical change in agriculture, environmental impact of agricultural mechanization, gender analysis, natural resources management and rural development. He has written many books and has published in several journals.

Fatima Shabodien, Country Director, Action Aid, South Africa

Fatima Shabodien has served as the Country Director of Action Aid SA since 2012. She brought to the organisation her rich history as a feminist political activist dating back to her activism within the liberation movement high school years in the 1980’s. Through her activism, studies and work experience she has honed her expertise in the areas of rural development, women’s rights and peace building. She has a BA majoring in Anthropology from the University of the Western Cape, a Masters in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame in the United States, and an MPhil in Development Studies from the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at Sussex University. Her work and studies have included living experiences in the USA, UK, Ethiopia and Indonesia across the donor, government and civil society sectors.

Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy, Executive Secretary, UNECA

Dr. Abdalla Hamdok is the Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) since November 2011. He has over 30 years of experience as a senior policy analyst and economist on addressing diverse development challenges of the African policy landscape, primarily in the fields of governance, institutional analysis, public sector reforms, regional integration and resource management. From 2001 onwards, Dr. Hamdok has headed successively ECA’s portfolios of activities on development policy management, NEPAD and regional integration, and governance and public administration.

Donald Deya, Executive Director, Pan African Lawyers Union

Donald Deya is the Chief Executive Officer of the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), based in Arusha, Tanzania. He was previously Chief Executive of the East Africa Law Society (EALS) and, before that, Acting CEO of the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-Kenya), and Deputy CEO of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK). He is Chair of the Centre for Citizens’ Participation on the African Union (CCPAU), and of the International Coalition on the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP). He is a Member of the Executive Committee of the African Court Coalition (ACC), of which he is also a former Chairperson.

Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana, Board Member, TrustAfrica

Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana currently serves as the Bishop of the Diocese of Maropeng of the Ethiopian Episcopal Church, where he provides strategic direction to the mission of the diocese and overseeing the pastoral ministrations of priests and lay leaders in his diocese. His mission in the church is “to contribute to the making of an all-inclusive African church experience whose spirituality empowers the weak – the poor, women and the young, and engages the social and economic realities of our time for the common good”. Previously, Bishop Mpumlwana served for 10 years as the Director of Africa Programs of the Kellogg Foundation.

Adebayo Olukowski, Regional Director, IDEA, Africa and West Asia Programme

Professor Adebayo Olukowski is International IDEA’s Regional Director for Africa and West Asia Programme. He holds a PhD in politics from the University of Leeds and has over 35 years of experience in the area of international relations, governance and human rights, both in the academic sector and in intergovernmental institutions, in Europe and in Africa. Prof Adebayo was a member of the African Union Assessment Panel and Chair of the Board of several Think Tanks including European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA).

Désiré Assogbavi, Regional Director, Amnesty International, Southern Africa Office


Briggs Bomba, Coordinate Illicit Financial Flows from Africa, TrustAfrica

Briggs Bomba coordinates TrustAfrica’s project to curb Illicit Financial Flows from Africa as well as the Zimbabwe Alliance initiative - a funding collaborative that works to strengthen civil society and promote democracy in Zimbabwe. Previously Briggs served as Director of Campaigns for Africa Action in Washington, D.C. He holds a Master’s Degree in Social and Applied Economics from Wright State University (Ohio, USA). His commentary and analysis has appeared in Alliance Magazine, Foreign Policy in Focus, BBC, Al Jazeera and Pambazuka News among other outlets.

Karima Grant, Executive Director, ImagiNation Africa

Karima’s vision of focusing on children’s play and leadership strengths has expanded beyond her initial book project in the small neighborhood of Fass. The published author, former educator, leadership consultant and mother has now founded her legacy project, ImagiNation Africa. Though IA has served a significant number of children, and hopes to serve many more in the future, Karima’s approach is far from a numbers-and-statistics-only endeavor. Her approach to the development of Senegal and Africa as a whole includes collaborations with the communities she has grown-up in, and lived and worked in for more than a decade.
Our Journey
Thus Far

