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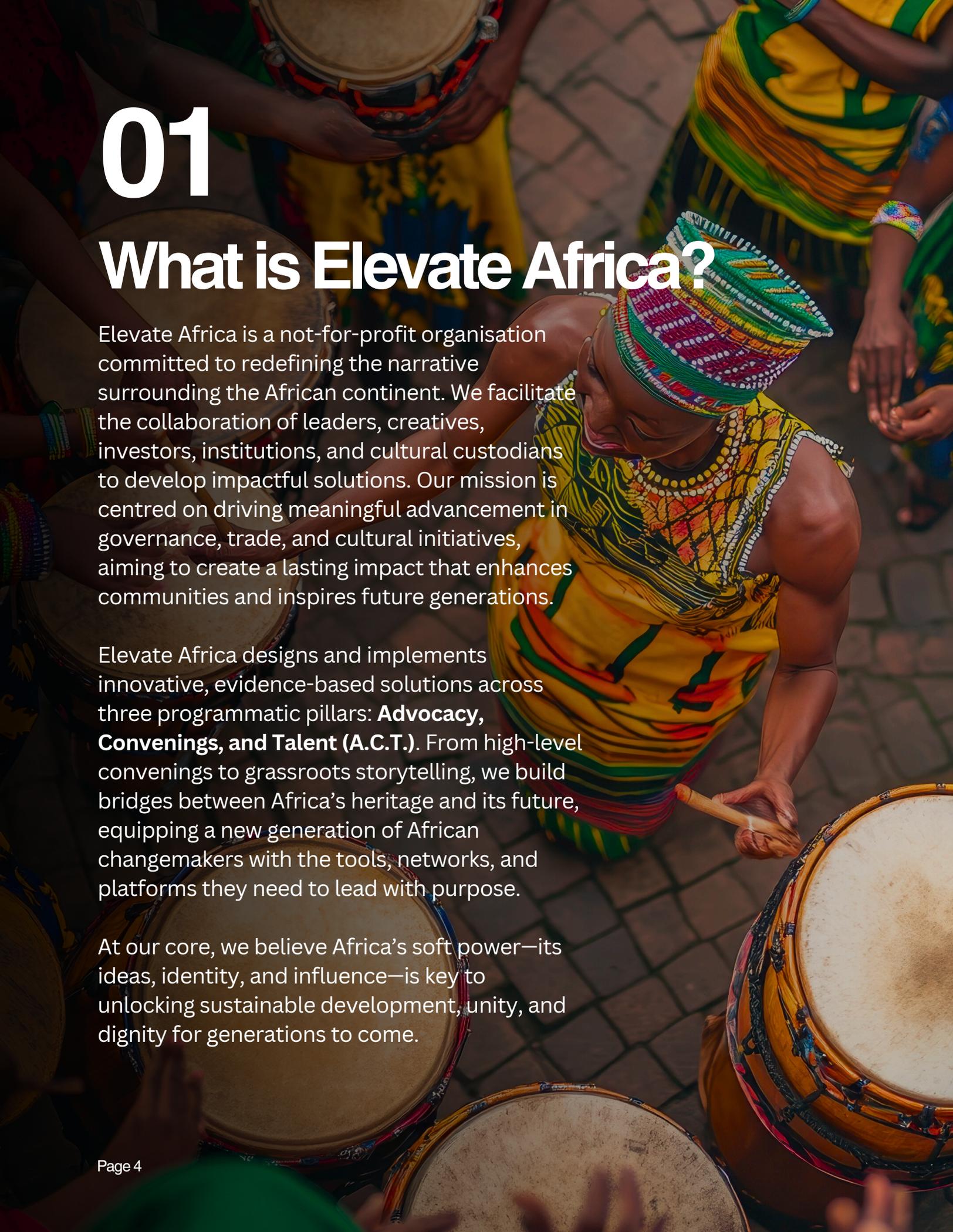
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Our Founders

Their Majesties, **His Royal Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR** and **Her Royal Majesty Olori Atuwatse III**, are visionary leaders dedicated to transforming Africa through empowerment, innovation, and cultural integrity. As the revered King and Queen Consort of the Warri Kingdom, they embody a progressive and culturally rooted leadership that champions economic development, social impact, and the preservation of African heritage.

