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Beyond Giving: Building The Future Of African Philanthropy

Connecting wealth with purpose. Strengthening institutions. Advancing collective impact.

Introduction



Across four countries, six major events and eight distinct engagements, Wealth4Impact spent September and October 2026 convening leaders, connecting philanthropic families and advancing critical conversations on the future of African philanthropy.

From New York and Lagos to London and Cape Town, we brought together diaspora leaders, philanthropic families, foundations, financial institutions and ecosystem partners to explore how African wealth can be more strategically stewarded and mobilised for development. A major milestone was the completion of the ten-month SEAPIN programme by 14 philanthropic families, alongside progress towards a more responsive financial ecosystem for family philanthropy in Nigeria.

Together, these engagements advanced our work as an ecosystem orchestrator: strengthening family philanthropy, fostering collaboration and building the partnerships and enabling structures needed to scale strategic and pooled giving across Africa.

Programme Spotlight

SEAPIN: Strengthening the Foundations of Family Philanthropy

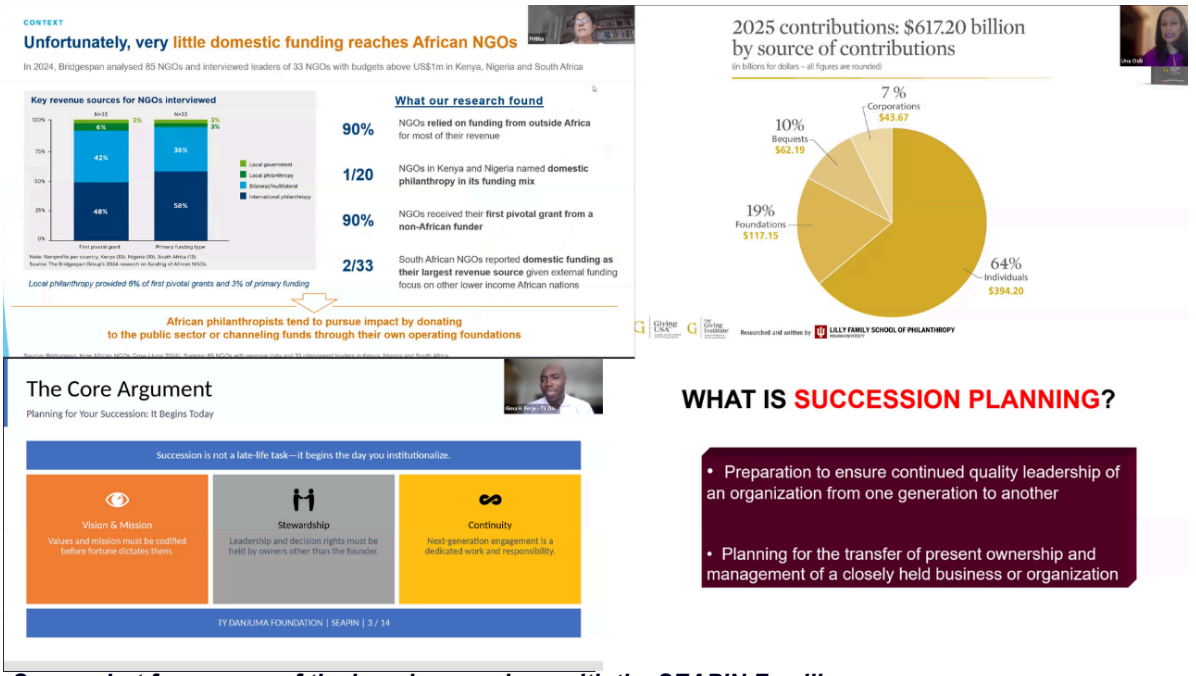
The **Supporting the Emergence of Active Philanthropists in Nigeria (SEAPIN)** programme has concluded, completing a ten-month journey focused on strengthening

strategic giving, institutional development and intergenerational stewardship among participating philanthropic families.

Throughout the programme, families participated in expert-led learning sessions, peer exchanges and tailored advisory engagements that explored practical approaches to strengthening philanthropic institutions, improving governance and translating philanthropic aspirations into more strategic and sustainable impact.

The programme's learning sessions featured perspectives from leading practitioners and thought leaders:

- **From Local Giving to Collective Power:** Pritha Venkatachalam, Partner and Co-Head, Asia and Africa of The Bridgespan Group explored how African philanthropy can move beyond individual interventions to influence wider development ecosystems through partnerships and collective action. Read more
- **The Power of Collective Giving:** Dr. Una Osili, Executive Director of Philanthropy, Strategy and Operations at the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation in Indianapolis, examined the Five Ts of Giving – Time, Treasure, Talent, Testimony and Ties – demonstrating how resources, expertise and networks can be mobilised to achieve greater impact.
- **Building Institutions That Outlive Their Founders:** Gima H. Forje, CEO of the TY Danjuma Foundation, shared practical lessons on succession planning, governance, endowment protection and preparing the next generation. Read more.
- **Succession and Legacy:** Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, Co-founder of Wealth4Impact, challenged families to begin succession planning early, establish clear governance structures and prepare their institutions to sustain their missions beyond the founders.