On the 6th of June in 2006 TrustAfrica officially began operations as an independent foundation in Dakar, Senegal. We at TrustAfrica remember the process to setting priorities for our work. In particular, the series of initial Special Initiative for Africa convenings that explored issues of peace and conflict, regional integration and citizenship and identity. These convenings brought together African activists scholars, business leaders, public officials and other partners to help shape what eventually evolved into TrustAfrica’s program of work, focused mainly on three issues: governance; equitable development and African philanthropy. The 2006 official launch of TrustAfrica was a culmination of processes that went as far back as 1999 within Ford Foundation. At a time when Africa was characterised by both uncertainty and hope. At one level poverty, disease and conflict seemed to define images of the continent and, life expectancy was far lower than any other developing region of the world due primarily to the impact of HIV/AIDS. Today, life expectancy on the continent has increased and her image is more positive, despite persistent development challenges.

Over the past decade, TrustAfrica’s Governance work has focused on strengthening democracy, justice and public accountability. This work is anchored in a strong belief that for Africa to be stable and prosperous, citizens must have a voice and actively participate in processes that shape the continent. Our work has included promoting democratic elections, strengthening constitutionalism and the rule of law, upholding basic human rights and fighting against the culture of impunity. Our efforts have strengthened civil society advocacy for improved governance, accountability, and contributed to ensure that victims and survivors are at the centre of international criminal justice processes.

TrustAfrica was established on the big idea that the most enduring solutions to Africa’s challenges will come from initiatives led by Africans themselves and informed by an objective appreciation of the continent’s social, economic and political context. In proclaiming this perspective, TrustAfrica sought to re-affirm confidence in the agency of Africans in seeking solutions to the continent’s challenges and indeed, propose an alternative approach to externally led models that did not place Africans at the centre. Fittingly, a commitment to “African agency” and “African initiatives” became TrustAfrica’s mantra from the very beginning.

Our work in equitable development has promoted economic and social policies that lead to more inclusive and equitable economic growth. We have championed pro-poor development strategies including strengthening small and medium sized enterprises, commitment to Africa’s agenda for agricultural transformation - CAADP and enhanced small holder agriculture with a particular focus on women farmers. We have supported initiatives to promote transparency, accountability and equity in natural resource governance, culminating in the adoption of the Africa Mining Vision which provides a blue print for improved governance of Africa’s mineral resources. TrustAfrica’s work in this area has extended to promoting domestic resource mobilization through fair taxation and curbing illicit financial flows. We have also worked to mobilize African leaders around an agenda to transform the higher education sector, as well as promote early learning innovations. While our work in African Philanthropy has strengthened and broadened knowledge and understanding of the context, narratives, practice, and potential of African philanthropy to advance social justice in Africa. TrustAfrica recognised from the onset the need to cultivate and mobilise domestic resources and progressively reduce dependency on external donors by advancing the agenda of “locally grown solutions”. In this regard, TrustAfrica has had a major focus on building knowledge and understanding of African philanthropy and how the practices and traditions of philanthropy in African societies can be nurtured and harnessed at a strategic level to innovatively resource contemporary development. Equally, TrustAfrica sought to model a truly African institution by insisting on an “African led and African based” organization that would harness progressive African values and advance an African agenda. We particularly recognised that social solidarity was the defining tenet of African Philanthropy and sought to make this core to our approach in shaping philanthropy and development on the continent. In essence, TrustAfrica aspired to become both an expression and a catalyst of African agency. TrustAfrica played an instrumental role in the founding of the African Philanthropy Network, which provides as crucial platform to nurture and document African philanthropy.

As we mark TrustAfrica’s 10th anniversary we are also unveiling the organization’s new Strategy for the period 2016 – 2020. We continue to envision an Africa where all members of society are free, safe and prosperous. Our mission remains anchored in strengthening African agency. Our goal under the new strategy is to enhance the contribution of civil society towards strengthening political economic and social justice in Africa. A lot has changed in terms of the African political, economic and social context over the past 10 years. In particular, the continent has made great progress in resolving violent conflicts with peace now established in most of the countries that were in the middle of civil war a decade ago. However, the relapse into armed conflict for countries like Burundi, Central Africa Republic and the recent civil war in South Sudan point to continuing fragility and the need to invest more efforts in building enduring peace. Terrorism and violent extremism has also emerged as a major challenge especially for countries like Nigeria, Kenya, Somalia, and Libya. Despite the serious contestations, great progress has been made in placing international criminal justice at the centre of continental political conversations and African civil society is more sophisticated and better capacitated to be agents for change compared to 10 years ago. While tremendous progress has been made in reversing the scourge of HIV/AIDS across the continent, the devastation from the recent Ebola epidemic exposed the weakness of health systems and the continent’s poor capacity to respond to such health emergencies.

