

Invitation to Nexus Africa Continental Dialogue on African Philanthropy, Social Impact Investing and the rise of Social Entrepreneurship in Africa

Meet your peers who are passionate about impact in Africa

Wednesday, 12th February 2014, Wits Business School, Johannesburg South Africa



Are you interested in how Venture Philanthropy and Social Impact Investing can help develop the African continent? Do you want to extend your practical knowledge and understanding of Venture Philanthropy and Impact Investing dynamics in Africa? Do you seek to exchange experience and see the rise of Social Entrepreneurship in Africa through real-time business cases together with your equally experienced peers? Do you want to bring to the table a specific question or theme and actively tap into the cumulative groups' knowledge and experience? Please join us at Nexus Africa 2014.

The Situation

Venture Philanthropy (VP) and Impact Investing have been gaining attention of a growing public. The last decade marked an important shift in traditional philanthropy, by adding more entrepreneurial oriented ways of approaching societal and ecological challenges. Classical donation-driven philanthropy is topped with innovative business modeling and creative financial structuring to nurture societal and ecological impact while maintaining financial sustainability. Entrepreneurs, families, individuals and foundations alike are taking their position in this exciting 'impact investment space'.

The Nexus Africa event

Hosted by the Wits Centre of Entrepreneurship at the Wits Business School, Nexus Africa 2014 will bring together private equity investors, philanthropists, social impact investors and rising social entrepreneurs from Africa and guests from around the world interested in African development. The Nexus Africa event will focus on three things (a) a panel discussion on Wednesday afternoon at the Wits Business School featuring prominent guest speakers on Philanthropy and impact investing (b) launch of the Nexus Fund which will be at a cocktail and evening reception, featuring a prominent project that will be launched supported by the Nexus Fund and (c) preparation for the upcoming Nexus Global Summit in New York at the United Nations in July 2014, focusing on support for the post 2015 Millennium Development Goals agenda through impact investing and venture philanthropy.

The Nexus event is a great opportunity for private wealth families, entrepreneurs, and impact investors interested in implementing, managing and structuring their Venture philanthropy and Impact Investing activities. Interactive group discussions and concrete investment cases will give you the opportunity to exchange ideas and see how impact investing and venture philanthropy can create thousands of jobs for youth in Africa.

Expert inputs from:

- H.R.H. Prince Cedza Dlamini, Nexus Africa Chair
- Dumisa Hlatshwayo, Chief Investment Officer, the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) Jobs Fund
- Elias Masilela: Africa Head, UN Global Compact and CEO of the Public Investment Corporation
- Chimene Chetty, Wits Center for Entrepreneurship, Wits Business School

Logistics

Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation. The event is free and by invitation only.

Registration & Contact

As spaces are limited, please confirm your attendance as soon as possible with Tasneem Yusuf at africa@nexusyouthsummit.org or 011-566-6813.