



IPASA
INDEPENDENT PHILANTHROPY
ASSOCIATION SOUTH AFRICA

IPASA PHILANTHROPY SYMPOSIUM 2022

Inhale to Exhale: **Pause, Reflect and Reset in the midst of constant change**

“The times are urgent, let us slow down”, Bayo Akomolafe

MAIN FOCUS OF THE 2022 SYMPOSIUM:

This year’s symposium will explore philanthropy’s role in uncovering, shaping and amplifying solutions to the numerous intersecting crises facing our country. What is philanthropy already doing, and what has it yet to do? How are existing philanthropy practices adapting, and what new philanthropy practices are emerging?

The symposium theme will offer delegates the opportunity to pause amidst the constant pace of change, and review what has been done and what has changed since Covid created a new normal in our world. On reviewing and reflecting on the lessons learnt, on what has worked, and what still needs to change, philanthropy can prepare itself to take decisive, strategic and collective action to address the urgent issues facing our country.

Day One Focus: Reflection and Action on the Most Urgent Issues Philanthropy Should Address

How do we systemically address the education and employment crisis in our country?
How do we address the intersectional issues of climate change and social justice in our country?

Day Two Focus: Reflection and Action on the Most Needed Practises Philanthropy Should Adopt

Which of our practises need to change in order to deliver on our goals in these current times?
How do we action these conversations?





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Tuesday, 8 November

COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING FUNDING PRIORITIES

08h00 - 09h00

REGISTRATION

09h00-09h30

Setting the Scene and Welcome

Mmabatho Maboya, IPASA Chair and CEO of Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation
Alison McCallum, Conference moderator and facilitator

09h30 - 10h00

Opening Presentation: The Power of Pausing: Effective Philanthropy in a Traumatized World

Nomfundo Mogapi, CEO of the Centre for Mental Wellness and Leadership

The latest developments in neuropsychology and traumatic stress fields are pointing to the power of pausing as a tool for facilitating optimum functioning within extremely stressful and traumatic contexts. This presentation will draw from these developments to highlight why this pausing is even more critical in South Africa generally and for the Philanthropy sector specifically. It will also outline some strategies for how this can be practicalized within the sector and within one's organization.

10h00 - 10h30

Opening Ice-breaker Session: Pause, Reflect and Reset

A facilitated session to meet other conference delegates and to reflect together on the past year.

PRIORITIES AND PRACTICES IN ECD, BASIC EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This session will focus on the funding priorities in these funding sectors which are critical to our country's economy. It will look at how practice in philanthropy can best support systemic change and innovative practice, and how funders can link education to employment and entrepreneurship opportunities and influence education to help prepare for entrepreneurship and employment.

10h30 - 11h00

A Case Study on the Value of Reflection for Improved Systemic Change in Education and Employment

Tracey Webster, CEO, Oppenheimer Memorial Trust.

The Oppenheimer Memorial Trust will share their learnings from their foundation's recent reflect and reset strategy process, showing the value of such a process in shifting and deepening their work.

11h00 - 11h20

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

11h20 - 12h30

Parallel Session: Reflections on Priorities and Practices in ECD, Basic Education, Higher Education, Employment & Entrepreneurship

- **Breakaway session 1: What is working in the ECD sector**, where is change in practice needed and what opportunities exist for the sector, chaired by Zanele Twala, CEO, Standard Bank Tutuwa Foundation:
- **Breakaway session 2: What is working in the Basic Education**, sector, where is change in practice needed and what opportunities exist for the sector chaired by Gail Campbell, CEO, Zenex Foundation
- **Breakaway session 3: What is working in the Higher Education, Employment & Entrepreneurship** sectors, where is change in practice needed and what opportunities exist for the sector, chaired by Yogavelli Nambiar, CEO, Alan Gray Orbis Foundation

A facilitated group discussion reflecting on what has arisen over the past year as priority issues in each focus area, and on the learnings about the practices that best address these issues.

12h30- 13h00

Sharing Group Learnings and Highlighting Opportunities for Collective Action

Panel discussion between the 3 break-away session chairs, moderated by Tracey Webster, looking at how we ensure the effective journey from education to employment as funders, focusing on the optimal practices and critical priorities, as identified in the group discussions.



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13h00 - 14h00

LUNCH

14h00 - 14h15

Pause, Reflect and Reset

A facilitated session to allow for harvesting of key insights arising from the morning's session.

PHILANTHROPY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Tackling climate change will require urgent, significant, and transformational changes across all sectors of our economy. Climate Justice involves ensuring that during this process of transition, people and the environment are treated fairly – a Just Transition. This session will explore the role philanthropy must play in supporting this Just Transition and will showcase some unique and accessible ways for funders to support an effective response to achieving a climate-resilient economy.

