August 2026 Newsletter

STEWARDING AFRICAN WEALTH, ADVANCING PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

Building Structures, Partnerships and Pathways for Generational Impact!

Across Africa, the conversation around wealth is increasingly moving beyond wealth creation to stewardship, how capital can be intentionally structured, deployed and sustained to create value across generations.

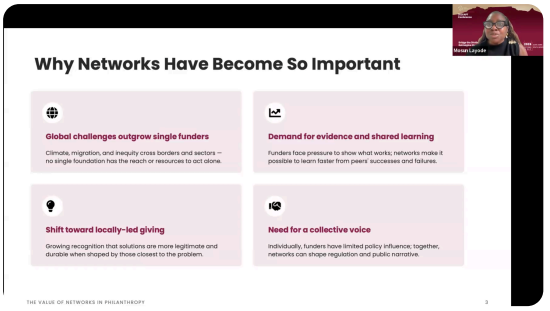
Over the past two months, Wealth4Impact has deepened our work with philanthropic families, financial institutions, philanthropy networks and impact leaders. From Supporting the Emergence of Active Philanthropist in Nigeria (SEAPIN) move into personalised advisory to conversations on financial instruments, innovative finance and institutional capacity, this edition explores how stronger structures, partnerships and collective action can help advance strategic philanthropy and lasting impact in Africa.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: Emerging Philanthropists in Nigeria

Building Connections Across the African Philanthropy Ecosystem

African Philanthropy Forum (APF)





SEAPIN participants engaged with **Mosun Layode, Executive Director of the African Philanthropy Forum (APF)**, in a session exploring the value of stronger connections across local, regional and global philanthropic networks.

The conversation highlighted how networks can create opportunities for peer learning, collaboration, knowledge exchange and capacity building, while connecting philanthropic families with others working to advance strategic giving across Africa.

The engagement reinforced an important SEAPIN theme: philanthropy is strengthened when families are connected to a wider ecosystem and have opportunities to learn from and collaborate with peers.

Exploring Tools for Sustainable Giving

Stanbic IBTC

SEAPIN participants engaged with Stanbic IBTC to explore financial structures that can support more organised and sustainable philanthropy.

The conversation introduced participants to Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) structures and considered how such vehicles can provide a framework for pooling and directing philanthropic resources. The discussion also explored the potential for structured giving to support collaborative philanthropy, including situations where multiple families or supporters contribute towards a shared purpose.

For participating families, the engagement provided an opportunity to think beyond traditional approaches to giving and consider how financial structures and professional stewardship can strengthen the sustainability, flexibility and long-term impact of philanthropy.

