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F o c u s A f r i c a Business Roundtable Theme: Expanding Access to Nigeria-Africa Markets for Sustainable Economic Development

The recently concluded Focus Africa Business Roundtable was more than just an event it was a powerful statement of intent. Under the thought-provoking theme "Expanding Access to Nigeria-Africa Markets for Sustainable Economic Development," we brought together industry leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, and changemakers who share one vision: building an Africa that thrives on its own strength. At the heart of the Roundtable was a simple but urgent



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question: How do we, as Africans, dismantle barriers that limit trade, investment, and innovation within our own continent? The discussions were as enlightening as they were challenging, setting the tone for new collaborations, policy rethinking, and business expansions that will undoubtedly shape the future of Nigeria and Africa's markets.

Celebrating Our Awardees

A special highlight of the event was the recognition of trailblazers who have consistently demonstrated resilience, innovation, and excellence. These awardees remind us that Africa is not lacking in brilliance but in platforms that showcase it. We proudly celebrated individuals and organizations who are writing new stories in enterprise, community development, technology, and sustainable impact. Their journeys fuel our conviction that if given the right support, African businesses can compete and win globally. To our awardees: especially Pastor Edwin George Okor, who graced our cover page, we say congratulations! Your achievements are not just personal victories but collective wins for Africa. You inspire a generation of young entrepreneurs and

people of faith, and you embody the very spirit of Focus Africa—building bridges, amplifying voices, and creating opportunities.

A Call to Readers

As you read through this edition of Focus Africa Magazine, we invite you to do more than just admire the success stories and policy dialogues. Let the insights ignite a hunger within you—to explore, to invest, to partner, and to innovate. Africa is opening its doors wider, and the Nigeria-Africa market is rich with untapped possibilities.

Our role as a magazine is to spotlight these opportunities and to ensure that every reader walks away, not just informed but empowered. If the Business Roundtable reminded us of anything, it is that Africa's future will not be written by outsiders—it will be written by Africans who dare to believe, dare to act, and dare to lead.

This is your invitation. Join us as we continue to connect businesses, celebrate excellence, and expand access to opportunities that will build a truly sustainable African economy.

We are Focus Africa, and we are turning the spotlight on the continent.

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UNVEILING THE FOCUS AFRICA BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE SERIES

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The Focus Africa Business Roundtable Forum provides actionable insights, strategic networking opportunities, and high-value collaborations for African business leaders, policymakers, and investors.

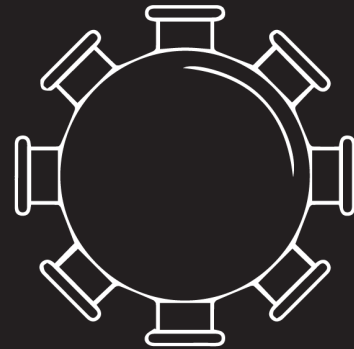
“The conversations will be curated to go beyond dialogue—they will create pathways for partnerships that can shape Africa’s business and investment future.” The Focus Africa Business Roundtable Forum is more than an event—it is a catalyst for continental transformation.

“Focus Africa is about driving Africa’s

growth narrative from within,” our main aim is to equip our leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators with the networks, tools, and opportunities to create solutions that work for Africa, by Africa.”

As expectations build, stakeholders across sectors agree that this forum could set the tone for deeper collaboration, stronger trade ties, and a renewed commitment to unlocking Africa’s vast economic potential. For many, Focus Africa represents not just a meeting of minds but the start of partnerships that will shape the continent’s business future for years to come.

FOCUS AFRICA BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE



The Focus Africa Business Roundtable Forum has established itself as a premier platform where continental and global leaders converge to explore solutions to Africa's pressing economic challenges while unlocking new trade and investment prospects. The forum events going forward is expected to attract an influential mix of CEOs, entrepreneurs, government officials, financiers, and development partners from across Africa and beyond.

Key discussions will centre on intra-African trade growth, investment readiness, digital transformation in business, sustainable energy opportunities, and cross-border collaboration for industrial growth. Delegates will also gain exclusive access to tailored networking sessions designed to match innovators with investors and markets.

The choice of Abuja—Africa's fastest-growing diplomatic and policy hub for this

edition underscores our commitment to situating the conversation at the crossroads of leadership and opportunity.

With the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) gaining momentum, the forum's timing is considered strategic for catalyzing private sector-driven growth across the continent.

For me, the forum is not just another conference—it is a rallying point for Africa's next chapter of growth. "When African leaders, innovators, and investors sit at the same table with a shared vision, the results can reshape our continent's destiny. This is the Focus Africa mission,"

As we unveil this project today, my message is clear: Africa's business future is being written now, and Focus Africa is at the forefront leading the way.

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter of the Focus Africa Business Roundtable Forum 2025.

Inside the City with Focus Africa – Lagos comes alive on the third Thursday of the month in September! Join us for powerful connections, inspiring conversations, and an unwinding time.



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Award-Winning Actress |
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Born in September 1985, I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Lagos State University. With a multifaceted career spanning arts, activism, and politics, I am dedicated to driving positive change and empowering communities.

Professional Highlights:

- Consultant on Development Partners and ICT to the Executive Council Chairman, Abuja Municipal Area Council
- Passionate Advocate for Women in Leadership and Girl Child Education
- Mental Health Advocate
- Brand Ambassador for Secure D Future International Initiative (SDF)

She is skilled in dynamic public speaking and strategic advocacy, driving community development through strong stakeholder engagement, while demonstrating visionary leadership, impactful mentorship, and expertise in ICT innovation and development partnerships.



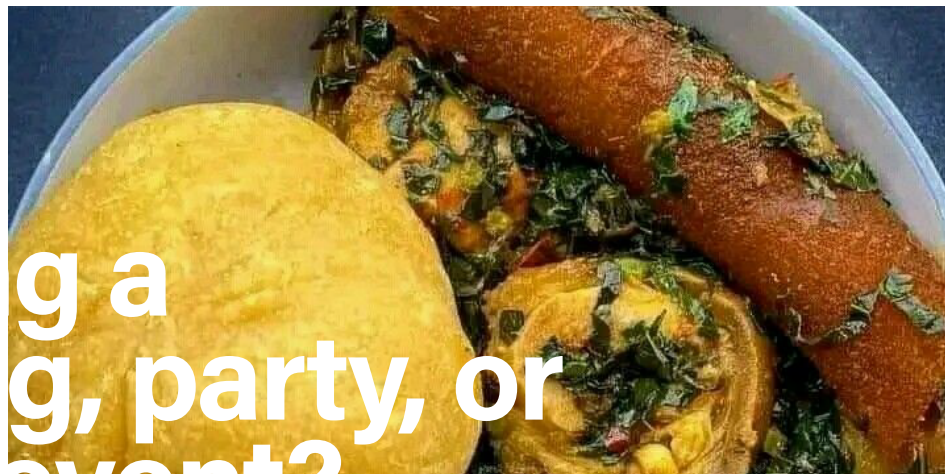
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Amb. Dr Chinwe Lilian



Amb. Dr. Chinwe Lilian is a dedicated social worker, certified coach, humanitarian, public servant, and passionate advocate for women's and girl-child rights. She is the founder of the Lilian Ike Foundation (LIF), a renowned NGO focused on education, leadership, girl-child advocacy, and women's empowerment, impacting thousands across communities through life-changing initiatives.

She is the visionary behind the Global Visionary Leadership Summit and Awards, a prestigious annual gathering for thought leaders, policymakers, and change-makers, and the Visionary African Women Community—a thriving network fostering collaboration and empowerment among African women. As Convener and Global President of the Visionary African Women Summit and Awards, she champions African women's voices, equips them for success, and celebrates their achievements.



Her humanitarian reach spans over 300 orphanages and 20,000 lives impacted, with advocacy campaigns against rape, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and suicide. Her work has earned her numerous honors, including the Unsung Heroes Award (Humanitarian Figure of the Year), Most Consistent Humanitarian Award, African Peace Award, People's Ambassador (Face of Hope), WADA Ambassador (NDLEA), Gender Advocacy and Empowerment Award from the Office of the Presidency, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities from Prowess University, Delaware, USA.

Featured on major TV stations and newspapers, Amb. Dr. Chinwe Lilian's journey is a testament to how, when women rise, communities thrive and nations prosper.