Screenshot from some of the learning sessions with the SEAPIN Families.

From Learning to Action: Tailored Family Advisory

As part of the programme, Wealth4Impact provided tailored advisory support to participating families, helping them refine their philanthropic missions, strategic priorities, governance approaches and long-term ambitions. The engagements also helped families identify opportunities for collaboration and areas where external expertise and strategic partnerships could strengthen their philanthropic institutions.

This advisory support enabled families to reflect on their institutional development needs and consider how to translate their philanthropic aspirations into clearer strategic directions and more sustainable approaches to giving.

Convenings & Engagements

Advancing the Conversations. Building the Connections.

1. Unlocking Diaspora Wealth: African Diaspora Leading Innovations in Catalytic Philanthropy

September 2026 | New York, USA | On the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly

Wealth4Impact, alongside The Rockefeller Foundation and The Bridgespan Group, convened leaders in New York to explore how African diaspora wealth can be mobilised for more strategic and catalytic philanthropy. The conversation examined opportunities to move beyond individual contributions towards coordinated giving, stronger African-led philanthropic institutions and innovative vehicles for diaspora giving and investment.

A central message emerged: Africans are already giving. The opportunity is to build the structures, partnerships and institutions that can make this generosity more strategic, coordinated and impactful.

Click here to watch the convening.



Collage of the attendees and speakers at the event

2. Shaping the Financial Ecosystem to Foster African Philanthropy

7 October 2026 | Lagos, Nigeria

Wealth4Impact brought together philanthropic families, wealth managers and financial institution representatives to examine the challenges families face when accessing financial services and explore how the financial ecosystem can better support their philanthropic ambitions. Through a family-led panel discussion and interactive breakout sessions, participants shared experiences, identified gaps and explored opportunities for stronger engagement between philanthropic families and financial institutions.

The discussions laid the groundwork for a multi-stakeholder working group to develop coordinated recommendations and advance engagement with financial institutions, industry associations and regulators. This marks an important step towards building a more responsive financial ecosystem for African philanthropy.

Click here to watch the highlights



Collage of financial institution representatives, a MacArthur Foundation representative, a panel session with philanthropists, and a group photograph of all attendees.

3. SEAPIN Close-Out: Celebrating a Ten-Month Journey of Strengthening Family Philanthropy

8 October 2026 | Lagos, Nigeria

Fourteen philanthropic families from Nigeria and the diaspora completed Wealth4Impact's ten-month **Supporting the Emergence of Active Philanthropists in Nigeria (SEAPIN) programme**, culminating in a close-out convening in Lagos on 8 October 2026. Supported by the MacArthur Foundation, the programme strengthened participating families' capacity for strategic philanthropy, institutional development and long-term wealth stewardship.

At the close-out, families presented their philanthropic missions, visions, values, strategic priorities and institutional ambitions, reflecting on their experiences and learning throughout the programme. A highlight was a fireside chat with Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede, Co-founder of the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation. Drawing on her experience building and evolving a family foundation, she shared insights on defining philanthropic priorities, strengthening governance, working with strategic partners and navigating the early stages of a family's philanthropic journey.

The convening also brought together representatives from the MacArthur Foundation, Ford Foundation, Oando Foundation, TY Danjuma Foundation, Aradel Foundation, ACT Foundation, The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) and Tulsi Chanrai Foundation. Panel discussions and breakout sessions focused on health and education, providing opportunities to exchange perspectives and explore shared development priorities.

Before the close-out, participating families had completed expert-led learning sessions, virtual learning labs, peer exchanges and tailored advisory engagements covering strategic and collective giving, governance, succession planning, endowment protection, impact measurement and intergenerational stewardship. The programme's Health and Education Working Groups had also enabled families to work together to identify shared development priorities and explore joint initiatives. Matching funding was made available to support families in combining their resources towards these initiatives.

SEAPIN received 57 applications, from which 20 philanthropic families were selected. Fourteen families completed the ten-month programme.

Click here to watch the highlights.



Collage of SEAPIN Families, Ecosystem partners, and the Fireside Chat with Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede during the closeout event

4. Wealth4Impact at the FT Africa Summit 2026

21 October 2026 | London, United Kingdom

Wealth4Impact Co-founder, Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, joined the panel “Resilient Finance – Mobilising Domestic Capital at Scale” at the FT Africa Summit 2026. She highlighted the role of African family wealth and diaspora capital in financing the continent's development, drawing on Wealth4Impact's experience working with philanthropic families. She emphasised the growing appetite for collective investment and philanthropy, alongside the need for trusted financial structures that enable families to pool resources and invest strategically.

Her contribution called for stronger collaboration between financial institutions, wealth managers and ecosystem organisations to unlock domestic capital, mobilise diaspora resources and support African-led development priorities.



Collage from the FT Africa Summit 2026 with our Co-Founder, Dr Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, as a panel member.