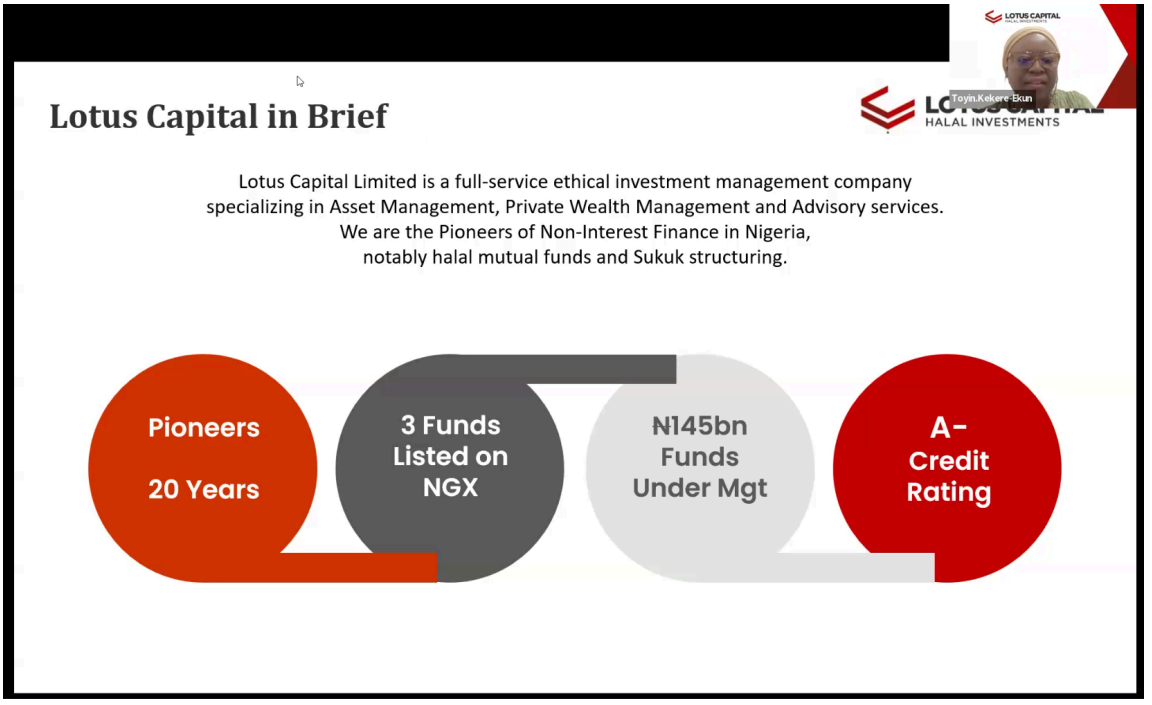


Exploring Endowment Structures for Long-Term Philanthropy

Lotus Capital

SEAPIN participants engaged with Lotus Capital to explore how endowment structures can help philanthropic families preserve capital while generating resources for charitable purposes over time. The session featured Lotus Capital's Waqf Endowment Fund, demonstrating how financial assets, professional investment management and governance can be structured to support giving beyond the founder's lifetime.

The model also highlighted Development Initiative of West Africa (DIWA) as the fund's distribution agent, connecting the financial management of the endowment with charitable organisations through a defined selection and distribution process. The engagement offered families a practical perspective on how capital stewardship, governance and effective grant distribution can work together to create more enduring philanthropy.



From Learning to Action: Personalised Advisory



The SEAPIN journey has advanced from shared learning sessions into personalised advisory engagements, designed to help participating families translate their philanthropic aspirations into clearer strategies and practical next steps.

Through these sessions, Wealth4Impact has worked with families to define their philanthropic purpose, strategic priorities, governance, impact aspirations and approaches to giving, while identifying relevant organisations, resources and potential partners that can support their journeys.

This phase represents an important transition for SEAPIN: from learning and reflection to tailored action, with each family defining what strategic philanthropy can look like within its own context and long-term aspirations.

A Growing Ecosystem of Support

Across these engagements, Wealth4Impact has continued to deepen conversations with key stakeholders across the ecosystem including CAPSI, Myriad, Tulsi Chanrai Foundation, DAFgiving360, National Center for Family Philanthropy, FSD Africa, TY Danjuma Foundation, Africa Forward, Standard Bank, Gates Foundation, African Philanthropy Forum, African Foundation for Development (AFFORD). These conversations are helping explore the partnerships, financial instruments, knowledge platforms and other resources needed to better support philanthropic families as they structure and deploy capital for impact.

SHAPING AFRICA'S PHILANTHROPY AND IMPACT ECOSYSTEM

Stewarding African Wealth for Sustainable Impact

FITC Nigeria Sustainability ESG Conference 3.0





At the FITC Nigeria Sustainability ESG Conference 3.0, themed **"Building a Sustainable Africa,"** Wealth4Impact Co-Founder Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli joined leaders at the Titans Plenary Session to explore what it will take to move Africa from commitment to meaningful, sustainable action.

Her contribution centred on a question closely aligned with Wealth4Impact's work: How can Africa better steward and mobilise its wealth to address the continent's most pressing challenges and create lasting impact?

The conversation highlighted the opportunity for African capital to be intentionally deployed towards strategic philanthropy and other long-term priorities, while underscoring the importance of trusted institutions, accountable leadership and ecosystems that create confidence to deploy capital for impact.

For Wealth4Impact, the conversation reinforced a central belief: Africa's opportunity is not simply to create more wealth, but to steward and deploy that wealth intentionally for current and future generations.

Advancing African-Led Philanthropy Through Innovative Finance

Friends of Africa Forward

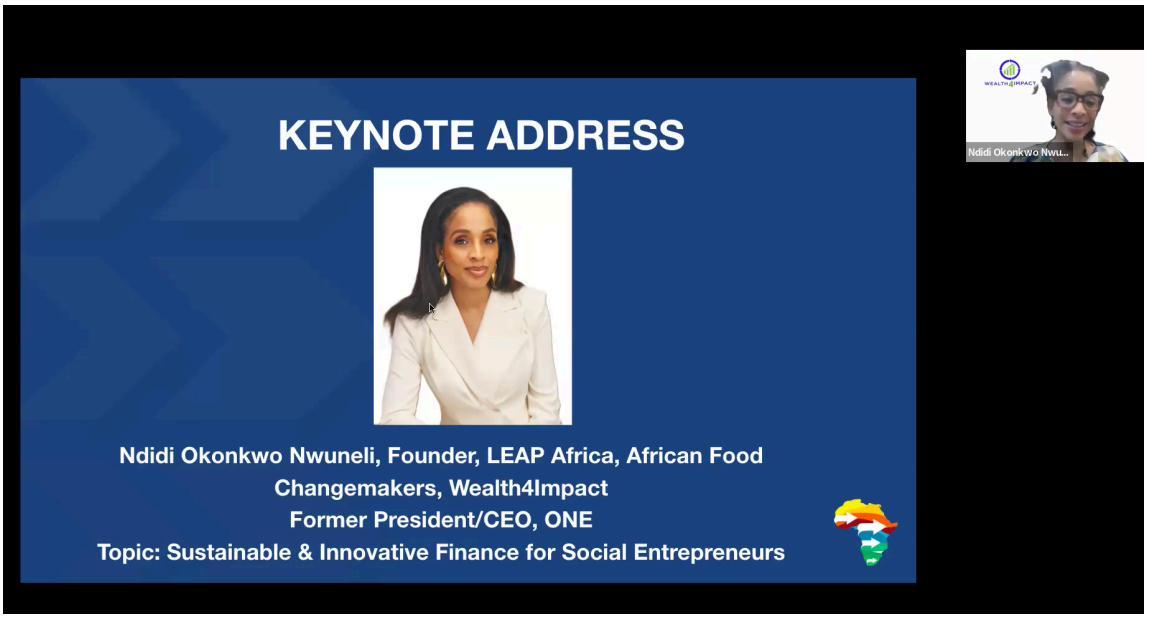
At the Friends of **Africa Forward** convening, Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli spoke on "Sustainable and Innovative Finance for Social Entrepreneurs", highlighting the opportunity for Africans to take greater ownership of the capital needed to address the continent's most pressing challenges.