Through their co-founded initiative, Elevate Africa, Their Majesties are reshaping Africa's global narrative by amplifying indigenous solutions, fostering leadership, and driving socio-economic change. Elevate Africa serves as a media-driven governance, trade, and cultural influence platform, designed to unify African leadership, catalyse investment, and elevate the continent's standing on the global stage.



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What is Elevate Africa?

Elevate Africa is a not-for-profit organisation committed to redefining the narrative surrounding the African continent. We facilitate the collaboration of leaders, creatives, investors, institutions, and cultural custodians to develop impactful solutions. Our mission is centred on driving meaningful advancement in governance, trade, and cultural initiatives, aiming to create a lasting impact that enhances communities and inspires future generations.

Elevate Africa designs and implements innovative, evidence-based solutions across three programmatic pillars: **Advocacy, Convenings, and Talent (A.C.T.)**. From high-level convenings to grassroots storytelling, we build bridges between Africa's heritage and its future, equipping a new generation of African changemakers with the tools, networks, and platforms they need to lead with purpose.

At our core, we believe Africa's soft power—its ideas, identity, and influence—is key to unlocking sustainable development, unity, and dignity for generations to come.

What We Believe



A. Our Vision

To elevate Africa's self-image and global perception, establishing a dignified, empowered, and collaborative Africa that stands proudly as an equal contributor to global progress



B. Our Mission

To empower a new generation of African leaders and foster indigenous solutions to shared African challenges. Elevate Africa enhances collaboration within and beyond the continent to drive socio-economic advancement and reshape Africa's narrative.

Core Values

- Community focused
- Agility
- Authenticity
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Purpose



Programmatic Pillars

In our quest to Elevate Africa, we design and implement innovative, evidence-based solutions across three programmatic pillars- **Advocacy, Convenings, and Talent (A.C.T)**. Our theory of change recognises that equipping and enabling leadership talent, orchestrating relevant conversations and convenings, and delivering strategic advocacy in innovative ways will help to elevate Africa. Our work through these programmatic pillars is grounded in three thematic areas that are crucial to helping Africa realise its full potential: Leadership & Governance, Trade, and Culture.

In essence, we **A.C.T** within the domains of leadership & governance, culture, and trade to Elevate Africa.

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Advocacy (individuals, institutions, nations)

Our advocacy efforts enlist, engage, and empower at every level, institutions, and nations to champion Africa's growth and transformation. We engage institutions, educational, cultural, and corporate, to shape policies, shift mindsets and foster systems that reflect Africa's values and potential. At the continental level, we enable cross-sector dialogue, strategic partnerships, and narrative-shaping campaigns that elevate Africa's voice globally.

02

Convening

We leverage the power of convenings to shine a spotlight on Africa's solutions and shape inspiring and positive narratives of the continent. From our dynamic annual October convening - starting with our inaugural event held in Abuja in 2024 - to impactful gatherings like Women Allying Women and collaborations with partners like ONE.org, we create platforms for solution-focused discussions and knowledge sharing that drive Africa forward.

03

Talent

Our talent programs enlist, engage, equip, and enable different categories of leaders to power and drive Africa's transformation. We achieve this through an annual mid-career fellowship program, a global ambassadors program, and an initiative that enables and establishes indigenous women to be entrepreneurial leaders.



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Leadership & Governance:

We champion visionary, values-based leadership as the cornerstone of Africa's transformation. At Elevate Africa, we design and host high-level convenings, facilitate leadership dialogues, and support institutional partnerships that align leaders around a shared continental agenda.

Our work equips both established and emerging leaders—across public, private, and civic spaces—with the tools, relationships, and frameworks they need to lead with purpose, integrity, and a long-term vision for Africa.

We believe leadership is the catalyst that drives mission, vision, and values—aligning priorities, inspiring trust, and strengthening governance systems. Through strategic communications, curated messaging, and influence-building moments, we embed a leadership narrative that reinforces service-oriented governance and collective action, letting bold ideas lead the way.

Trade & Investment:

We promote intra-African trade and strategic investment as essential pathways to economic sovereignty, resilience, and inclusive growth. Elevate Africa fosters cross-sector collaboration by convening policymakers, entrepreneurs, and investors to unlock shared prosperity through enterprise and innovation.