PROVIDING QUALITY PHC SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED AND VULNERABLE POPULATION IN NIGERIA AND AFRICA

The Lown Community Health Center (LCHC), named after our benefactor, Prof Bernard Lown ((1921-2021), a physician, Cardiologist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient was conceived by Scholars from the Lown Scholar Program of Harvard School of Public Health. The LCHC, Ganmo/Amoyo, Kwara State Nigeria was founded and incorporated in Nigeria in 2019. The main concept is to establish a Primary Health Care (PHC) center as a social business. The innovation has 4 cardinal strategies with the potential to complement and improve the current PHC delivery system in Nigeria and Africa: social enterprise, improved quality PHC delivery to mothers, children and the elderly, micro-insurance scheme and deployment a state-of-the-art health management information system called Swasth Live that monitors the quality of care, health outcomes and finances of our operations. Since 2019, we operated our clinics in suburban communities of the Capital city of Kwara state, we targeted poor and underserved populations, mostly women, children and the elderly. As a not-for-profit organization, our clinics establish a micro-insurance scheme with a highly subsidized cost that is affordable for both micro-insurance and out-of-pocket enrollees. We penetrated the underserved communities using structured home-based care for the poor and

underserved populations of the elderly, women and children. We establish a simple and culturally adaptable community mobilization strategy for Blood Pressure (BP) awareness and linkage to care. Collaborating with other partners and philanthropists, we have carried out countless community outreaches, saving hundreds of lives and preventing complications from some diseases. By erecting "Lown BP Stands" in the community, we have made digital BP monitoring devices available and accessible to individuals in the community thereby removing the health facility bureaucracies and complexities. This ensured community ownership and the community taking responsibility for their health. The government cannot do it all nor do it alone. By giving back to the community through private and not-for-profit organizations, the burden of providing healthcare services will be reduced among vulnerable and underserved populations while wellness and healthy living will improve especially among the neglected, vulnerable and underserved populations who are mostly women and children.

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Awardee

Dr. Sarah Ogah-Aduwari, mni



She's member of the National Institute Nigeria, a philanthropist, gender advocate, and educationist. She is from the Idoma ethnic group of Nigeria, and was born on the 2nd of August into the family of Mr. William Odeh Ogah from Anwule in the Ohimini Local Government area of Benue State.

Dr Sarah is an accredited adult education and community development consultant from the rivers state university of science and technology 2019. She is a seasoned educator with over 20 years of experience, and an education management consultant from the University of Port Harcourt. Dr. Sarah, is also a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Strategic Management (ISMN) and has accomplished a tremendous

feat in both the Public and Private Sector, making her a serial entrepreneur. She is the Founder and Director of Spring Valley Nursery, Primary, and High School Port Harcourt, a citadel of learning with a pristine standard, established in 2005

Dr. Sarah Ogah-Aduwari, mni, is a seasoned administrator with excellent managerial skills. She is also the founder of The Amina Agbo Foundation (TAAF), a non-profit organization, that focuses on community development through empowering and uplifting Indigent women and Children. Since its inception in 2016, TAAF has held several community outreaches in different states in Nigeria on its own and in collaboration with other agencies of government and individuals. She is the brain behind the now prestigious Idoma Daughters and Wives Association (IDWA), also a Non-governmental Organization that consists of Idoma born daughters and wives solely for the development of their communities. Since its inception in 2019, IDWA Has members both internationally and locally and has taken up several projects. As a Christian, Dr Sarah has served the Catholic Church in different capacities. she was the president of the Catholic Women Organization (CWO) St. Francis Catholic parish Rumuokwuta in Port-Harcourt, for eight years, and has served in several committees, of note is the education and social development committee of Port-Harcourt diocese where she instituted the yearly youth camp for children in the Port-Harcourt diocese. She is presently serving as an auditor on the exco of Calabar province. Dr Sarah, is a lecturer with Isaac Jasper Boro College of Education Sagbama, Bayelsa State. She is currently the Head of the Department of Adult and Non-formal Education. She is a Rotarian and a member of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Cosmopolitan. Dr Sarah Ogah-Aduwari loves to play golf, watch movies, and listens to gospel and soul music.

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A portrait of Elizabeth Charles-Dede, a Black woman with her hair pulled back, wearing a light-colored blazer over a dark top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Awardee
**Elizabeth
Charles - Dede**

Elizabeth Charles-Dede is a dynamic voice in the creative arts, whose passion for storytelling and performance has now taken literary form. With a strong foundation in voiceover and music, Elizabeth has spent years enriching the creative landscape through sound, performance, and community-driven artistic expression. Her journey into the world of creativity began with a six-month intensive in presentation and acting at PEFTI (Wale Adenuga Productions), where she graduated with distinction. Her exceptional talent soon found its way to the stage as she became one of the selected vocalists for the beloved Nnena & Friends Band, a regular feature of the Wale Adenuga Production Series. Her work on this platform brought her voice into the homes and hearts of many. Her creative impact doesn't stop at the screen. She has served as Assistant Music Director in her local assembly, where she helped lead a diverse team of artists and musicians. Under her guidance, the group released a soul-lifting single titled "AYO", which garnered attention across streaming platforms for its heartfelt message and cultural vibrancy. Now, Elizabeth adds a new title to her creative repertoire: Author. In her debut work, "Art: A Tool for Social Impact and Change", she offers a passionate reflection on how

creativity can inspire transformation in communities and give voice to the unheard. Her writing is a natural extension of her artistic mission—to use every platform she touches as a space for connection, empowerment, and change. She gained recognition for her commitment to community development when NY Weekly Magazine named her one of the 20 female disruptors to watch in 2025. She earned a master's degree in Advanced Practice in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution from the esteemed University of Bradford as a result of her quest for knowledge. Her love and enthusiasm for the arts during her academic year allowed her to further explore art through writing and singing and find solutions to problems. She has spent the most of her life honing her artistic abilities, encouraging and grooming children, and helping people reach their objectives. She advocates for social change in society by using her love for art. She is a member of Forbes as well as a member of Black-Led Arts Network in Bradford and a volunteer for Bradford African Festival (BAFA). Elizabeth recently played a pivotal role as one of the organizers of Black-AI Festival recently held in Worcester, United Kingdom. In addition to all of the aforementioned, she has thrived in the aviation sector for about 11 years, beginning her career as a confidential secretary and rose through the rank as Principal Human Resources Officer. She was a shrewd administrator until February 2025, when she voluntarily retired from the service of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria to devote herself full-time to her artistic endeavors while resident in the UK.

PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability is central to development discourse as we aspire for peaceful and inclusive societies. The United Nations (UN) has proposed a development agenda to ensure the sustainability of our planet, the so-called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are “a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for the people and the planet.” But what does it mean to Africa?

Africa provides the raw materials that sustain global industries at the cost of the sustainability of its people. According to the Institute for Security Studies, in 2021, 2.6 million people were displaced in sub-Saharan Africa alone due to climate-related disasters. Yet, Africa is notoriously known for its political unrest and condemned harshly for its inability to provide for its people. The time has come that we hold ourselves accountable – it is the only path forward. Our oldest nations are about half a century old. Although young compared to the industrial world that has existed for centuries, our governments did not start as tabula rasa after independence. Our starting position in the world economy is that of the providers of raw materials when large profits are gained at the end of the manufacturing chain. We could despair, but progress is not linear. And the latest development trend, the SDGs are not infallible, not even when we come together as nations.

The UN launched the SDGs in 2015, and the world leaders agreed that by 2030 the world would have achieved all 17 SDGs. One of the key goals is SDG 16: “Promote

peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.” The SDGs are part of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly in July 2017. Yet, five years later, the Ukraine war started, and after one year is still ongoing. Sending the world a clear message: living in peace is a universal challenge. Ukraine’s war is by far the SDGs’ greatest conundrum. And how is it possible that the developed nations cannot stop a war in their backyard? There are multiple ways to answer. Still, Amartya Sen makes an outstanding attempt in his book *Development as Freedom*, where he reveals that in the Spring of 1993, the world’s leaders met in Vienna to answer the following question: “What should come first – removing poverty and misery, or guaranteeing political liberty and civil rights, for which poor people have very little use for anyway?” The choice they made is evident when we analyze our current affairs.

