



Word Cloud from TrustAfrica Programs Meeting in September:
What is Your 1 Word Prayer for TrustAfrica?



We're excited to share this latest edition of our newsletter with you, particularly because we've been privileged to be part of so many important conversations about Africa's development and the possibilities for transformative participation available to citizens, public and private leaders and academics. Read more to find out what interesting conversations we've been a part of around Democracy and Governance, Equitable Development and African Philanthropy. To start you off we have as our center piece in this edition remarks delivered by our Learning Manager, Ms. Tendisai Chigwedere during the 2nd African Philanthropy Conference from 3-5 August 2021.

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DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

Consolidating and stabilizing the gains of democracy on the continent

One of the reasons we prioritize democracy and governance as one of our three pillars at TrustAfrica is the ongoing need to consolidate the gains of democracy on the continent. The last few years have witnessed a resurgence in coup d'états which had receded on the African landscape. Mali saw two coups in quick succession (2020 and 2021), before Guinea's President Alpha Condé was deposed by the army earlier this month. In this moment in history, we are deeply concerned by the destabilization caused by these unconstitutional changes of government, the backseat approach adopted by our regional governance



EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

Resources, inequality, public revenue

Numerous injustices characterise the current global economic architecture including trade relations that disadvantage African countries; restricted space for African countries to independently set their own development priorities and make choices on economic policies; imposition of development models that continue to undermine industrialization and structural economic transformation; contracts and licensing regimes, especially in the natural resources sector that tend to benefit foreign multinational corporations at the expense of African countries; and a global financial governance architecture that promotes net outflow of capital (both illicit and licit) from Africa



AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY

Resourcing our Development through African Philanthropy

Our African philanthropy program seeks to strengthen the recognition, practice and strategic impact of giving in Africa. We recognize that solidarity and the culture of giving to help others is embedded in many African cultures and traditions as reflected in notions such as Ubuntu (I am because you are). We believe in philanthropy that "shifts the power", endowing communities with voice and agency. Through our African philanthropy program, we work to build knowledge on African giving and contribute towards building a movement that nurtures more African giving, harnessing domestic resources for Africa's development, while

architecture and what these intimate about the growing role of militaries in our democracies. We are also asking what the key ingredients are to consolidate and stabilize the pan-African democratic project. [Read more about our experiences and interventions around democracy and governance: Re-thinking the State, Rule of Law and Democratic Transitions in Africa](#)

to the developed world. As part of the post Covid-19 transition, our work advocates for building forward better – focusing on the equitable and sustainable utilization of the continent's natural resources and biodiversity, including land and water for the continent's economic and social transformation. Read more on how we're tackling these issues at TrustAfrica: [*STB Campaign Strategic Retreat and Reframing around Development Finance](#) [*Launch of the Reclaim Sustainability! Program](#)

contributing to a stronger community of practice and policy framework for African philanthropy.

[*African Philanthropy Conference](#): In case you missed it, here's [the link to the celebration of our illustrious founding Executive Director Dr. Akwasi Aidoo](#). Akwasi Aidoo who was recognized for his lifelong contribution to African philanthropy and Africa's development at the 2nd African Philanthropy Conference on the 3rd of August 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENT! TrustAfrica's Shaping the Future Fellowship Program

The TrustAfrica Shaping the Future Fellowship was launched in August 2021, with the first Senior fellow joining ranks with a focus on African Philanthropy and an incoming fellow scheduled for October 2021 focusing on anticipatory governance and innovation, Africa's development and the future of work. The Fellowship is focused on reflections on key themes related to the future we want for Africa and is structured into three categories.

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Tawanda Mutasah

As a member of TrustAfrica's Board of Directors, we are pleased to congratulate Dr. Tawanda Mutasah on his appointment as the new [Vice President of Oxfam America's for Global Partnership and Impact](#) from September 2021. All the team, board and partners of TrustAfrica wish Dr. Mutasah the best of luck in continuing the good work!



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Halima Mahomed / African Philanthropy

Welcome to Our First Senior Fellow working on African Philanthropy! If you have been in the philanthropy sector for any period of time, then Halima is not a new name. Even for us at TrustAfrica, we are welcoming her back, this time in a new capacity as a senior fellow. Halima Mahomed is a well-known independent researcher and consultant focusing on knowledge building, advocacy and support to strengthen the narratives, practice and impact of philanthropy in Africa. She is an Associate Researcher at CAPSI and serves as a member of the PSJP management team, Alliance Magazine Editorial Board, and ICNL Advisory Council. Halima has worked for and with a range of African and international philanthropic and philanthropy support organizations and written extensively on philanthropy, with a strong focus on linking philanthropy to local agency and power. We've worked closely in the past with Halima on some of our work with social movements, which is another critical area of inquiry for Ms. Mahomed.

