

Sustainable **Financing** for **Development** in the **Majority World**



DAY 2

MAIN CONFERENCE



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Wednesday, 30th July

Day 2: Main Conference

Venue: Bassily Auditorium

All times are in GMT +3

Time	Session and speakers
09h00	Keynote Address Winnie Byanyima, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNAIDS Introduced by Briggs Bomba, TrustAfrica Rapporteur: Zanele Makombe
09h15	Reflective Moment Dion Chang, Flux Trends Rapporteur: Zanele Makombe
09h30	Keynote Address Arthur Mutambara, Institute for the Future of Knowledge at the University of Johannesburg Rapporteur: Zanele Makombe
09h45	Plenary Session Panel 4 AI and Inclusive Development and Prosperity in Africa Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shikoh Gitau, Qhala• Oswald Jumira, Liquid Telecoms• Ezekiel Kwetchi Takam, Berkman Klein Center at Harvard• Emma Theofelus, Minister of Information, Communications and Technology, Namibia Moderated by Nozipho Tshabalala, Conference Facilitator Rapporteur: Grace Kariiru

Break

10h45 to 11h15

About practitioner parallel sessions

The main conference is dedicated to real world applications, offering a platform for practitioners, policymakers, grassroots movements and researchers to curate or host sessions that profile innovations, insights and progressive solutions advancing philanthropy in Africa.

Practitioner parallel sessions: Stream 1

11h15 to 13h00

Room	Title	Overview	Institutions	Moderator
P020	Financing Urban Greening and Climate Resilience in African Cities	This session explores the landscape of climate adaptation financing for African cities. It will discuss the sources of climate adaptation financing, as well as the challenges and opportunities in unlocking financing for African cities	Black Women Caucus Soweto Branch & CAPSI	Dr Melody Mandevere Rapporteur: Jeannette Nyirahagenimana
P022	Islamic Finance and the Public Monetary Waqf, a Major Innovation for Ethical and Local Financing in Africa	This session will discuss how public monetary Waqf can serve as a sustainable tool for financing social impact in Africa by highlighting its potential to democratize investment and support vulnerable communities through structured funding.	Reseau Philanthropie Senegal and High Authority Waqf	RePhiS Waqfeyat Misr Foundation Dr Ehab Elsonbaty Rapporteur: Tafah Nidal
P007	Funding HER Future: Exploring the Intersections of Philanthropy, Gender Justice and Technology	This session will present the work of the African Philanthropy Forum, a leading platform that connects philanthropists and social investors across Africa to drive shared prosperity through strategic giving, collaboration, and knowledge exchange in over 14 countries.	African Philanthropy Forum	Adeyinka Shittu Rapporteur: Emmanuel Okello
Moataz Al Alfi	Masterclass on Building New Financing Models for African Social Impact	In this masterclass, attendees will co-create innovative, long-term, and community-rooted financing models that support African civil society and social movements facing funding challenges, emphasizing justice, solidarity, and sustainability through diverse cross-sector partnerships.	Collaboration of Resource Alliance and Harambee Ubuntu PAFP	Willeke van Rijn Dorothy Adebajo Rapporteur: Aminata Ba

C102	Financing Impact: Investing in Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Change	As social entrepreneurship continues to shape inclusive development across Africa and the Middle East, questions around financing remain central. This session explores how innovative financial models—from blended finance and catalytic philanthropy to impact investing—can unlock the potential of mission-driven enterprises.	AUC	Mohamed El-Karamany Rapporteur: Yara Pedro
Mary Cross	Strengthening Philanthropy Infrastructure by Building on African Giving Practices	This session explores how African giving cultures can strengthen philanthropy infrastructure across the continent. Drawing on examples from community organizers and institutions, the session will highlight how these practices are actively used to mobilize resources, promote intergenerational learning, and influence policy.	TrustAfrica, Giving TuesdayAfrica University of Kouroukafouga Bamako	Catherine Mwendwa And Ogo Chukwudi Rapporteur: Caroline Mwangi

P019	State of Women's Feminist and Political Leadership in Africa: From Participation to Transformative Change	This session brings together women political leaders, activists, organizations and philanthropy to spotlight the bold and transformative contributions of women in advancing democracy, climate justice, peacebuilding, and inclusive development across the continent. Together, we will explore the strategies and resources that are enabling women's political power to grow - while confronting the urgent challenges posed by rising authoritarianism, militarism, shrinking civic space, and backlash against feminist leadership.	COLMENA Fund, Women's Academy for Leadership & Political Excellence, KARAMA, FEMNET, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Centre for Women and Development, Ubuntu	Suyen Barahona Rapporteur: Emmanuel Ayo
Shafik Gabr	Innovating Health Financing: Pathways to Sustainable Investment in Disease Elimination	This panel will present innovative, Africa-led philanthropic approaches to sustainable and emergency health financing, advocate for disease elimination as a priority within broader pandemic preparedness and financing conversations in the Majority World. Additionally, it will share insights on how community advocacy aligns with national priorities for communicable diseases.	The END Fund and Speak Up Africa	Christiane Yelibi and Diana Makale Rapporteur: Zanele Makombe
C101 (Jameel Building)	Reclaiming Our Story	At a time where the reactionary right is rising and Global South narratives are being attacked, this panel will show the power of grounding modern day storytelling in the philosophy of shared humanity. Join activists, storytellers and foundations who have deployed narrative power to challenge neo-colonial themes and centre African voices and resources.	Magamba Network and Thrive Afrika	Wilson Chivhanga and Farai Monro Rapporteur: Emmanuel Ayo

Lunch @ Courtyard area next to Moataz Al Alfi
13h00 – 14h00

Site visits
Departing from Gate 4 at AUC
14h00 – 17h00

About site visits

The Conference has welcomed an increasing diversity of delegates with each edition and has been hosted in different cities each year. The site visits to key point locations in the city are offered to delegates to learn more about the story of the host city and the communities which contribute to its development. This year is no different as we guide delegates to visit initiatives which operate in the city of Cairo.

Site 1: Tawasol for Developing Istabl Antar

Tawasol for Developing Istabl Antar is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering low-income communities in informal settlements. The organization employs a holistic approach to community development, integrating education, vocational training, health services, and the performing arts. Tawasol operates a community school that offers free, quality education to children who have dropped out or never attended school, providing them with elementary certificates recognized by the Ministry of Education. The school is equipped with facilities including a playground, computer lab, library, art room, and a 150-seat theater.

Site 2: Megawra – Built Environment Collective

Megawra – Built Environment Collective (BEC) is an initiative that merges architectural practice with community-centered urban development. Formed through a partnership between the architectural office Megawra and the nonprofit Built Environment Collective, the organization focuses on leveraging cultural heritage as a catalyst for sustainable development.

Operating primarily in Historic Cairo's al-Khalifa district, Megawra-BEC leads the Athar Lina initiative, which integrates heritage conservation with community engagement. Their work encompasses restoring historic sites, providing heritage education, and promoting socio-economic empowerment through heritage industries and urban regeneration linked to environmental sustainability.

Pyramids and Bazaar

The Great Pyramids of Giza are ancient Egyptian structures built as tombs for pharaohs. The Bazaar, often Khan el-Khalili, is a historic marketplace in Cairo known for its shops selling souvenirs, spices, and handicrafts.

End of Day 2 of the main conference



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