We live in a world where industry, including arms, finances development. Sen wisely brings to our attention that wealth and injustice are two sides of the same coin. Is a sustainable and peaceful world possible? I guess the answer lies at the individual level. It boils down to how long I will continue prioritizing my modern commodities higher than my beloved planet’s well-being. Sustainability is possible the minute you and I hold ourselves accountable.

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Awardee

Daniel Ezomo



Daniel Ezomo is a passionate Children's Evangelist and Ministry Leader from Benin, Nigeria, whose devout Christian upbringing shaped his life's mission. After relocating to London, he earned a degree in Psychology while working in the social care sector, supporting individuals with brain trauma.

In 2004, he founded the Danny Fisher Children's Ministry, a UK-based faith-led organization dedicated to nurturing children through biblical teaching, education, and outreach. Guided by his motto — "A world full of little learners today means a universe packed with brilliant minds tomorrow" — Daniel has led impactful projects, including the Summer Splash STEM Education Project, in partnership with

Hope Raisers Global Foundation, supporting communities across West Africa and beyond.

He serves as Director and Pastor at Believers Ministries London and as Children's Pastor at Kensington Temple, creating Christ-centered programs, mentoring young leaders, and driving community engagement. Ordained in 2020, Daniel also runs Fisher Kids Entertainment and continues to inspire and equip children and families worldwide.

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Daniel Ezomo

Awardee

Mrs. Sarah Wolu Akhigbe is a visionary leader in mental health advocacy, relationship wellness, and humanitarian service. A renowned speaker, author, and certified relationship coach, she has spent over a decade reducing mental health stigma, empowering couples, and transforming communities within and outside Nigeria.

She is the author of *Date Right, So You Marry Right* and *Beyond Perfection: Embracing the Beauty of Flaws in Choosing a Partner*, offering practical guidance on wellness, relationships, and emotional intelligence.

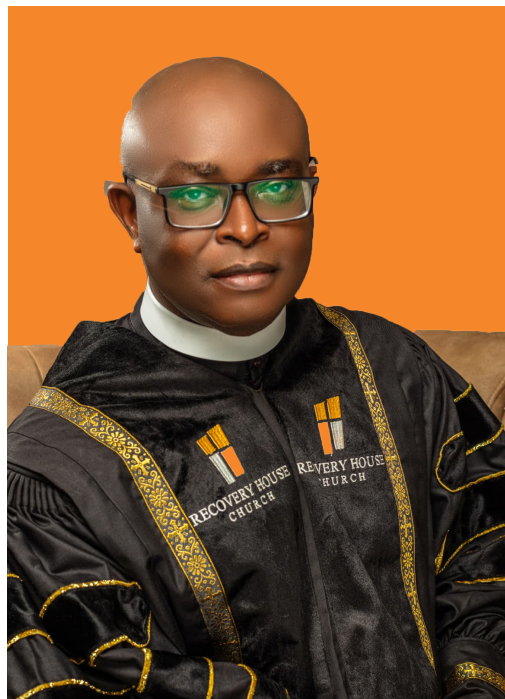
Through her *No Gray Areas with Sazzy Initiative*, Sarah has partnered with organizations like Hope Raisers Foundation and Put A Smile Initiative, providing mental health resources, education, financial aid, and skills training to thousands, especially in underserved and displaced communities. Her impact has earned her multiple honors, including the Edo State Social Investment Programme Award (2023), Christian Women Fellowship International Award (2020), and Amaeli Nkpor-ogwu Council Service Award (2024). She holds a B.Ed. in Education & Economics (University of Ibadan/ Rivers State College of Education), an MSc in Psychology in Education (Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK), and several certifications in counseling, marriage mentoring, and mental health advocacy. Sarah is a sought-after speaker, featured at the Common Impact Women Conference (London), Houston Singles Breakthrough

Conference (USA), and on platforms like Vanguard and Morale Booster Podcast. She also reaches a global audience weekly via TikTok (CoachSazzy) and YouTube (No Gray Areas With Sazzy), offering practical solutions to marital and mental health challenges.

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Mrs. Sarah Wolu Akhigbe





Pastor Edwin George Okor (JP) is a multifaceted leader with a distinguished career in both the corporate and spiritual realms. Born in Lagos, Nigeria, in 1965, he holds a B.A. Hons in Theatre Arts from the University of Calabar and an MBA in Banking & Finance from Delta State University Abraka, complemented by an SPM Programme from Lagos Business School.

Currently serving as the Deputy Managing Director of OAS Helicopters Limited, Pastor Edwin brings over 22 years of extensive banking experience, having held key positions at prominent Nigerian banks including Afribank, Diamond Bank, First Atlantic Bank Plc (as Regional Manager for Victoria Island, Lagos), and First City Monument Bank.

Beyond his corporate achievements, Pastor Edwin is a devoted spiritual leader. He is the Senior Pastor/Area Pastor for Lagos and West Africa at Recovery House Church, where he

was ordained under Rev. Ugochukwu Unachukwu.

His commitment extends globally as a Certified Member of the John Maxwell Team (JMT), specializing as a Speaker, Trainer, and Coach. Driven by a passion for advocacy and philanthropy, he is the Chairman/Founder of the Association of Christians United for Israel (ACUFI), a registered global non-profit with headquarters in Nigeria and an international presence. He also founded Jesus' Kitchen Charities Foundation, a free feeding pantry operating since 2010. Additionally, he serves as the International Associate, West Africa (English) for Haggai Institute, overseeing Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia, and Liberia. Pastor Edwin is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at the West Africa Theological Seminary (WATS). He is happily married to Nneamaka Obienu, and they are blessed with three children: Jemimah, Victory, and Gold.

Celebrating Edwin George

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Awardee

Hon. Amb. Loveth Izekor

the International Society of Diplomats (ISD), and serves as an Ambassador of Peace, promoting peace and global cooperation. Loveth's vision is to inspire positive change and empower future generations to build a better tomorrow through peace, understanding, and collaboration, with a focus on promoting equality and inclusivity for all.

Hon. Amb. Loveth Izekor is a transformative leader, entrepreneur, and passionate gender advocate who drives positive change through strategic business growth, real estate innovation, community engagement, and promoting inclusivity. With a strong background in business development and politics, she leverages her expertise to foster growth, innovation, and progress. Throughout her career, Loveth has held notable positions, including CEO of Oveth Limited and Former Director of Business Development at AMAC Investment and Property Development, as well as Forward PDP South South Amac Publicity Secretary. She has also partnered with Mosky Travel and is currently the PDP Councilor Candidate for City Centre constituency.

Loveth's educational background

includes a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, an Honorable Doctorate in Business Administration, and a certification in Leadership and Strategic Development. Her key strengths lie in visionary leadership, strategic business development, gender advocacy and development, community engagement, real estate innovation, and empowering future generations. Her achievements have earned her prestigious awards, including the Aso Heritage Award and the Young African Women Lead Award. Loveth is dedicated to philanthropy through her initiatives, notably founding the Young Ladies in Politics (NGO) and the Loveth Initiative For Empowerment, both aimed at empowering women and promoting community development. She participates in outreach programs for orphanages and widows, is a member of

Dr. Joy Osazuwa is a celebrated Doctor of Naturopathy with over 15 years of transforming lives through holistic healing. Trained in India, she lives by the motto: "There are no incurable diseases." Her work has impacted thousands globally through therapies, health programs, media outreach, and medical missions.

She is the CEO of Global Naturopathic Company Ltd and GMD of Health Solutions Africa, offering wellness resources, personalized therapies, and lifestyle plans. Her humanitarian arm, the Joy Osazuwa Love Foundation, supports widows and children, while her vibrant health community continues to see remarkable results.



She pastors an interdenominational women's ministry and is a sought-after speaker at prestigious venues including the Ghana Water Corporation, Church of Pentecost, Assembly of God, KNUST, and the United Nations Youth Leaders Conference. As a Minister specializing in healing and teaching ministries, she enriches lives with her profound spiritual insights.