Through curated dialogues, investment showcases, and ecosystem-building initiatives, we support efforts that advance regional integration, de-risk African markets and enable scalable, community-rooted enterprises. Our work highlights indigenous solutions and business models that reflect Africa's economic potential and cultural context.

We surface trade and investment stories through trusted networks, policy conversations, and strategic convenings—advancing a narrative of economic empowerment and regional unity.

Culture & Heritage:

We celebrate Africa's cultural wealth as a unifying force and a vital driver of identity, pride, and progress. Elevate Africa elevates heritage, language, spirituality, fashion, food, music, art, and storytelling—not as nostalgia, but as critical tools for development and dignity.

Our programs amplify cultural custodians, creatives, and tradition-bearers through fellowships, public showcases, and policy engagement. We work to ensure that Africa's stories, symbols, and shared memory shape the way the continent is governed, invested in, and imagined—both by Africans and the world.

Rather than packaging culture as content, we integrate it into the heart of our convenings, fellow initiatives, and institutional dialogues—allowing cultural expression to lead with authenticity, and fostering a deep sense of unity across diverse nations.





EVENT AGENDA



Agenda

Day 1

Time	Session	Venue	Speaker
8:00 am	Registration	Registration Booth	Team
9:00am - 9:10am	Welcoming of Guests and General House Keeping	Main Auditorium	Maimba Mapuranga & Namhla Mniki
9:15am - 9:20am	National Anthem	Main Auditorium	
9:25am - 9:35am	Cultural Troupe Performance	Main Auditorium	
9:40am - 9:45am	CEO Remarks	Main Auditorium	Daniel Ikuenobe
9:45am - 10:00am	Opening Address	Main Auditorium	Her Majesty, Olori Atuwatse III, Co-Founder Elevate Africa
10:05am - 10:15am	Opening Speech I	Main Auditorium	His Excellency, Benjamin Chesire Cheboi, EGH, EBS, Governor, Baringo County.
10:05am - 10:15am	Opening Speech II	Main Auditorium	Rep of Her Excellency, Joyce Banda, Former President of Malawi
10:15am - 10:25am	Opening Speech III	Main Auditorium	Her Excellency, Ameenah Gurib, Former President of Mauritius
10:30am - 11:00am	GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK		
11:15am - 11:30am	Intro to the Governance and Policy Roundtable Plenary	Main Auditorium	Wu Wei Neng, Chief Executive Officer, Chandler Institute of Governance, and Chairman of the Chandler Academy of Governance
11:35am – 12:20pm	Plenary 1: Governance and Policy Roundtable - Steering the Next Chapter for Africa	Main Auditorium	<p>Moderator: Tim Hanstad, Vice Chair, Chandler Foundation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her Excellency, Ameenah Gurib, Former President of Mauritius - His Excellency, Benjamin Chesire Cheboi, EGH, EBS, Governor, Baringo County. - Honourable Kadiva Diana Hamutumwa, Governor of Ohangwena Region, Namibia - Hon. Dr. Frank Amoakohene, Ashanti Regional Minister, Republic of Ghana.

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12:35pm - 12:45pm	Introduce the Guest of Honour Welcome	Main Auditorium	Ms. Gabatlotlane Mogapi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government & Traditional Affairs
12:45pm - 1:00pm	Keynote Address by the Co-host & the Special Guest of Honour, President of Botswana	Main Auditorium	Honourable Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs
1:05pm - 1:15pm	Intro to the Transformational Female Leadership Plenary	Main Auditorium	
1:20pm - 2:05pm	Plenary 2: Transformational Female Leadership	Main Auditorium	<p>Moderator: Abosedo George-Ogan, Founder, Women in Leadership Advancement Network (WILAN)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative Kim Schofield Member, Georgia State Representative, District 63- Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun, Chairperson of the United Africa Group- Her Royal Highness Senator Princess Ncengcenge Dlamini, Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini
2:10pm - 2:20pm	Spoken Word Interlude	Main Auditorium	IBQuake
2:25pm - 2:40pm	Elevate Africa Fellow's Spotlight	Main Auditorium	
2:45pm - 3:45pm	LUNCH & NETWORKING		

