

AFRICAN PHILANTHOPY

TrustAfrica Celebrates International Women's Day



This year's International Women's Day (IWD) theme recognizes the impact of the COVID-19 global health pandemic in 2020. For the 2021 campaign, the UN Women announced the theme "Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a Covid-19 World".

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that women in leadership drive development in communities. In fact, some of the most effective and positive responses to dealing with the pandemic were led by women and women were at the frontline of the COVID-19 response.

During the Inaugural World Communities Forum, in which TrustAfrica hosted a session, Chelsea Clinton hosted four amazing women exploring The Power of She and the role women need to claim and be given in designing for communities' development in light of the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on women.

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DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE The challenges of the women's social movement in Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso: Advancing actions for systemic change supporting women's rights

As mentioned in our opening article, TrustAfrica, as part of the implementation of its project: "Embracing the Challenge: Changing Social Norms for Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls in Senegal, Mali, and Burkina Faso", and to celebrate the International Women's Day, organized a series of meetings throughout the month of March with our partners IES- Femmes.

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EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT Media and Civil Society Collaborate with TrustAfrica to Address Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) from Africa in the Covid-19 era

On 10 and 11 March 2021, TrustAfrica in partnership with the Thomson Reuters Foundation convened a 100+ media and civil society practitioners from 30 countries to discuss and debate the issue of illicit financial flows (IFF) from Africa in the Covid-19 era.

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Board Spotlight

SIBONGILE MKHABELA

Sibongile (Bongi) Mkhabela, a social worker by profession and an activist by orientation, is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (NMCF) as well as the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust (NMCH Trust).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



ESE EMERHI

Program Manager / African Philanthropy

After four years with TrustAfrica she is embarking on a new adventure with TrustAfrica friends at the Global Fund for Community Foundations. Ese Emerhi, was most recently the project manager for the African Philanthropy program at TrustAfrica.

Ese recently wrote an article titled, What's the Matter with Small Grants, where she explores her insights around this question: "If small grants are an attempt to addressing the uneven power balances in traditional aid, then its approach must also work to address or at the very least recognize limitations inherent in grantmaking and seek adjustments to improve."

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Upcoming Events For Trust Africa in April

Community Immunity Initiative
Roll Out - Review of thematic areas for small grants are underway, along with advocacy campaigns to ensure that no one is left behind as we seek population immunity.

All Staff Strategic Retreat
Will take place in April after which we'll be excited to share more from our new strategy for the next 4 years in subsequent newsletters

Events Trust Africa hosted and participated in March 2021

Pan African CSO-Side Event at the 53rd Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

On 15th March 2021, ActionAid, TrustAfrica, Africans Rising, Oxfam, the West African Civils Society Institute (WACSI), the West African Civil Society Forum (WACOSOF), East African Civil Society Organizations Forum, CIVICUS, African Forum on debt and Development (AFRODAD), and ANCEFA came together in round table discussion on the African debt, as a side-event of the 53rd Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

World Communities Forum

On 23 and 24 March 2021 the Inaugural World Communities Forum was convened by SHOFCO where the Global Alliance for Communities was launched as a coalition of 160+ proximate leaders from around the world.

100th Anniversary Amadou Mathar Roundtables

TrustAfrica is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Prof. Amadou Mahtar Mbow starting in March 2021. The celebration, which will be held in partnership with the members of the African political class and intellectual community as well as the good people of Senegal, will involve a series of debates and roundtables.

West Africa Multi-Stakeholder Convening on IFFs, Tax and the Extractive Sector where TrustAfrica presented on Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs)

As an innovation for expanding collaboration between governments, private sector, civil society, multilateral agencies and other actors to address the challenge of IFFs in the extractive sector

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