Married and a devoted mother, Dr. Osazuwa gracefully balances her professional achievements with family life—a living example of compassion, excellence, and purpose.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR THE AFRICAN CHILD: THE JAHLIC'S STORY AND THE ROLE OF MOTHERS

By Oche Akor

In 2020, while the pandemic ravaged, the Africa tech ecosystem was thrown into a bubble by Stripe's \$200 million acquisition of Paystack. This was done in a Series-B funding deal. The story is that a less than 10 years old Software company, operating in Nigeria, with founders below the age of 35, had attained the status of a unicorn. In an interview, one of the co-founders, Shola Akinlade, revealed that the pair had to code the first version of the company's codebase from their dorm room back in the university. This was made possible by an early exposure to core concepts of computer programming. A skill they had both acquired as teenagers. Coding skills is one that millions of African children, especially the girl-child lack and are in dire need of if the continent hopes to catch up with the rest of the world technologically.

As technology continues to replace human jobs, the future of work changes drastically, newer job roles require a vast knowledge of computing skills by an individual in order to fit into these roles. To compete favorably in the international marketplace in the nearest future, the gap in computing knowledge by future generations of Africans need to be filled. The question then poses itself, what can the continent do to replicate the success of entrepreneurs like the paystack duo and attract even more foreign investments? A key to filling this gap is placing more

emphasis on empowering the girl-child through tech as the gains of programming knowledge favors female children more. Presently there are few women in the tech ecosystem, the reason for this boils down to several gender factors and present debates on equal work opportunities, yet with the right and timely engagement of the girlchild in tech by stakeholders in the industry, the girl child will begin to see the need to participate fully in programming at an early stage. Lots of established women in tech, though in the minority, continue to provide support for younger women in tech by establishing communities such as: Women in Tech, Women in AI, She Code Africa, and Women in DevC to properly guide and tutor teenagers and young women on their programming journeys. With a lesser entry barrier in contrast to other job roles, and a community that rewards female participation, Programming, by its nature, is a comfortable and less time consuming job for the female folk, especially here in Africa where a lot is expected of the girl-child at the home front. Remote jobs, freelancing, independent contracts, online tutoring, etc. are a few available jobs in tech that women can leverage upon from the comfort of their homes while fulfilling other womanly duties.

As a young girl or lady just starting out in tech, one really does not have to worry about getting a job after training, jobs are already available in the waiting.

All one needs to leverage on available opportunities is to acquire excellent and relevant trainings in their chosen career paths from a trusted center like Jahlics Technology and be passionate and disciplined with the training they receive. At Jahlics Technology, we are actively providing technical support to female children. Our model is based on harnessing young talents in their formative years and inculcating the relevant skills in them just in time to fill the technological gap in Africa as they approach adulthood. Jahlics Technology have designed a system that banks on early child education to train children for the future.

Change is slow, but those who accept change faster gain an upper hand and in no time, the tech world will be flooded with well skilled women. We have also designed our curriculum in a way that complex concepts are broken down into simple terms based on the learning ability of our learners. Beginning at age 11, we introduce them to the world of programming. Within age 12-15, they are knowledgeable and vast in Web Development using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. At this stage, they are encouraged to develop portfolio website where they showcase their projects as a continuous assessment exercise. At the ages of 15-17, when these students are in senior secondary school, we introduce them to Python Programming and Data Analysis alongside other in demand skill sets in the market place. These include: Video Editing, Content Creation, Blogging, Brand Marketing and General Office Practice. They are then encouraged to produce their Resume, open a Linked in profile and begin to apply for remote jobs online. Jahlics Technology is designed as an entrepreneurship hub rather than an IT Training Center.

Our aim is to build the next generation

of female tech giants in Africa through a life-long learning curve for a period of 10 years where our teenagers graduate from one skill level to another. We do this by our various Summer Holidays Training programs all year round. The summer classes hold online and onsite and graduate students of all grades and levels from one class to another. Jahlics itself is run by a team of young and talented tech guys led by Dr. Emeka Ogbuju, an Artificial Intelligence expert and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science, Federal University Lokoja. As we encourage teenagers to become tech savvy, we also encourage mothers to motivate their children into embracing tech. Mothers can begin this task by becoming genuinely interested in tech themselves and getting themselves enrolled. They must migrate into the tech ecosystem as they give birth to digital natives. They ought to start parenting in a digital way. Therefore, the role of African mothers in today's world, have now expanded to include passing on digital skills as well as traditional African values of respect, honesty and hard work. These are the bedrock upon which the future of African societies shall be built.



Awardee

Hon. Mrs. Ebiere Juliana Akpobasa

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Born in Ibadan Oyo state, an indigene
of Albert Community under Sagbama
Local Government of Bayelsa state.
A professional Caterer and
currently in Part time studies in the
university studying Political Science.
Presently the state women Leader of
the All progressive Congress (APC)
Bayelsa state, coordinator of the South
South APC state women leaders.
Founder Assurance Ladies (NGO) that
is reaching out to widows less Privilege
and the Elderly in Bayelsa State.

Mission: To be there for others.



Akpobasa

Awardee

Hon. Tabitha Iliya Sallah

Hon. Tabitha Iliya Sallah is an errudite economist, a women advocate with unique skills in decision making, development and entrepreneurship as well as a soft spot for reaching out to the vulnerable, les privileges. As a transformational leader, she has consistently strived to inspire and influence lives through social and welfare building. She has distinguished herself in the areas of community services, civil society work, humanitarian and philatropic living.

She is the founder of Organisation for Environmental Agricultural and health

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Mrs. Nenkimun Rachel Damtong

Awardee

K-Multi Design Services Nig. Ltd. is a dynamic Nigerian company founded by Mrs. Nenkimun Rachel Damtong in June 2004, starting as K-Multi Fashion and later upgraded to a limited liability company in 2016. Headquartered in Jos, Plateau State, the company specializes in garment and craft making, interior decoration, entrepreneurship training, and the sale of fashion and craft products.

Our mission is to produce high-quality, affordable products and services to tackle socio-economic challenges, while our objectives focus on human resource development, sustainable growth, job creation, and profitability.

We stand out through unique, high-quality products made with locally sourced materials, often integrating Ankara designs for a distinctive touch. Over the years, we've served clients such as the Ministry of Women Affairs, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, DEPOWA, NOWA, and international NGOs like SOS Children's Home Netherlands.

Our CEO, Mrs. Damtong, is a seasoned entrepreneur with degrees in Public Administration (B.Sc.), Conflict Management and Peace Studies (M.Sc.),

and currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies. She has showcased products internationally in South Africa, Bangladesh, and Rwanda, and is founder of the Kingdom Women and Youth Empowerment Foundation (KWAYE).

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Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti once reminded Nigeria that women's progress isn't measured by those who drink tea in comfort, but by those who carry babies to the farm and still work until sunset.

A lot is happening in our society today. We are glad to see more women stepping into power, and women's empowerment growing daily. But the truth is this: the percentage of empowered women is still very small compared to the kind of transformation we are contending for. The best transformation a nation can have is societal transformation. A group of families makes up a community. Communities form societies, societies form states, and states form a nation. We all know the saying, "The family is the basic unit of society." It is the seed of our society and our nation, Nigeria. The kind of nation we want depends on the kind of families we intentionally (or even unconsciously) plant and nurture. A family where female empowerment is not valued, or where male character development is ignored, will eventually produce a society with deep cracks.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti cried out that the struggles of the majority: women who worked long hours, carried babies to the farm, and barely made ends meet, show how far Nigeria still is from true liberation. She warned that we have not truly advanced in women's rights until the rural and common woman is free from hardship and inequality. These women, she said, are the backbone of our economy because they are the most in number and they carry the greatest burden of society.

Today, times have changed. We may not see as many women carrying pans to the farm with babies strapped to their backs, but we still have countless capable and complete women living in a different kind of slavery.

It's called media slavery. Too many are caged by the chains of endless scrolling, TikTok trends, and social media addictions. This has weakened our creativity, damaged our focus, and kept the percentage of well-developed and truly empowered women low. If we want to be truly free and developed as



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a country, we must be intentional about equipping and building our little units. Your little units are your friends, your family, your colleagues, your contacts, your community. Everyone in your circle matters. No one should be left out of total transformation; mentally, emotionally, and socially.