Time	Session	Venue	Speaker
4:00pm - 4:50pm	Intro to the Natural Resources and Sovereign Wealth Session	Main Auditorium	Sandra Babu-Boateng (Session Moderators to open their sessions)
	Plenary 3: Natural Resources and Sovereign Wealth	Main Auditorium	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra Babu-Boateng, Co-Founder, PanaGenius, Managing Partner, <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Taa Wongbe, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Liberia - Aisha Maina, Managing Director, Aquarian Consult / Aquarian Oil & Gas - Dr M'zée Fula-Ngenge, Chairman, African Diamond Council (ADC), African International Diamond Exchange (AIDEX)
	Changemakers' Lounge	Room 1 - Catalyzing Governance Reforms: Policy Labs for the Next Era	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busie Matsiko, The President, New York Africa Chamber of Commerce <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Edith Akridge, Politician and Women's Advocate, & Advisor to H.E. Joyce Banda - Hon. Edem Agbana, Member of Parliament, Ketu North Constituency, Ghana. - Vuyelwa Nyakaza, Founder and Managing Director, Sukume Consulting (EA Fellow - Confirmed) - Ron Chari, Executive Director, Chandler Institute of Justice
		Room 2 - How Africa can Leverage Technology to Leapfrog Ahead	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maya Fakhfakh, Founder of MednTech <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - William Bao Bean - Managing General Partner, Orbit Startups - Mike Mpanya, Head of Country Digitisation for Africa, Cisco Systems & Founder of Nubi AI (- Nonye Ujam, Government Affairs Lead, Nigeria & Africa Emerging Markets, Microsoft.

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4:50pm - 5:00pm	Voice of Reasoning Day 1 Recap	Main Auditorium	Daniel Ikuenobe, CEO, Elevate Africa

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8:40am - 8:50am	Sights of Reasoning from Day 1 Recap	Main Auditorium	Daniel Ikuenobe, CEO, Elevate Africa
8:50am - 9:05am	Speeches 1 & 2	Main Auditorium	- Hon Kadiva Diana Humitumwa, Governor of Ohangwena Region, Namibia - His Worship, Oarabile Motlaleng, Mayor of Gaborone
09:20am - 10:05am	Plenary 1: Creative Capital: Reimagining the Future of Africa's Cultural and Creative Economy	Main Auditorium	Moderator: Natasha, Editor-in-Chief, She Afrique Panelists: - Moky Makura, Executive Director, Africa No Filter - Hakeem Kae-Kazim, Actor and Producer - Josh Wilson, Founder and Managing Director, Global Venture Partners (GVP Investment Group LTD) - Buchi Franklin, Actor (- Nicole Asinugo, Director, Partnerships and Sponsorship, TOOF - Kyler Griffin, Directors Guild of America
10:05am - 10:35pm	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING		
10:40am - 10:55am	Session Opening Speech: Sustainable Infrastructure	Main Auditorium	Mr. Kinapara Coulibaly, CEO, Bureau National d'Etudes Techniques et de Développement (Confirmed)
10:55am - 11:40am	Plenary 2: Sustainable Infrastructure for Economic Transformation	Main Auditorium	Moderator: Mr. Peter O. Jolapamo, Partner and Managing Director, Alirity Panelists: Mr. Kinapara Coulibaly, CEO, Bureau National d'Etudes Techniques et de Développement - Ms. Zurina Saban, General Counsel, Africa50 - Efosa Ojomo, Director, Global Prosperity Research Group, Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, Boston - Dr. Elizabeth Jack-Rich (FIMS), Founder and President, Elizabeth Jack-Rich Aid Foundation (EJRAID).

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12:20pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH & NETWORKING		
1:05pm - 1:15pm	Session Opening Speech: Bridging Borders – Unlocking Trade Through Seamless Intra-African Payments	Main Auditorium	Representative of Mastercard
1:20pm - 2:10pm	Plenary 3: Bridging Borders – Unlocking Trade Through Seamless Intra-African Payments	Main Auditorium	<p>Moderator: Karen Matsiko, Founder, Pivotedge Advisory and Consultancy Group</p> <p>Panelists: Mr Abraham Osio, Head of Strategy, Pan African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS)</p> <p>- Mr. Ali Athman, Head of Partnerships, Visa Government Solutions - CEMEA, Visa Middle East FZ-LLC,</p> <p>- Mr. Binitie Ehi, Founder, Rancard</p> <p>- Mrs. Adesuwa Okunbo-Rhodes, Founder & Managing Partner, Aruwa Capital Management</p> <p>- Mr Keletsositse Olebile, Chief Executive Officer, Botswana Investment Trade Centre</p>
2:15pm - 3:05pm	Changemakers' Lounge	Room 1 - Marketing Africa to the World: From Narrative to Commerce	<p>Moderator: Maserame Monyame</p> <p>Panelists: - Oabona Kgengwenyane, Founder, Innolead Consulting,</p> <p>- Josh Wilson, Founder and Managing Director, Global Venture Partners (GVP Investment Group LTD).</p> <p>- Pat Dambe, Executive Secondment, Director of Marketing & Brand, Diamond Hub, Ministry of Minerals & Energy, Botswana</p>



