



GATHERING OF GIVERS 2023

Beyond Profit _ Businesses driving social change



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Friday 29th September 2023 marked the 4th convening of the Gathering of Givers (GoG) hosted at **Mestil Hotel Kampala** in Uganda by **CivSource Africa**. The Gathering of Givers is a colorful event that brings together different people of the world, united by the spirit of Philanthropy. This year's Gathering of Givers was themed; ***Beyond Profit: Businesses Driving Social Change***. In Partnership with the **Uganda Philanthropy Network** and **Dwona Initiative**, CivSource Africa hosted several Businesses that are doing notable work beyond objectives that are profit-centered.

Mr. Okomoloi Onapito, Board chair of **Nile Breweries** delivered the keynote address where he noted that much as it is good to do business, business and giving go hand in hand because it's one way of keeping what you have.



A photograph of Ms. Sylvia Mulinge, CEO of MTN Uganda, speaking into a microphone. She has vibrant red curly hair and is wearing a white top with gold embroidery. She is smiling and gesturing with her hands. The background features large, stylized geometric shapes in black, white, and red.

Ms. Sylvia Mulinge, CEO of **MTN Uganda** graced the occasion as Chief Guest and in her speech remarks, she highlighted the great work that MTN is doing in the areas of Entrepreneurship, education, WASH, Community development, and poverty alleviation. She recognized the profound significance of businesses giving back to the community and encouraged them to rethink capitalism by fixing the world's problems rather than creating them.

The event was marked by other key activities like a panel discussion, performances, and a video showcase of businesses in Uganda that are creating social change. The businesses that were recognized and awarded the #OmutimaOmugabi award are Roofings Group, MTN Uganda, Endiiro Coffee, Nyanzi Art Studio, Tebere Arts Foundation, Zawedde Hasiinah and Molly Wambi from Federation of Kampala Hawkers and Vendors Associations.



Additionally, this year's Gathering of Givers marked the launch of Giving Tuesday Uganda, where CivSource Africa and Dwona Initiative will serve as co-leads for the country chapter.



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The attendance of the event was both in person and online on Zoom, YouTube, and live on [NTV Uganda](#).

The Gathering of Givers 2023 brings to light the critical role of businesses in promoting *Ubuntu* and social change not only in Uganda but the world at large. Lastly, the unspoken need for businesses to keep in good standing and health is pronounced this year more than ever because it is through businesses giving that they can be able to give even more.

For more information about the gathering, Visit the CivSource YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/live/kIFGj0SCqJU?si=yNtF1auEz3N7Fw_Y

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