Imagine if every woman stood with one voice and one heart, just like the Abeokuta Women's Union (AWU) led by Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti in the 1940s. Those women fought tirelessly for their rights until they won. Our fight today may not be against colonial taxes or local rulers, but we must contend for the hearts and minds of our children and the next generation growing under our roofs. We must be intentional about what they consume, guiding them towards rightful and educative exposure instead of harmful and perverse content. We must teach them to return to their books, sharpen their minds, and use their creativity instead of letting it wither under the weight of screen dependence and social media obsession.

In the Female Network community, we don't just inspire women, we build them. We create a safe and excellent space filled with unique women who are intelligent, empowered, and driven. We promote one another, grow in grace and knowledge, and stand as a united force for change.

As you reflect today, remember this: there is more to you, and there is more in you. You are not empty. Someone in your little unit is waiting for your impact.

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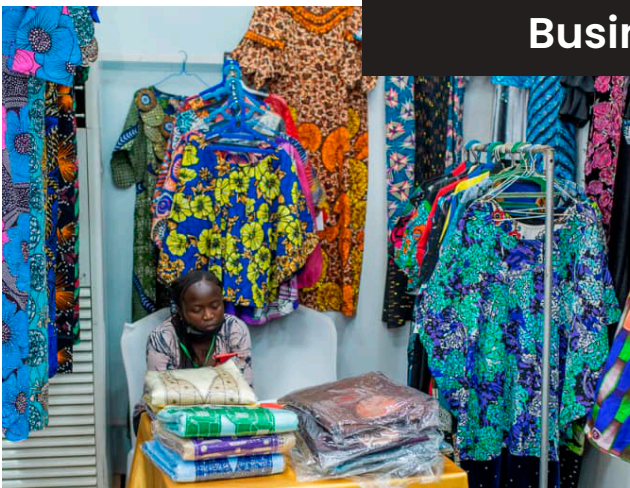


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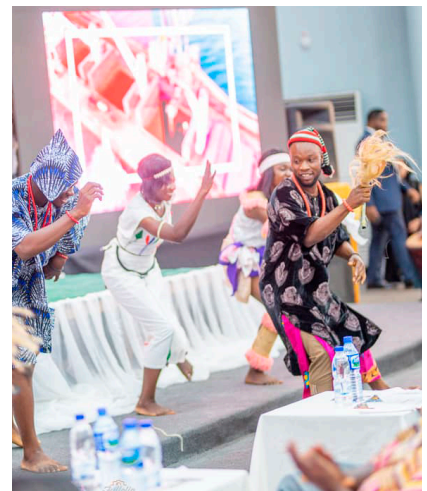
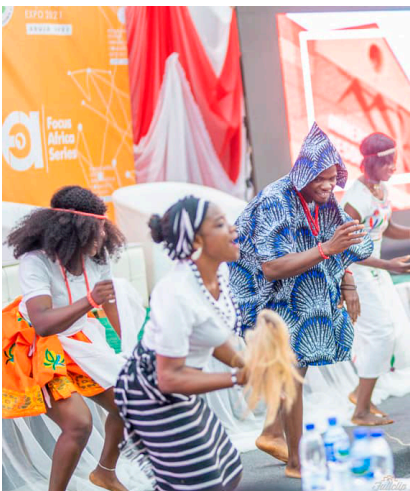
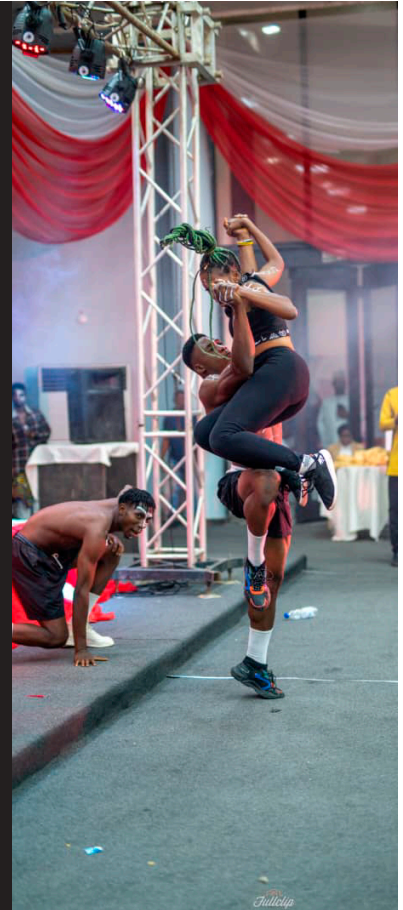


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Regina Akwunabuoye Ugbe

her employees and providing them with opportunities for professional growth. Her commitment to ethical practices and sustainability ensures that Gina Fabrics not only meets customer needs but also contributes positively to the environment and the community.

Educational Background:

Regina Akwunabuoye Ugbe holds a Master's Degree in Social Studies Education, reflecting her commitment to understanding societal dynamics and her passion for making a positive impact in her community. Her academic journey has equipped her with critical thinking skills and a comprehensive understanding of social issues, which she integrates into her business practices.

Professional Journey:

Regina is a thriving Christian businesswoman and the proud owner of Gina Fabrics, a flourishing textile business known for its high-quality fabrics and exceptional customer service. Under her leadership, Gina Fabrics has become a go-to destination for designers and fashion enthusiasts seeking unique and stylish materials. Regina's entrepreneurial spirit, coupled with her strong Christian values, guides her business philosophy, emphasizing integrity, excellence, and community support.

Business Philosophy:

At Gina Fabrics, Regina fosters a work environment that encourages creativity and collaboration. She believes in empowering

Community Engagement:

Regina is actively involved in various community initiatives, particularly those that support education and women's empowerment (most especially widows). She regularly organizes workshops and seminars aimed at equipping young women with entrepreneurial skills, helping to inspire the next generation of business leaders.

Personal Life:

A devoted Christian, Regina incorporates her faith into her daily life and business, believing that her success is a reflection of her purpose and calling. She enjoys spending time with her family, engaging in church activities, and participating in local outreach programs and training Women and Youth girls in NewLife Behaviours in transforming lives and restoring hope.

Conclusion:

Regina Akwunabuoye Ugbe exemplifies the spirit of entrepreneurship, driven by her educational background and faith. As she continues to grow Gina Fabrics, her vision extends beyond business success to making a lasting impact in her community and inspiring others along the way.

Africa WILL RISE IF AFRICA FUNDS Africa

For decades, Africa has been painted as a continent rich in potential yet perpetually dependent on aid from outside its borders. While foreign grants and international philanthropy have played a role in shaping developmental projects, they have also, inadvertently, fostered a dependency mindset. The truth is plain: Africa will only truly rise when Africa funds Africa. And one of the most practical pathways to make this happen is for African businesses to actively fund African nonprofits.

This is not charity—it is strategy. It is a deliberate investment in the continent's stability, productivity, and future prosperity. When African companies direct resources into the right nonprofit initiatives, they are not just "giving back"—they are planting the seeds for a stronger market, a more skilled workforce, and communities that can actively participate in economic growth. Closing the Gaps Government Cannot Reach

Across the continent, there is a recurring challenge—governments often struggle to meet all the needs of their people. Bureaucratic bottlenecks, inadequate budgets, and sometimes misplaced priorities leave significant gaps in healthcare, education, job creation,

By: Angonimi David-Imeh

and skill development. Nonprofits have stepped into these gaps, acting as agile, community-focused problem solvers. They design and implement solutions where government systems stall. But nonprofits cannot run on goodwill alone—they require sustainable funding to reach and transform communities. This is where African businesses have a critical role to play.

A business that funds a nonprofit is not just filling a gap; it is creating a bridge between policy shortfalls and grassroots progress. Such partnerships can speed up development in areas like:

- Job creation through tailored empowerment projects.
- Digital skills training to prepare young people for the global economy.
- Education reform that adapts to real community needs rather than outdated curricula.

Why Businesses Must Think Beyond Their Current Spaces

It is easy for a company to focus on short-term profit and internal growth, ignoring the ecosystem it operates within. But the African business landscape is

interconnected—no company exists in a vacuum. If the community suffers, the market shrinks. If young people are unemployable, innovation stalls. Funding nonprofits is an investment in the “soil” where businesses themselves grow.