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Fellowship

The Elevate Africa Fellowship is a Pan-African leadership initiative designed to equip mid-career professionals with the skills, connections, and platform needed to champion Africa's growth and reshape its global narrative. The fellowship addresses the need for an indigenous mid-career program that leverages the agency of high-potential African youth to drive Africa's progress.

Through its **12-month program** designed with an African-centred approach to solutions, the fellowship equips fellows with the skills to influence, innovate, and inspire across the continent through convenings, core leadership development training, and mentorship sessions.

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FELLOWSHIP

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AFRICAN LOOP CONSULTING



+ YAYRA PORTIA KLU

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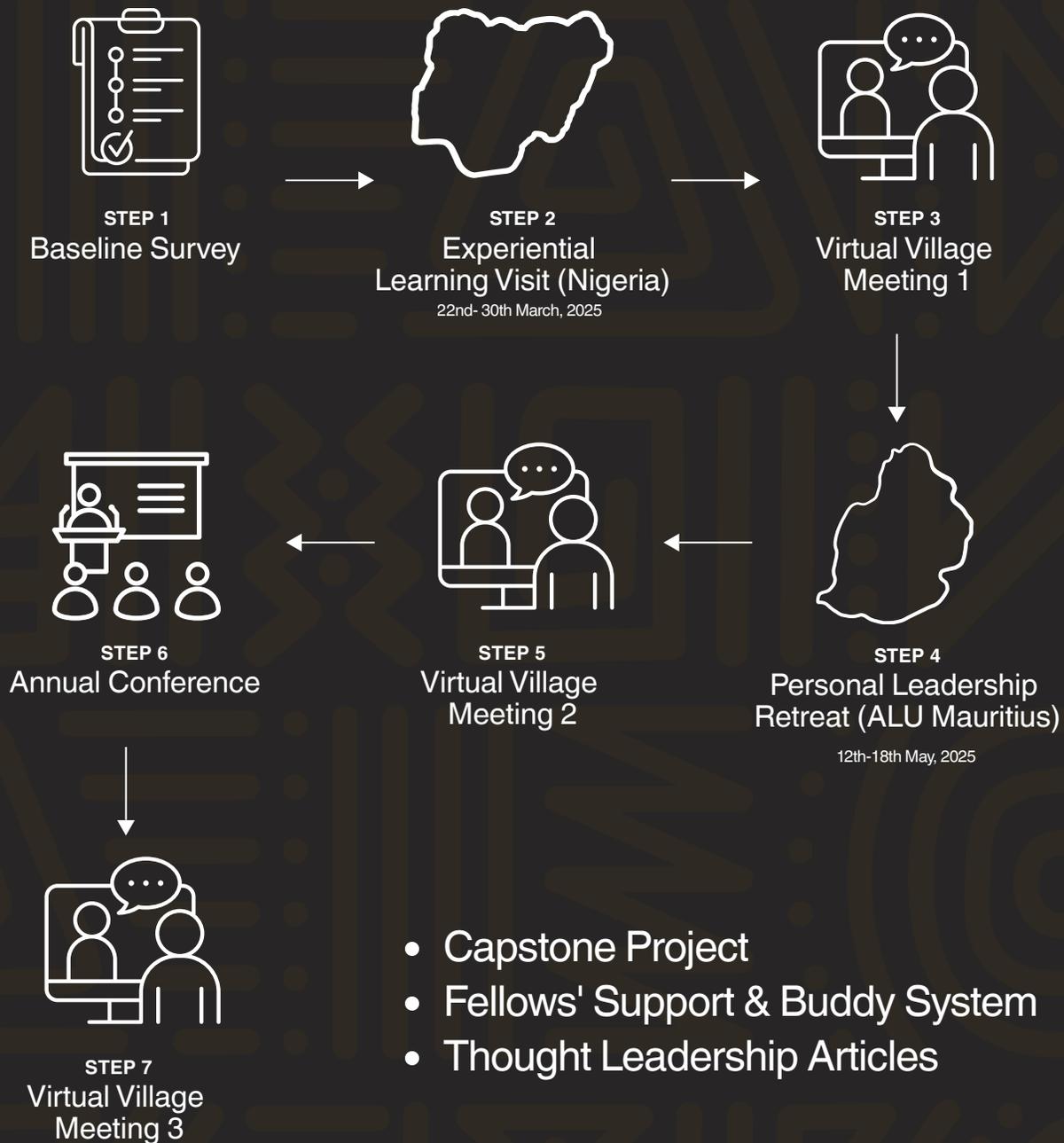