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Upcoming Events



African Feminist Macroeconomic Academy (AFMA)

15-19 November 2021 in Dakar, Senegal

This year's academy will be held under the theme: "Promoting a Feminist Approach to Delivery and Financing of Public Services in Africa". Participants invited to apply will be African feminist activists and movement leaders drawn from a range of sub-regions, organisations, movements and formations that are pushing for women's economic justice and working in various sectors such as agriculture, informal trade, natural resource extraction, sexual reproductive rights, violence against women, economic justice, trade unions, women with disability, young women among others.

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Past Events

#ShiftThePower – Revolutionising Transparency in the Third Sector; Driving Better Decisions, Legitimacy and Goodwill

Centre for Strategic Philanthropy at the Cambridge Judge Business School based at the University of Cambridge hosted a seminar titled #ShiftThePower – Revolutionising Transparency in the Third Sector: Driving Better Decisions, Legitimacy and Goodwill. This was part of an online series deconstructing the components of imbalanced power structures between Global North and Global South philanthropy actors, better understanding how change can come about and enabling philanthropy practitioners to define the nature of the change required for the long-term institutionalisation of COVID-19-induced changes in best practice. [Read More](#)

TrustAfrica Roundtable at the Kwame Nkrumah Festival 2021

TrustAfrica convened a RoundTable discussion on Wednesday 22 September 2021 titled "Pan Africanism, Feminism, Youth and the Arts: Post-COVID Transition and The Future We Want". This brought together a diverse group of pan-African thought leaders including Marema Toure Thiam, Vice-Chair of CODESRIA, Briggs Bomba, Programs Director of TrustAfrica, Marie Hélène Pereira, Director of Programmes at RAW Material Company and was moderated by Coumba Toure, Coordinator for Africans Rising and chairperson of the TrustAfrica Board. Use this link to follow proceeding. [Read More](#)

TrustAfrica in Mali to Support Temedt Association and DWD Communities

A TrustAfrica mission visited Bamako, Mali on 2, 3 and 4 October 2021 to meet with the leaders of the Temedt Association on the situation of victims of discrimination based on descent and slavery.

TrustAfrica and Temedt after working sessions went to the Children's City in Bamako where more than 131 people who have been unjustly displaced from their village, Baghamabougou, reside. Most of these displaced persons are affected by modern slavery practices in their local communities. They have been driven away from their villages because they refused to submit to the abusive demands of their masters. According to human rights activists, thousands of people have been driven from their villages in the Khaye region as a result of slavery. [Read More](#)

TrustAfrica to Co-organized the 1st High Level Forum on African Humanities

TrustAfrica, in conjunction with UNESCO and CODESRIA, has successfully organized a Training Workshop on Future Literacies in Africa. The workshop, held in Bamako, Mali, on 1 and 2 October 2021, was mainly to prepare young people from the continent to better understand the present and anticipate the future. Watch the livestream here and [Dr. Ebrima Sall's speech here](#) and [Read more](#).

Tweetchat: Localizing Giving and Community-led Philanthropy in Africa

A TWEETCHAT was hosted at 1pm GMT on Wednesday, 29 September 2021 by Philanthropy Circuit (@CircuitEditor) in conversation with @TrustAfrica, @CivSourceAfrica and @GivinguesdayN on the theme of "Localizing Giving and Community-led Philanthropy in Africa" to engage conversation around giving practices and localizing philanthropy in Africa.

AfCoDD

On Thursday 26 August 2021, our Programs Director Briggs Bomba presented the Stop the Bleeding Campaign as an example of collaboration amongst Pan-African institutions at the African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD) hosted by the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (Afrodad).

7th East African Philanthropy Conference

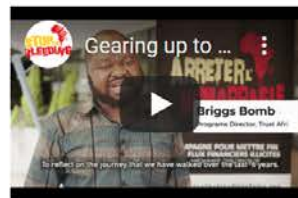
Our programs Director, Briggs Bomba moderated a session at the 7th East African Philanthropy Conference on 8 September 2021, in an exciting session which had a strong clarion call for big business, philanthropy, and Pan-Africans at large to move "beyond our egos, logos & silos to converge for impact in Africa!". [Read more](#)

TrustAfrica and Partners Organize a training Workshop on Future Literacies For Young African Leaders

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Dr Ebrima Sall on Eurocentrism and Dominations in the Humanities



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