A healthy, skilled, and economically active population becomes a stronger consumer base, a more capable labor pool, and a more innovative society. Moreover, the African business sector is sitting on untapped potential for legacy building. Imagine a company whose corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects continue for decades—projects that children of the founders can take pride in sustaining. This is not just about giving money; it’s about planting roots deep into the community and ensuring they continue to bear fruit long after the founders are gone from Aid Dependency to Homegrown Solutions. For years, the narrative has been that

Africa needs saving from the outside. But history shows us that sustainable progress comes from within. When we rely on foreign donors, we often inherit their priorities, timelines, and conditions—many of which do not align with our cultural realities or long-term needs.

Funding from African businesses allows nonprofits to create homegrown solutions, rooted in local understanding and community trust. A tech hub in Lagos funded by a Nigerian bank will be more attuned to local challenges than one

funded with conditions set by an overseas entity. A women’s cooperative in Kenya sponsored by a regional company will be more sustainable than one built on temporary international grants.

Empowerment as the Real Profit

When businesses invest in empowerment projects, the ripple effects are profound. A woman who receives microfinance and business training not only supports her family but also contributes to local commerce. A young person who gains digital skills becomes employable in global markets, bringing foreign currency and expertise back home. An education system tailored to community needs produces graduates who solve real problems rather than chase nonexistent jobs. These are the kinds of impacts that do not just help communities—they build nations. And they are measurable, long-term, and transformative.

Creating a Culture of Collaboration

For Africa to rise through Africa funding Africa, there needs to be a cultural shift in how we view philanthropy and corporate responsibility. Businesses must stop seeing nonprofit funding as “extra” or “optional.” It must become an integral part of their growth strategy.

Equally, nonprofits must approach partnerships with





professionalism, accountability, and measurable impact. When businesses see that their funds are producing tangible results, they are more likely to increase their investment and inspire other companies to follow suit.

Partnerships should also be celebrated publicly—not for vanity, but to set a standard. When one company funds a groundbreaking digital skills program, others should feel challenged to match or exceed that contribution. Healthy competition in social investment can be a powerful accelerator for development.

The Vision Forward Africa's rise will not come from speeches or summits—it will come from strategic action. It will come when African businesses understand that their own long-term success is inseparable

from the success of the communities around them. It will come when nonprofits receive the resources they need to scale their impact, not from distant donors but from partners who live and breathe the same African air. The challenge before us is to break the cycle of dependency and create a new model—one where funding flows from African boardrooms to African grassroots, from corporate profits to community transformation. If we do this—if African businesses boldly invest in African nonprofits, in job creation, in digital skills, in education, and in empowerment—then the slogan “Africa will rise” will no longer be a hopeful prediction. It will be an undeniable reality. And when that reality comes, it will not be because the world gave us a chance. It will be because we gave ourselves one.



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SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: AN ALTERNATIVE PATH TO SELF-RELIANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN NIGERIA

By Lucky Joseph Edo

Introduction

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, faces the dual challenge of high unemployment and over-dependence on government and oil revenues. With over 60% of its population under the age of 35, the nation possesses immense potential that remains largely untapped due to inadequate employment opportunities and poor skill development systems. In this context, skills acquisition and entrepreneurship have emerged as credible alternatives to job-seeking, offering a transformative pathway towards self-reliance, youth empowerment, and sustainable economic growth.

Understanding the Concept: Skills & Entrepreneurship

Skills refer to the capacity to perform tasks effectively based on acquired knowledge, training, or experience. These can be technical, such as tailoring, carpentry, coding, and welding; or soft, like communication, critical thinking, and time management.

Entrepreneurship involves the creation or development of a business venture, bearing the risks with the aim of making a profit. It is not only about owning a business but about solving problems, creating value, and innovating solutions

that serve the needs of a market.

Together, these two—skills and entrepreneurship—form a solid foundation for individuals to generate income independently and contribute to national development.

The Case for Skills & Entrepreneurship in Nigeria

1. Curbing Unemployment and Underemployment

The unemployment rate in Nigeria has remained high, especially among graduates. Formal jobs are scarce, and many youths remain idle. Through skills training and entrepreneurial development, young people can become job creators instead of job seekers.

2. Fostering Innovation and Creativity

Entrepreneurs naturally think outside the box. With the right skills, they can innovate products and services that meet local and global needs. For instance, the fintech boom in Nigeria is largely youth-driven, showing how skills + ideas = innovation.

3. Reducing Dependency and Promoting Self-Reliance

Entrepreneurship builds confidence and independence. Skilled individuals can launch ventures that free them from government dependency or the trap of

“white-collar” job illusions.

4. Boosting Local Economies

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of most economies. In Nigeria, SMEs contribute over 48% of GDP and account for about 84% of employment. Empowering more entrepreneurs means more taxes, more jobs, and more local development.

5. Enhancing National Economic Growth Nations thrive when they harness the productive capacity of their citizens. China, India, and even Rwanda are vivid examples of countries that prioritized entrepreneurship and skills, yielding economic dividends. Nigeria can replicate this by investing in people rather than just oil or infrastructure.

Challenges Facing Skills & Entrepreneurship Development in Nigeria

Lack of access to credit and capital
Inadequate mentorship and business education

Poor infrastructure and erratic power supply

Policy inconsistency and bureaucratic bottlenecks

Cultural mindset that idolizes white-collar jobs

Way Forward: Recommendations for Nigeria

1. Revamp Education Curriculum Introduce entrepreneurial education from secondary schools to universities, with practical sessions in tailoring, coding, crafts, farming, digital marketing, and others.

2. Government Support and Funding Expand existing programs like N-Power, BOI Youth Entrepreneurship Support (YES), and SMEDAN to offer more grants and interest-free loans to skilled youths.

3. Establish More Skill Acquisition Centers Especially in rural areas, where access is limited. These centers can focus on trades like auto-mechanics, carpentry, fashion, beauty, etc.

4. Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) Collaboration between government and private sector to provide training, mentorship, and incubation spaces for startups.

5. Tech-Driven Skill Development Encourage the growth of digital skills such as software development, graphics design, digital marketing, and online freelancing through tech hubs and online platforms.

6. Policy Reforms create a conducive environment for businesses by cutting bureaucratic processes, ensuring regulatory stability, and enforcing intellectual property rights.

Success Stories in Nigeria

Flutterwave and Paystack: Built by young Nigerians with tech skills, these companies have attracted international recognition and investments.

AgriTech Entrepreneurs: Many youth-led agri-businesses are using modern farming and logistics to bridge food gaps and create employment.

Creative Industry: Fashion designers, content creators, musicians, and filmmakers are earning foreign exchange and putting Nigeria on the global map.

Conclusion

For Nigeria to realize its full potential, it must invest in its people—not just through job creation, but by empowering them to create jobs themselves. Skills and entrepreneurship are not just tools of personal development, but instruments of national transformation. A skilled and entrepreneurial youth population is the engine Nigeria needs for inclusive growth, economic diversification, and long-term sustainability.

The future of Nigeria lies not in oil, but in the hands of skilled entrepreneurs who dare to dream, create, and transform society.

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PRIORITIZING QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE: THE POWER PLAY FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS.

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In an era where women are boldly rewriting the narrative of entrepreneurship across Africa, one truth stands firm: quality and compliance are no longer optional—they are the cornerstone of sustainable business success.

Across Nigeria, a quiet revolution is underway. Women are not just starting businesses—they are building legacies. At the heart of this transformation lies a deepening understanding of the power of regulatory frameworks and how they unlock doors to growth, credibility, and global reach.

Following the maiden and second editions of the Women Entrepreneurship Workshop hosted by Tu2minis Global Services Limited, a powerful wave of regulatory awakening surged among the participants. The results were extraordinary: over 60 successful outcomes, including trademarked brands and logos, CAC-registered businesses, and NAFDAC-certified products. These

achievements not only reflect a growing culture of compliance but also mark a bold step toward building credible, scalable, and export-ready women-led enterprises. They are powerful testaments to the strength of informed women who choose to align their ambitions with the structures that guarantee longevity, visibility, and access.

Why Regulatory Compliance is a Game-Changer

For women entrepreneurs, regulatory compliance is more than ticking boxes—it is a strategic advantage.

Consumer Confidence: Products certified by NAFDAC assure customers of safety and quality, building unwavering trust and loyalty.

Market Access & Expansion: Regulatory approval is the passport to explore new territories, from local stores to global shelves.

Financial Leverage: Registered businesses enjoy access to grants, tax incentives, and financial support otherwise inaccessible to informal operators.

