

CivSource South Africa Connects | Trilogue: South Africa's premier annual CSR conference on ESG

The **Trilogue** is the premier annual conference in South Africa showcasing important developments across the corporate responsibility sector, with a focus on the 'S' in ESG. (Environmental, social, and corporate governance).

It took place at the Wanderers Club: Protea Hotel on 10th & 11th May.

The target audience is corporates and non-profit organisations, and the aim is to enhance knowledge and collaborations to help businesses perform more sustainably in society.

The main event was The Business in Society Conference organized by Trilogue, with topics that included the just energy transition, digital inclusivity, catalysing impact in the green economy and inclusive philanthropy.

On day 2 of the Trilogue conference, Gbenga Oyeboye, the APF Board Chair delivered the Keynote Address on ***“Driving Transformational Impact in Africa through Education & Leadership”*** on the same day during the morning session and of the Trilogue Conference.



The African Philanthropy Forum Break-Away session:

As a side break away session was a two-hour event organised by the **African Philanthropy** Forum, providing philanthropy organisations a platform designed to:

- Deepen understanding of the transformative impact of philanthropy on the continent.
- Collaborate to unlock resources and access to enhance strategic philanthropy for greater impact.
- Provide a platform for participants to discuss, learn, and share.

The keynote address by at the APF session was given by Nicola Galombik the executive director of Yellowwoods Holdings, and a social entrepreneur and businesswoman that founded Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator. She was introduced by Swithin Munyantwali, a board member of APF. Nicola presented a poignant keynote address that was followed by a panel discussion:



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Keynote Speaker: **Nicola Galombik**
 Executive Director, Yellowwoods Holdings

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Speakers:

- Louise Dwyer**, Executive Director, International Philanthropy Association of South Africa (IPASA)
- Ashley Green-Thompson**, Director, ACT (African Centre for Trade)
- Nontobeko Mabilizela**, Acting CEO, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator
- Christabel Phiri**, Executive Manager, Youth and Employment, Harambee Youth Accelerator
- Jacobo Maki**, Moderator, Director General, Department of Economic Development, Labour and Social Enterprises

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Take away notes from the Keynote address:

Assumption that we are all cogniscent of our systems that are not working, and we are all committed to make a change:

Her talk evolved around honing into the understanding of:

- What it takes to make the necessary shifts.
- What specific aspects of social development work needs to change
- What smarter ways we can change the trajectory that we individually have in our control, in the larger scale of the entire system.

Take away points from Panel discussion:

1. Philanthropy needs to Organize better to coordinate key stake holders collaborating, to have better impact for scale up.

2. The collaborative capability of social entities to driving meaningful impact: connective collaborative relationships and focus at being good at it. Philanthropist organizations need to act as the clever, enabling, catalytic mouse that leads and deploys well and usefully.

Ours is not about the giving away and about the direct beneficiaries / recipients of the gift: but

3. The voice of communities' needs and wants, to genuinely be kept as the focus of all the work done. So, organisations working in this space need to change the way we represent the lived experience by the communities themselves- listening with great intent.

Allow the creativity to the innovation that comes from the lived experience.

To be in solidarity with the communities.

Grants to social justice organizations- are few and far between.

The challenge was for social justice organizations that work in the philanthropy space to recognize practices in their interventions that retard the development of those that need impact and change the most.