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CEO, HB&Q IMPRESSIONS STUDIOS





OVERVIEW OF FELLOWS JOURNEY



- Capstone Project
- Fellows' Support & Buddy System
- Thought Leadership Articles

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Introduction:

The 2025 Elevate Africa Fellowship brought together seventeen mid-career professionals from thirteen African nations. Their experience spans climate governance, education, business, health, technology, and policy. Each fellow entered the programme with a record of achievement and a shared commitment to the renewal of leadership across the continent.

The fellowship was conceived as a study in continuity: how leadership may be strengthened when learning, culture, and public purpose are woven together. Over eight months, the cohort advanced through a structured sequence of residential convenings, virtual dialogues, and independent projects. The process sought not performance, but reflection and depth, cultivating leaders whose sense of responsibility extends beyond their own institutions.

Learning and Immersion

Nigeria | February – March 2025

The fellowship opened in Nigeria with the first convening held across Lagos, Abeokuta, Warri, and Abuja. The programme was designed around three core themes of the Elevate Africa pillars: Leadership and Governance, Trade and Investment, and Culture and Heritage.

Throughout the week, fellows engaged in lectures, field visits, and collaborative sessions that explored the moral, economic, and cultural dimensions of leadership.

Seminars with His Excellency, Professor Yemi Osinbajo (Former Vice President of Nigeria), Mr Linus Okorie (GOTNI Leadership Centre), and Mr Ayuli Jemide (Detail Solicitors) examined the exercise of judgment, ethical decision-making, and negotiation as a civic skill.

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Economic sessions with Providus Bank, Sahara Group, and Aruwa Capital Management provided an analytical view of Africa's investment landscape, with attention to innovation, capital flows, and the role of private enterprise in inclusive growth.

The cultural strand included visits to Olumo Rock and the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library, concluding with a royal audience with Their Majesties, Ogiame Atuwatse III and Olori Atuwatse III of the Warri Kingdom. Their conversation with the fellows reflected on continuity, heritage, and the obligations of leadership within community life.

During the same week, fellows led a local impact initiative in Warri. They distributed learning materials to schools, equipped science laboratories with laptops, and joined agricultural education activities at Love Gardens. The week closed with Women Allying Women X Establish Her Edition, convened in partnership with the Royal Iwere Foundation, The Humanitarian arm of the Warri Kingdom Monarchy, advancing opportunities and human capital development for young women in education and enterprise.

The Nigerian convening grounded the fellowship in both scholarship and service. It established the rhythm of inquiry that would carry forward: intellectual study balanced by engagement with society.

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Reflection and Development

Mauritius and Virtual Learning | April – June 2025

Between convenings, the fellowship community remained connected through **Virtual Village Meetings (VVMs)**, monthly discussions designed to sustain momentum and reflections. The format drew from the tradition of village assemblies, where learning is shared through conversation rather than instruction.

The April VVM (April 30) reviewed lessons from Nigeria and introduced the conceptual framework for the next gathering. Facilitated by **Femi Taiwo and representatives from the African Leadership University (ALU)**, the discussion centred on the relationship between identity, purpose, and leadership in the African context.