Intellectual Property Protection: Trademarks defend a brand's identity, guarding against imitation and brand dilution.

Growth and Credibility: Compliance signals professionalism—attracting partnerships, investors, and clients with confidence.

Unlocking New Frontiers: AfCFTA & UK Trade Opportunities

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the UK's evolving trade policy with Nigeria have cracked open new frontiers. But only the prepared can seize them.

For women-led businesses, this is a clarion call to act. With regulatory compliance as their launchpad, women entrepreneurs can scale into African and UK markets, exporting proudly Nigerian, globally acceptable goods.

2. Diversify their income streams, reducing over-reliance on local demand.

3. Position competitively, meeting international standards and earning a seat at the global table.

Information is Leverage—And Profit

In today's ever-evolving business landscape, knowledge is not just power and leverage—it's profit. Staying informed of policies, market trends, and regulatory updates is a non-negotiable asset.

Stay Competitive: Leverage up-to-date intelligence to make proactive business moves.

Make Strategic Decisions: Use insights—not guesswork—to shape your growth path.

Build Meaningful Networks: Collaborate with other entrepreneurs, policy shapers, and industry experts to exchange knowledge and build influence.

Equipping Women to Lead with Purpose

As a management consultant and founder of Tu2minis, I have seen first-hand how access to the right information, guidance, and tools transforms women into nation-builders. This is why we continue to train, mentor, and support aspiring entrepreneurs—especially in sectors like food, beverages, cosmetics, and herbal wellness—through platforms such as the Women Entrepreneurship Workshop.

The vision is clear: to equip women to build businesses that thrive beyond borders.

Let us champion the message—quality first, compliance always. Local certifications should be seen not as hurdles, but as stepping stones toward international relevance. With knowledge as their compass and compliance as their engine, Nigerian women are poised to shape a new era of business resilient, respected, and resoundingly global.

The world is watching. It's time for Nigerian women entrepreneurs to rise—not just to run businesses, but to rule industries.

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Rebuilding from Within: Faith, Purpose, and the Power of Africa's Developmental Capacity.

By Bimbo Ilori

As Focus Africa celebrates six years of impactful storytelling, thought leadership, and advocacy for a thriving continent, this year's anniversary theme—"Showcasing Africa's Developmental Capacities in the Current Multipolar Realities", presents an opportunity for deep reflection and renewed commitment to Africa's future. In today's world, global influence is no longer the monopoly of a single superpower. From the rise of new economic blocs to cross-continental collaborations, the 21st century is truly multipolar—and Africa has a unique opportunity to thrive, not just survive. But while international partnerships, foreign investment, and global diplomacy have their place, Africa's most potent force lies not in the external, but in the internal. If we are to take our rightful place on the world stage, we must first rebuild from within.

Faith and Family: The Unseen Infrastructure of Development

Too often, development is measured solely by visible metrics—GDP, infrastructure, and foreign reserves. But no nation can thrive on economics alone. Africa's true developmental capacity is deeply rooted in values, vision, and virtue—foundations nurtured primarily through faith and family. Throughout history, the family has been the first institution of learning, leadership, and legacy. Strong families raise responsible citizens; responsible citizens build resilient nations. Likewise,

faith has shaped identity, provided hope, and instilled moral compass across African societies. These are not outdated ideals. They are strategic pillars for enduring transformation.

A faith-informed, family-oriented society fosters unity, discipline, and ethical leadership. It offers internal coherence—what some may call the soul of the nation. If Africa is to rise sustainably in this multipolar age, we must recognize and reinvest in these critical cultural assets.

Purpose-Driven Leadership: Unlocking Africa's Strategic Advantage

Africa's potential is undeniable, but potential alone doesn't deliver results. What converts possibility into progress is leadership, specifically, purpose-driven leadership.

A leader driven by purpose does not wait for position or power. Instead, they lead by example, take responsibility, and commit to the common good. This is the kind of leadership Africa needs: men and women who are not just professionally competent, but personally accountable and ethically grounded.

In a world where influence is shared across multiple power centers, Africa must move beyond reactive diplomacy to proactive positioning—and this starts with visionary, value-based leaders who understand their "why." Whether in government, business, civil society, or education, leaders must be cultivated with a mindset that sees service above status and integrity above income.

The strength of our leadership will determine the strength of our voice in global conversations.

Africa in Multipolar Realities: From Passive Participant to Strategic Player
The global order is shifting. Emerging powers from Asia, South America, and the Middle East are redrawing geopolitical lines. Africa is no longer on the fringe—it is becoming a sought-after partner in trade, diplomacy, and innovation.

Yet, the real question is: Are we showing up as contributors or consumers? Are we being defined by others, or are we defining ourselves?

To navigate multipolar realities effectively, Africa must harness and showcase its internal capacities—its young, vibrant population; its entrepreneurial energy; its cultural intelligence; and its value systems. We must emphasize governance that works, systems that serve, and education that transforms. This is the time to invest in local solutions to local problems, to amplify African voices in global forums, and to strengthen intra-African trade, technology, and trust. Multipolarity is not a threat—it is a stage. But only prepared actors will perform meaningfully on it.

From the Inside Out: Reclaiming the Narrative

Africa has often been portrayed as a continent in need of rescue. But this narrative is changing—and rightly so. Africa is not waiting to be saved; it is ready to lead. But leadership begins with self-awareness, and development starts with self-discipline.

Faith teaches vision.

Family instills responsibility.

Purpose fuels transformation.

Together, they form the nucleus of sustainable progress. Rather than being distracted by what we lack, we must

double down on what we have—and what we are becoming.

Focus Africa has spent the last six years spotlighting innovation, resilience, and possibility across the continent. Now, as we celebrate this milestone, it is clear: Africa is not behind; Africa is building—from the inside out.

Celebrating Six Years, Igniting a Future

As we honor six years of Focus Africa's commitment to reshaping narratives and influencing change, we also stand at a defining moment. The global environment is shifting, but so is Africa. The difference will lie in how well we leverage our internal strengths. Let the next six years be marked by:

Faith-informed policies that uphold dignity and justice. Family-centered strategies that build cohesive, resilient communities. Purpose-driven leadership that inspires trust and drives change.

Homegrown solutions that prove Africa is not the "next" frontier—it is the now frontier.

The world is watching. Let us lead—not only with resources—but with resolve, responsibility, and relentless vision.

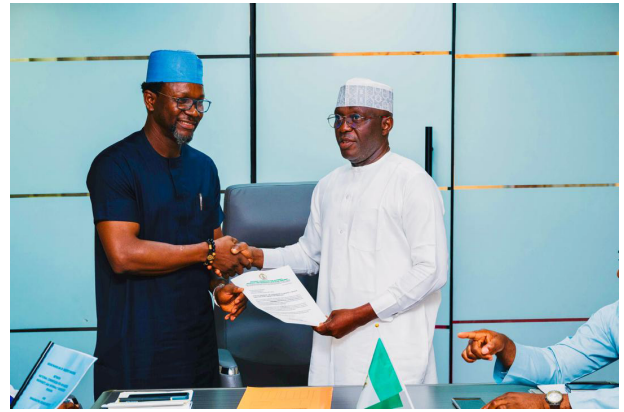
Africa's rise is not a matter of hope. It is a matter of alignment.

And that alignment starts within.

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Focus Africa Congratulates Imaginative Ceilings Ltd on signing an MOU with The National Commission for Refugees, Migrant and Internally Displaced Persons



The Miracle Continues: How a Nigerian NGO is Taking on Global Hunger

Lagos, Nigeria — In a world where global hunger figures remain staggeringly high, one Nigerian organization is expanding its mission to feed the hungry, one meal at a time. The Jesus' Kitchen Free Feeding Pantry, a non-governmental organization founded by Pastor Edwin George Okor of the Recovery House Church, is celebrating its founder's 60th birthday by moving into a new phase of its mission. For over a decade, Jesus' Kitchen operated a breakfast pantry in Lagos, consistently feeding approximately 80 people daily. This initiative has been a beacon of hope in a city where need is ever-present. The charity is now expanding its operations, seeking to partner with like-minded organizations nationwide, beginning with an ambitious target of providing daily meals for at least 100 people in the Festac area of Lagos alone.

