Shaping the Future We Want Through Pan-African Collaboration

When TrustAfrica was founded in 2005 our mandate was to mobilize and channel substantive resources to stand behind African actors and organizations to enable them to respond to the most pressing challenges facing the continent. Bringing together some of the leading Pan African thought leaders and practitioners in the Board and through the executive leadership, TrustAfrica has been committed to a strategy of collective impact focusing on nurturing and encouraging collaboration in every intervention across programs. This edition of our newsletter will focus on this collective impact strategy and how we are witnessing outsized impact by working collaboratively trans-locally, nationally and at the Pan-African level. Read more in this newsletter to find out how this translates across our three strategic priority areas of Equitable Development, Democratic Governance and African Philanthropy as a means of defending the key questions facing the continent: Accountability, Equity and Justice. If you haven't had a chance yet, don't forget to check out our Shaping the Future We Want for Africa Strategy 2020-2024.

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EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

StopTheBleeding Campaign and Consortium - Collaboration as a Strategy for Change - One of the most notable demonstrations of collaboration in our approach has been through our work to curb illicit financial flows from the continent. Instead of going it alone, we led in facilitating collaboration among a set of leading pan African organizations to jointly tackle the challenges of illicit financial flows from Africa.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Zimbabwe Alliance - Collaborating in Zimbabwe for over 10 years - For over 10 years now, TrustAfrica has joined with philanthropic partners who espouse the meaning of solidarity in setting up and running the Zimbabwe Alliance as a collaborative funder civil society framework supporting work towards democratization in Zimbabwe.

AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY

African Philanthropy Conference & Community Immunity - In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit countries across the world, we witnessed the withdrawal of International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) from Africa, removing expatriate staff and closing down offices, including a restriction of funding if it was not directly related to health services or in some way directed to Covid-19 response.
This led to the formation of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign and subsequently the Stop the Bleeding Campaign Consortium as a formal platform for collaborative work among key pan-African institutions to work together on other development matters beyond IFIs. Presently, the consortium is comprised of TrustAfrica, Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), International Trade Union Council – Africa (ITUCAfrica), FEMNET, African Forum on Debt and Development (AFRODA) and Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA).

In August 2021, TrustAfrica is collaborating with the African Philanthropy Forum (APF), the Centre for African Philanthropy and Social Investments (CAPSI) at the Wits Business School, the Southern Africa Trust (SAT), the African Philanthropy Network (APN) and the Harvard University’s Center for African Studies to host the 2021 African Philanthropy Conference from the 3rd to 5th of August. The conference’s theme is “Surviving Covid19: The Role of African Philanthropy” which will further interrogate African philanthropy’s role in local communities across the continent. To register for the conference follow this link.

APPEALS: Community Immunity Small Grants Available!

Community Immunity is a collaborative initiative between African Philanthropy Network (APN), Southern Africa Trust (SAT), TrustAfrica to provide quick impact support to bring immediate relief to people living at the margins of society while supporting policy initiatives to provide long term solutions.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Tade Aina

Meet Oronotade Akin Aina - affectionately known to his colleagues as “Tade”. Tade just finished his final term as a Trustee of the TrustAfrica Board during our last Board meeting in May. We only thought it appropriate to share his illustrious track record with you as we bid farewell to Tade in his official capacity as Board Trustee and welcome him into the TrustAfrica Diaspora family!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT
Upcoming Events


African Philanthropy Conference
3-5 August 2021
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Reclaim Sustainability Project Launch in West Africa
TrustAfrica, together with their consortium partner Solidadu West Africa will launch the RECLAIM Sustainability programme in West Africa on the 30th of July 2021. The West Africa project launch will be held in Accra, Ghana from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm GMT.

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