We at TrustAfrica believe that there is much work to be done in this, the second decade of our journey of which this conference is a first step. It is only fitting then that we mark this 10th Anniversary milestone with a conference attended by African activists’, scholars, business leaders, public officials and other partners to re-engage as we did at the initial gathering in 2006. By looking back and looking ahead we hope to better deliver African philanthropy for political, economic and social justice in the 21st century.
Championing African Philanthropy in The Next Decade

Africa is a contradiction in that on one end it is the richest continent and on the other also the poorest. The continent has seen a growth in the number of individuals with an annual income of exceeding US$150,000 a year or investible assets of more than US$500,000.00. There are approximately 130,000 millionaires spread across the continent and more foundations have been established during this period than at any other moment in the history of Africa. For some, who believe that the 21st century is Africa’s century, this has created renewed optimism – further reinforcing the Africa Rising narrative. On the other end of the spectrum however, poverty and under development remain very real issues for the continent. And while in the past Africa received significant amounts of support through philanthropy, for both liberation and post-colonial development, the challenge for Philanthropy today is to make itself relevant to Africa's development needs. A 2014 report by UBS and TrustAfrica established that Africa's high net worth individuals, were making significant philanthropy investments in health, education, entrepreneurial development and infrastructure improvements. But given the decreasing levels of philanthropy dollars and increasing number of institutions dependent on philanthropic support, there is need to refine and improve the targeting of philanthropic support. Philanthropy needs to draw from its indigenous knowledge systems and social institutions to maximise the gains achieved in both political and economic performance across the continent in the past decade. TrustAfrica will remain vigilant supporting the fields growth through knowledge production and influencing practices. We will continue to help strengthen philanthropic institutions, pilot innovations for giving and encourage philanthropy to take on issues of governance, democracy and contribute to creating equity within societies.

Défendre la philanthropie africaine à la prochaine décennie

L’Afrique vit une contradiction en ce qu’elle est, d’une certaine manière, le continent le plus riche et d’une autre, le plus pauvre. Le continent a connu une croissance du nombre de personnes dont le revenu annuel dépasse 150 000 USD ou des capitaux libres en réserve excédant 500 000 USD.00. Il existe 130 000 millionnaires environ répartis sur le continent. Par ailleurs, plus de fondations ont été créées au cours de cette période que durant aucun autre moment de l’histoire de l’Afrique. Pour certains, qui affirment que le 21e siècle est africain, cette situation a créé un renouveau d’optimisme – désigné communément « essor de l’Afrique ». Cependant à l’autre extrémité du spectre, la pauvreté et le sous développement restent des problèmes réels pour le continent. Bien que par le passé l’Afrique ait reçu des montants considérables en soutien, par le canal de la philanthropie pour l’accès à l’indépendance et le développement postcolonial, le défi pour la philanthropie actuelle est de ne pas entrer en ligne de compte dans les besoins de développement de l’Afrique. Un rapport de 2014 de l’UBS et de TrustAfrica a établi que des Africains fortunés faisaient des investissements philanthropiques considérables dans le domaine de la santé, de l’éducation, du développement entrepreneurial et de l’amélioration de la qualité des infrastructures. Cependant, du fait de la baisse des montants en dollars destinés à la philanthropie et de la hausse du nombre d’institutions dépendant du soutien philanthropique, il est nécessaire d’affiner et de recalibrer la cible du soutien philanthropique. La philanthropie doit puiser dans les ressources de ses systèmes autochtones et de ses institutions sociales pour maximiser les acquis obtenus en termes de performances politiques et économiques à travers le continent au cours de la décennie passée. TrustAfrica restera vigilant dans le soutien de la croissance sur le terrain à travers la production de connaissances et l’influence des pratiques. Nous considérons le développement des ressources philanthropiques africaines comme étant un aspect essentiel de l’agence africaine. Au cours de la prochaine décennie, nous continuerons à aider à mettre en place des institutions philanthropiques, à piloter l’innovation dans la collecte de fonds et à encourager la philanthropie à accepter d’affronter des questions liées à la gouvernance et à la démocratie et d’établir l’équité dans les sociétés.
In celebration of its tenth anniversary, TrustAfrica has published **Claiming Agency: Reflecting on TrustAfrica’s First Decade** in partnership with Weaver Press. Edited by Halima Mahomed and Elizabeth Coleman, the book takes an in-depth look at its work as an African-led foundation that set out to do things differently.