The second in-person convening followed in **Mauritius (May 9–17)**, co-hosted with ALU. The theme Self-Leadership and Emotional Mastery shaped an intensive period of reflection and renewal. Sessions were led by **Fela Durotoye, Vusi Thembekwayo, Micheline Ntiru, Dr Douglas Mattheus, Daniel Ikuenobe, and Femi Taiwo**. Fellows examined emotional intelligence, systems thinking, human-centred design, and narrative as tools of leadership.

A Buddy System paired participants for peer learning and accountability throughout the convening. Beyond the classroom, fellows visited Port Louis for a guided exploration of Mauritius' social and economic history, and volunteered at Lakaz Lespwar (Caritas Solitude), supporting youth empowerment programmes.

The June VVM (June 24) featured **Her Majesty Olori Atuwatse III** as guest speaker, encouraging the cohort to practice courage as a moral habit and not merely a response to circumstance.

By the close of June, the fellowship had developed a shared language of leadership, one that joined self-awareness to public responsibility.

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Application and Advocacy

July – August 2025

The third stage of the fellowship marked a transition from reflection to practice. Learning now turned outward, toward application and influence.

The July VVM (July 31), themed African Stereotypes to Solutions, was led by Debola Deji-Kurunmi (DDK). The session invited fellows to consider how inherited narratives shape development agendas and how reframing these narratives can inspire innovation.

The August VVM (August 14), guided by Amb. Selorm Kofi Dake addressed Policy Advocacy. Discussions explored the interplay between grounded data, storytelling, and the shaping of public discourse.

Two core deliverables defined this phase:

1. Thought Leadership Articles

Fellows authored two essays each:

- The Power of Identity and Values in Transformative Leadership
- Policy from the Inside: Grounded Voices, Strategic Proposals

Each piece was reviewed by an international editorial panel, including Dr Paul Morrison, Representative Kim Schofield, and Ms Juliana Oyegun.

2. Capstone Projects

Each fellow developed a signature initiative addressing a specific African challenge. Through one-to-one mentorship with Elevate Africa leadership between July and September, they refined their project design, implementation plans, and measures of social impact.

This stage strengthened the Fellowship's intellectual integrity, translating abstract learning into structured, outcome-oriented work.

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Integration and Preparation

September 2025

September served as a period of integration and preparation for culmination. Fellows refined their **Capstone Projects** and collaborated on a collective **podcast series**, comprising nine episodes. Each conversation sought to highlight African perspectives on governance, innovation, and civic responsibility.

The Capstone portfolio reflected a wide range of themes: sustainable agriculture, digital transformation, gender equity, and creative economies. Collectively, they demonstrated a unifying principle that leadership gains meaning only when it serves others.

Culmination and Transition

Botswana | October 2025

The Fellowship will conclude in Gaborone, Botswana, with the Final Convening and Graduation. The event will celebrate achievement, synthesis, and the transition from guided study to sustained leadership.

The programme will feature:

- **Capstone Showcase:** Fellows will present their projects before policy leaders, funders, and development partners.
- **Podcast Recording (October 28–29):** Final sessions to complete the fellowship’s storytelling initiative.
- **Elevate Africa Convening 2025 – “Africa: The Next Chapter”:** A gathering designed to explore the future of African leadership and the role of emerging leaders within it.

Upon graduation, participants will become part of our Alumni Network, gaining continued access to mentorship, collaborative platforms, and professional development. The Botswana convening stands not as an ending, but as the continuation of a journey toward influence and service.

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Conclusion

Across nine (9) months, the 2025 Elevate Africa Fellowship traced a deliberate arc: from study to reflection, from reflection to practice, and from practice to legacy.

The Fellowship affirmed that leadership on the African continent is not a solitary act but a shared discipline grounded in culture, sustained by collaboration, and directed toward public good.

In their collective work, the fellows have carried forward a principle that endures across all contexts: **To lead is to serve with clarity, knowledge, and conscience.**

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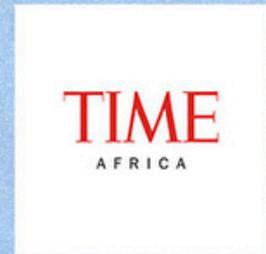
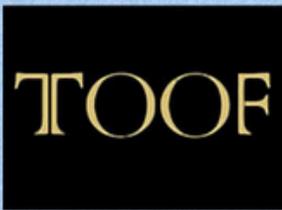




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