A Global Crisis, A Local Solution

The decision to scale up operations comes at a critical time. Recent global statistics paint a grim picture of food insecurity:

Over 670 million people faced hunger globally in 2024, a figure that has risen by 152 million since 2019. Acute food insecurity affects over 295 million people in 53 countries, a number that has increased for five consecutive years. Catastrophic hunger has more than doubled in 2024, with nearly 2 million people facing extreme levels of food insecurity, often a precursor to famine. Regional disparities are stark, with Africa accounting for one in five people who face hunger worldwide.

These sobering statistics underscore the urgent need for interventions at every level

of society. Jesus' Kitchen believes that while the problem is global, the solution often starts with local action and strategic partnerships.

The Power of Partnership

Pastor Edwin Okor, who also serves as the Deputy Managing Director of OAS Helicopters, draws a parallel to the biblical story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Just as a little boy's five loaves and two fish were multiplied to perform a miracle, Jesus' Kitchen has long relied on the generosity of partners. Past collaborators have included major corporations like Flour Mills of Nigeria Dufil Prima foods Plc (Makers of Indomie Noodles) OAS Helicopters, HoneySweet Bakery, as well as local businesses and The Recovery House Church itself. To fuel its expansion, Jesus' Kitchen is now calling for a new wave of support. They are seeking partnerships with:

Farms and farmers, Food packaging companies, Churches and faith-based organizations, Humanitarian NGOs

And all individuals and organizations committed to fighting hunger. Hunger knows no borders, and the operators of Jesus' Kitchen believe their work must also extend beyond any single community. They are looking to partner in cash or in kind, through monthly schemes or one-off donations. To learn more and join the mission, you can contact Jesus' Kitchen by email at **Jesuskitchencharities@gmail.com** or on **WhatsApp at 0803306711**. To help expedite the process, please preface your message with the heading: **PARTNERSHIPS @ JESUS KITCHEN FREE FEEDING PANTRY**.





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Dr. Boguma is a seasoned

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Committee on Vision 2020, LCBC Governors' Security Meetings, and the International Conference on Countering Extremist Narratives in Chad. He was also part of the Northern Nigeria delegation to the United States on elections and security in 2015.

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From Connecting Calls to Powering Progress: MTN Nigeria's 24-Year Legacy

"Hello, my name is David Imeh. This article is a tribute to MTN Nigeria on its 24th anniversary. Here, we'll explore the legacy and innovations that have made MTN Nigeria a cornerstone of the Nigerian telecommunications sector."

Twenty-four years ago, on August 8, 2001, a groundbreaking moment occurred in Nigeria's history. Mobile Telecommunication Nigeria (MTN) made its first call, marking the beginning of a digital revolution that would forever change the way Nigerians live, work, and connect. For over two decades, MTN Nigeria has evolved from a simple provider of voice calls to a cornerstone of the nation's telecommunications sector, driven by a legacy of relentless innovation and an unwavering commitment to progress.

The Dawn of a New Era: Paving the Way for GSM

When MTN entered the Nigerian market, the country's telecommunications landscape was sparse and dominated by fixed-line services. MTN, along with other early players, introduced the Global System for

Mobile Communications (GSM) technology, which fundamentally democratized access to communication. This move was a game-changer, enabling millions of Nigerians to own a mobile phone and make calls from virtually anywhere. The rollout of its digital microwave transmission backbone, famously named the "Y'elloBahn," was an engineering marvel that rapidly expanded network coverage to major cities and towns, laying the foundation for a connected nation.

A Culture of Innovation: More Than Just a Network

Beyond voice calls, MTN's enduring legacy is built on a series of pioneering innovations that have consistently pushed the boundaries of technology in Nigeria. The company has often been the first to introduce groundbreaking services that have become integral to modern life: Mobile Internet: As the world

shifted from voice to data, MTN led the charge, introducing high-speed internet services that unlocked new possibilities for e-commerce, social media, and digital content.

Fintech Revolution: The introduction of mobile financial services through platforms like MoMo has empowered millions of unbanked and underbanked Nigerians, enabling them to make payments, transfer money, and access financial services with just their phones.

5G Technology: Staying at the forefront of the industry, MTN was the first mobile network operator to launch a 5G network in the country, a move that is accelerating Nigeria's digital transformation by providing ultra-fast internet speeds for industrial digitalization, smart cities, and enhanced consumer experiences.

Impact Beyond Telephony: A Cornerstone of the Economy

MTN's influence extends far beyond its network coverage. Its operations have had a profound and catalytic impact on the Nigerian economy and society. The

company's significant capital expenditure has not only built a robust network but has also

spurred growth in various related sectors.

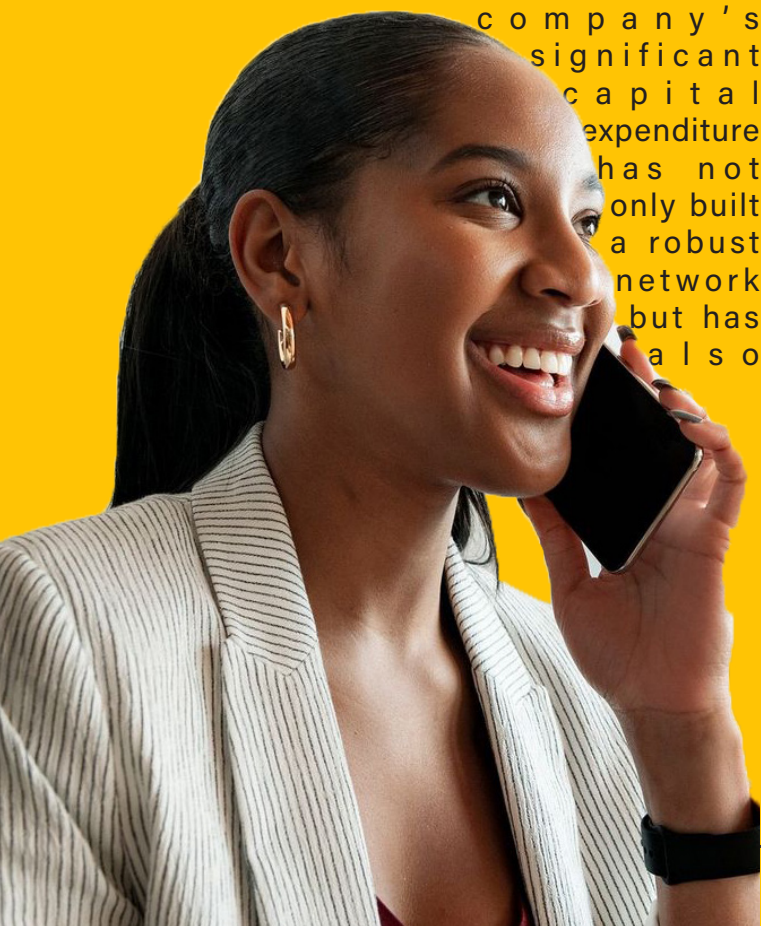
Economic Contribution: The telecommunications industry's contribution to Nigeria's GDP has grown exponentially since MTN's entry. Through taxes, levies, and fees, the company has contributed trillions of naira to the national treasury. As of July 31, 2025, MTN Nigeria surged to become the most capitalized company on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX), reflecting its financial strength and investor confidence.

Job Creation: MTN has created millions of direct and indirect jobs, from its employees to the vast network of trade partners and agents that facilitate its services across the country.

Community Development: The MTN Foundation has been a major force in social responsibility, investing in education, health, and economic empowerment projects that have positively impacted millions of Nigerians across all 36 states and the FCT.

As MTN Nigeria celebrates its 24th anniversary, it stands not just as a telecommunications giant, but as a testament to the power of vision, innovation, and a long-term commitment to a nation's progress. Its journey from a pioneering GSM provider to a key player in the digital economy has cemented its place as a true cornerstone of Nigeria's technological and economic advancement.

This is wishing MTN Nigeria a happy 24th anniversary and greater impacts to her customers now and in years ahead.



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Focus Africa Conferences are high-impact gatherings that unite leaders across sectors to address Africa's key challenges through dialogue, leadership development, and policy innovation. With a focus on governance, entrepreneurship, youth empowerment, and cultural inclusion, the conferences foster collaboration and spotlight homegrown solutions shaping the continent's future.



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