Founded in 2006, when solutions to Africa’s challenges were often developed outside its borders, TrustAfrica sought to practice a kind of philanthropy that both benefits Africans and actively supports their agency.

Now, at TrustAfrica’s ten-year mark, **Claiming Agency** asks, does this kind of philanthropy make a difference? If so, how? What are its unique ways of working?

The answers are found in five chapters by independent authors that reflect on how TrustAfrica and its partners advanced a range of issues — from women’s rights, smallholder agriculture, and democratic reform in Liberia and Zimbabwe to international criminal justice and illicit financial flows.

Three additional chapters analyze the changing landscape of African philanthropy, discuss the book’s findings, and examine their implications for future philanthropic work in Africa. As a whole, the book adds important evidence of the unique value of African-led philanthropy.

In a clear-eyed look at money and power, the authors observe that donor funds all too often come with strings that constrict their implications for future philanthropic work in Africa. As a whole, the book adds important evidence of the unique value of African-led philanthropy.

Theo Sowa

> **Claiming Agency is relevant to all those who practice philanthropy on our continent, especially those intent on ensuring that people have a say in the decisions that shape their lives. Undoubtedly, the most redeeming and enduring change in the lives of people, communities and societies is what comes from within.**
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> **Akwasi Aidoo**

> **A robust, confident and independent African civil society will be a principal ingredient of the Africa rising narrative and Claiming Agency is essential reading for anyone interested in the pivotal role of African philanthropy in the years ahead.**
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> **Gerry Salole**

> **Just as important as TrustAfrica’s use of philanthropic resources to advance African agendas and agency, has been its harnessing of African intellectual and human resources to raise the profile of African experience and innovation in philanthropy for social change and justice.**
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> **Theo Sowa**

> **Claiming Agency convient à tous ceux qui pratiquent la philanthropie sur notre continent, en particulier ceux qui visent à garantir que les populations aient leur mot à dire dans les décisions qui influent sur leur vie. Sans nul doute, le changement le plus compensateur et le plus durable dans la vie des peuples, des communautés et des sociétés est ce qui vient de l’intérieur.**
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> **Akwasi Aidoo**

> **Une société civile africaine solide, confiante et indépendante sera un ingrédient indispensable à l’essor de l’Afrique et dans ce sens, Claiming Agency est une lecture essentielle pour toute personne intéressée par le rôle central de la philanthropie africaine dans les années à venir.**
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> **Gerry Salole**

> **L’utilisation des ressources philanthropiques pour faire progresser les programmes de travail africains et l’agence africaine a été aussi importante pour TrustAfrica que l’exploitation des ressources intellectuelles et humaines africaines pour relever le profil de l’expérience et de l’innovation africaines en matière de philanthropie pour le changement social et la justice.**
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> **Theo Sowa**
Individual Giving

When TrustAfrica was established in June 2006, the continent was being described as “The Hopeless Continent”. TrustAfrica sought to challenge these stereotypes and re-affirm confidence in initiatives driven by people on the continent. With the support of the Ford Foundation and others, TrustAfrica has contributed over $30 million in the past decade to supporting African organisations dedicated to strengthening efforts to uplift ordinary citizens striving for better livelihoods for their families and their communities. Together with TrustAfrica these organisations are challenging continental stereotypes and affirming the ability of Africans to develop solutions to African problems. You too can advance this vision of a prosperous Africa by making a contribution of any amount to TrustAfrica today! Visit http://www.trustafrica.org Support Us!

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