Drawing on Wealth4Impact's work with philanthropic families, she highlighted the need for accessible financial instruments that make it easier for individuals and families to structure, pool and deploy capital for social impact. Emerging models such as donor-advised funds and pooled financing can help move philanthropy from episodic giving towards more structured and sustained approaches.

The conversation reflected a central dimension of Wealth4Impact's work: enabling African families to steward their wealth for generational impact, while contributing to

an ecosystem where philanthropic capital can be deployed more strategically, collaboratively and sustainably.

Dr. Ndidi also emphasised that innovative financing must ultimately be accompanied by strong accountability and evidence of impact. Creating vehicles for giving is only the beginning; demonstrating results and building trust are essential to sustaining philanthropic participation over time.



Strengthening Organisational Capacity for Sustainable Impact

Bethesda Child Support Foundation

Wealth4Impact Co-Founder Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli recently engaged the Board and Management of Bethesda Child Support Foundation in a session on Organizational Capacity and Grant Accessibility, exploring the systems and capabilities organisations need to attract and sustain transformational partnerships.

The session focused on strengthening governance, institutional capacity and grant-readiness, while helping the organisation identify practical pathways to build stronger systems for long-term growth and impact.

The engagement reflects Wealth4Impact's broader commitment to strengthening the institutions that underpin Africa's social and philanthropic ecosystem, recognising that sustainable impact requires not only capital, but also strong organisations capable of stewarding resources, building partnerships and delivering results.





Strengthening Organisational Capacity for Sustainable Impact

Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University

Wealth4Impact Co-Founder Dr. Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli joined the faculty of **Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University**, for the 2026 Nonprofit Management for Senior Executives Programme, facilitating a session on “Keeping the Mission and Impact in Focus.”

The session brought nonprofit leaders into a practical reflection on how mission and vision shape organisational strategy, partnerships and impact. Through peer learning and critical review, participants examined how clearly their organisations articulate the change they seek to create and how that clarity can strengthen strategic decision-making and stakeholder engagement.





LOOKING AHEAD

UNGA 81 / Climate Week

21 September 2026 | New York

During the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81) and Climate Week in New York, Wealth4Impact is co-hosting with The Rockefeller Foundation and The Bridgespan Group to convene Africans in the Diaspora, wealth managers, family offices and philanthropic leaders to examine how innovative financial instruments can unlock Diaspora wealth for strategic philanthropy and sustainable development in Africa.

The conversation will explore pooled giving, investment vehicles and other mechanisms for structuring wealth for impact, while creating opportunities for Diaspora philanthropists to connect, collaborate and consider ways to invest collectively in sustainable initiatives across the continent.

SEAPIN Closeout

8–9 October 2026 | Lagos State, Nigeria

The SEAPIN journey will culminate in a closeout convening bringing participating families and key stakeholders together to reflect on the journey, celebrate progress and milestones, and share key learnings.

The convening will also strengthen connections across the cohort and create opportunities to engage with ecosystem partners, wealth management

stakeholders and philanthropic partners as Wealth4Impact explores practical pathways for sustaining and strengthening family philanthropy in Africa.

FT Africa Summit 2026

21–22 October 2026 | London, U.K

“Mobilising growth in a new global order”

Wealth4Impact will participate in the FT Africa Summit 2026, contributing to conversations around the stewardship of African wealth and its potential to drive long-term impact.

As part of the Summit, Wealth4Impact will collaborate with ecosystem partners to convene wealthy Africans in the Diaspora around stewarding generational wealth for multi-generational impact, exploring the constraints and opportunities to scaling philanthropy and the role of greater collective action.

African Philanthropy Forum Conference

25–27 October 2026 | Cape Town, South Africa

“Bridge the Divide; Reimagine the Future”

Wealth4Impact will join the African philanthropy community in Cape Town for the African Philanthropy Forum Conference and lead catalytic conversations focused on financial instruments and pathways for strategic giving.

Further reflections and insights from the conference will feature in a subsequent edition.

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