14h15 - 14h45

Session Keynote: How Does the Just Transition Framework Affect Philanthropy, and How Should Philanthropy Respond to the Just Transition?

Melissa Fourie, Executive Director, Centre for Environmental Rights

This address will provide an overview of the way in which the transition from coal and other fossil fuels is expected to unfold in South Africa over the next few decades, and how it can be expected to impact on existing social justice struggles. The concept of "justice" in a Just Transition will be unpacked, and what needs to be in place to make sure that the transition is one that gives effect to justice to those most affected. Finally will look at different ways in which philanthropy can support and enable a Just Transition.

14h45 - 15h35

Panel Discussion: The Role Philanthropy is Playing in Addressing Climate Justice.

This panel discussion will showcase some of the successful and innovative work that is being funded in South Africa in the climate justice space, with the intention of providing practical examples of investment opportunities for funders.

Moderated by Mbongiseni Buthelezi, Executive Director, Public Affairs Research Institute

Panel members: Lisa Chamberlain, Environmental Justice Fund; Seth Tladi, Social Change Assistance Trust; Lindiwe Johnson; Green Cape Climate Champions, and Malik Dasoo, African Climate Foundation.

15h35 - 15h40

Introduction of Break-Away Sessions

15h40 - 16h00

TEA AND MOVE INTO BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS

16h00 - 16h30

Break-away sessions: How can our philanthropic approaches contribute to building resilience against the impacts of climate change that are being experienced now and in the future?

Breakaway facilitators: Malik Dasoo; Alison McCallum; Melissa Fourie and Nomfundo Mogapi

16h30 - 16h45

Feedback to the Plenary Moderated by Mbongiseni Buthelezi.

Closure by Lindy Rodwell van Hasselt, Relationship Director, Lewis Foundation

16h45 - 17h00

Final Reflections and Wrap Up

17h00 - 18h30: LAUNCH OF THE 2022 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOUTH AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY COCKTAIL EVENT

The 2022 Annual Review of South African Philanthropy showcases a range of stories and case studies highlighting the opportunities, challenges and successes in philanthropy in our country.



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Wednesday, 9 November

REVIEWING AND ADAPTING OUR FUNDING PRACTICES TO TAKE BOLD COLLECTIVE ACTION

09h00-09h30

Overview of Day One & Introduction to Day Two

09h30 - 10h15

Collaboration: the Key to Achieving Development Impact

Fumani Mthembi, Managing Director, Knowledge Pele

This opening presentation will focus on the cost of achieving development impact at the community level and explore the dissonance between the ambition for impact relative to the capital available to achieve it. The presentation will emphasize the need for collaborative funding practice, and challenge and interrogate the extent to which we are willing to collaborate towards targeted impact.

10h15 - 10h45

Pause, Reflect and Reset

A facilitated session to harvest insights and understand their implications for your own practice.

10h45 - 11h00

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

11h00 - 12h00

Transforming the Funder Grantee Relationship through Trust-based Practice

Ayesha Mago, Global Advocacy Director, Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Jessie Chiliza, Associate Program Director, Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project; Taona Tsopo, Project Manager, Amandla Development

Trust-based philanthropy practice is essential to funders in these current times, to address the inherent power imbalances between funders, non-profits, and the communities they serve. In this session we will hear from both global and local organisations of their experiences of participatory funding practices.

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Reflection on the Privilege, Positionality and Power of Philanthropy

Halima Mahomed, Philanthropy Consultant

There is no doubt that institutionalized philanthropy is changing; but are these changes fundamental transformations that seek to dismantle privilege or tweaks that continue to entrench its positionality? This session reflects on the link between philanthropic power and the issue of collective agency of those bearing the brunt of injustices. It will also look at the reflection on the role that institutional philanthropy needs to undertake if it is to significantly advance a more just society.

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14h30 - 15h15

Closing Speaker: Philanthropy as the Practice of Love, Courage and Justice

Nicolette Naylor, Independent Philanthropy Consultant

This presentation will explore global trends in philanthropy and how philanthropy has adapted and re-invented itself with a specific focus on navigating power and control. It will specifically probe lessons from large global foundations and newer philanthropists who have disrupted the fundamentals of our practice. It will also look at how we radically reimagine our work and our practice to fulfil our mandate related to the love of humanity and justice as opposed to power and control.

15h15 - 15h45

Final Wrap Up - Next Steps to Progress Outcomes from the Symposium

15h45 - 16h00

Closure and Thanks

Louise Driver, IPASA Executive Director