5. Stewarding African Wealth: Catalyzing Diaspora Philanthropy for Development

23 October 2026 | London, United Kingdom

Wealth4Impact, alongside AFFORD UK and Standard Bank, convened leaders across philanthropy, investment, wealth management and international development to explore how African wealth, particularly within diaspora communities, can be structured and mobilised for lasting impact.

The programme featured a fireside chat, **"Achieving Impact through Family-Led Philanthropy,"** and a panel discussion, **"The Architecture of Giving: Stewardship, Legacy and Financial Tools for Family Philanthropy."**

Conversations examined how families can sustain their philanthropic vision across generations, leverage financial tools and strengthen institutions that support strategic giving. The gathering reinforced the importance of connecting wealth creation with purposeful philanthropy, thoughtful stewardship and collaboration.



Collage of the Wealth4Impact London convening with AFFORD UK and Standard Bank

6. African Philanthropy Forum Conference 2026

26–28 October 2026 | Cape Town, South Africa

Under the theme **"Bridge the Divide, Reimagine the Future,"** the African Philanthropy Forum Conference brought together leaders, philanthropists and changemakers from more than 38 countries. As a supporting organisation, Wealth4Impact contributed through three engagements focused on African philanthropy, wealth stewardship and collective action.

Lightning Talk: Migration – Bridging Divides and Reimagining African Identity

On 26 October, Wealth4Impact Co-founder, Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, delivered a Lightning Talk exploring how Africa can address divisions that prevent its people from recognising their shared identity, history and collective potential. She highlighted the role of philanthropy in supporting education, challenging stereotypes, reshaping narratives and fostering understanding and solidarity across the continent.



Wealth4Impact Co-Founder, Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, delivering a lightning talk at the APF Conference 2026

Wealth Holders Roundtable: Unlocking the Potential of Collective Giving

On 27 October, Wealth4Impact convened philanthropic families and ecosystem leaders to explore how group, matching and pooled giving can strengthen African philanthropy. Building on insights from SEAPIN and our global convenings, the discussion examined how families can move beyond individual giving towards more strategic approaches to wealth stewardship and generational impact.

A key insight was that unlocking Africa's philanthropic potential requires more than capital. It calls for trust, accountability, collaboration and financial structures that connect wealth with credible organisations delivering measurable impact.



Attendees at the Wealth Holders Session convened by Wealth4Impact during the APF Conference 2026

A Philanthropy Tour for African Givers: Learning from the Bertha Foundation

On 28 October, Wealth4Impact, in collaboration with Hindura Studios and with support from the Hewlett Foundation, hosted an immersive philanthropy tour for African givers. Participants visited the Bertha Foundation in Cape Town, engaging with its leadership and organisations within its ecosystem to explore its approach to supporting social

transformation. The experience provided an opportunity for philanthropic peers to exchange insights, learn from an established philanthropic model and explore possibilities for resourcing African development.

Moving beyond the traditional conference setting, the tour created space for meaningful peer connections and conversations about the future of private giving in Africa.



Attendees at the Bertha Foundation, Cape Town, philanthropic tour hosted by Wealth4Impact in collaboration with the Hindura Studios.

Looking Ahead

Continuing the Momentum

Nigerian Philanthropy Ecosystem Convening

12 November 2026 | Nigeria

Wealth4Impact will participate in the Nigerian Philanthropy Ecosystem Convening, convened by the African Philanthropy Forum in partnership with the TY Danjuma Foundation, with support from the MacArthur Foundation.

Building on its October convening, Shaping the Financial Ecosystem to Foster African Philanthropy, Wealth4Impact is advancing the work of the Finance Working Group, bringing together key stakeholders to address the challenges philanthropic families face when accessing financial services.

The group is developing a white paper outlining these challenges, identifying gaps in the financial ecosystem and proposing recommendations for financial institutions and relevant stakeholders. The paper will be presented at the November convening, advancing dialogue towards a more responsive financial ecosystem for philanthropy in Nigeria.

SEAPIN 2027: Call for Applications

Following the successful completion of the 2026 cohort, Wealth4Impact is preparing for the next edition of the Supporting the Emergence of Active Philanthropists in Nigeria (SEAPIN) programme.

The upcoming call for applications will invite a new cohort of philanthropic families committed to strengthening their approach to strategic giving, family wealth stewardship, governance and long-term social impact.
Further details on the application process and programme timeline will be announced soon.

Expanding Family Philanthropy in East Africa

With support from the Hewlett Foundation, Wealth4Impact will extend its family philanthropy programme beyond Nigeria into East Africa, beginning with Kenya in 2027.
Modelled on the SEAPIN experience, the programme will invite philanthropic families across the region to strengthen their philanthropic purpose, strategic priorities, governance and collaborative giving, while building institutions capable of sustaining impact across generations.

The initiative marks an important step in Wealth4Impact's commitment to advancing strategic and sustainable family philanthropy across Africa. Details of the 2027 call for applications will be announced soon.

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The future of African philanthropy will be shaped by the strength of our institutions, the intentionality of our giving and our willingness to work together. At Wealth4Impact, we remain committed to connecting families, wealth holders, financial institutions and ecosystem partners to advance strategic philanthropy and lasting impact across Africa. Join us in building a stronger future for African Philanthropy.