



CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS



Ghana Philanthropy Week

26-27 October 2026

Accra, Ghana

Women Leading the Future of Local Philanthropy and Social Investment

Organised by:

Women in Philanthropy Ghana (WiP-Ghana)

In Partnership with:

Ghana Philanthropy Week Secretariat and Strategic Partners

Conference Overview

Alignment the Ghana Philanthropy Week Theme

WELCOME

Women in Philanthropy Ghana (WiP-Ghana) invites women philanthropists, social investors, business leaders, policymakers, researchers, development practitioners, entrepreneurs, innovators, foundations, civil society organisations, and development partners to submit session proposals for the Women in Philanthropy Conference 2026.

As a flagship event of Ghana Philanthropy Week 2026, the conference will convene leaders and practitioners to explore innovative solutions, strengthen partnerships, and advance women's leadership in local philanthropy and social investment across Ghana, Africa, and beyond. For more information, visit www.ghanaphilanthropyweek.org. You may also read the 2026 Women in Philanthropy Conference [Concept Note](#).

CONFERENCE THEME

The Women in Philanthropy Conference 2026 is convened under the theme: **“Women Leading the Future of Local Philanthropy and Social Investment”**. Held within **Ghana Philanthropy Week 2026**, the conference contributes to the broader theme: **“Beyond Aid: Financing Ghana's Future Through Local Philanthropy and Social Investment”**.

The conference seeks to position women at the forefront of advancing local philanthropy, social investment, innovative finance, and strategic partnerships that strengthen sustainable development across Ghana, Africa, and beyond. It will provide a platform to showcase women-led solutions, promote knowledge exchange, foster collaboration, and mobilise commitments for collective action.

WHY THIS CONFERENCE

As Ghana and Africa navigate a rapidly changing development financing landscape, strengthening women's leadership in philanthropy and social investment has become more important than ever.

The conference responds to the growing need to mobilise local resources, foster cross-sector collaboration, expand innovative financing, and position women as key drivers of sustainable development. It provides a strategic platform to connect leaders, share knowledge, influence policy, and catalyse collective action that advances the beyond aid agenda through local philanthropy and social investment. The conference seeks to:

1. **Showcase leadership and impact** by highlighting the contributions of women in philanthropy, social investment, impact investing, and community development.
2. **Promote local philanthropy and social investment** as sustainable financing mechanisms for Ghana's and Africa's development priorities.
3. **Strengthen strategic partnerships** among philanthropists, foundations, businesses, government, development partners, academia, and civil society to mobilise resources and scale impact.
4. **Build leadership and capacity** through knowledge exchange, peer learning, and exposure to emerging trends, innovative financing models, and global best practices.
5. **Inspire the next generation** by encouraging greater participation of women and young women in philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, impact investing, and civic leadership.
6. **Advance policy and advocacy** to create an enabling environment that strengthens women's leadership in philanthropy, social investment, and sustainable development financing.
7. **Mobilise commitments for action** that strengthen local giving, expand social investment, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Ghana's development and Africa's philanthropic ecosystem.

KEY DATES

Date	Milestone
3 rd August 2026	Call for Session Proposals Opens
13 August 2026	Deadline for Submission of Session Proposals
15 August 2026	Notification of Selected Sessions
20 August 2026	Confirmation of Session Facilitators and Speakers
25 August 2026	Submission of Final Session Details, Speaker Bios and Presentation Materials

SESSION FORMATS

The conference will feature a diverse range of engagement formats designed to foster dialogue, collaboration, knowledge exchange, and practical action. Session proposals are welcomed for panel discussions, fireside conversations, interactive workshops, leadership roundtables, research and knowledge showcases, innovation showcases, investment pitch sessions, partnership marketplace sessions, communities of practice, case study presentations, and storytelling sessions. These formats are intended to create dynamic learning experiences that encourage participants to share insights, explore innovative ideas, build strategic partnerships, and co-create solutions that advance women's leadership in local philanthropy and social investment.

SESSION DURATION

Sessions will generally run for **60–90 minutes**, depending on the programme schedule. Each session should encourage active participation, knowledge exchange, networking, and practical learning.

Session Proposal Guidelines

SESSION CONTENT

Session proposals should contribute to one or more of the following:

- Advancing women's leadership in philanthropy and social investment.
- Strengthening local philanthropy and domestic resource mobilisation.
- Expanding innovative finance and impact investing.
- Showcasing women-led development solutions.
- Promoting cross-sector partnerships.
- Strengthening philanthropy policy and ecosystem development.
- Leveraging technology and AI for philanthropy.
- Empowering emerging women philanthropists and leaders.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Session proposals may consider questions such as:

- How are women transforming local philanthropy and social investment?
- What innovative financing models are expanding women's impact?
- How can philanthropy strengthen inclusive and sustainable development?
- How can AI and digital innovation enhance philanthropic practice?
- What partnerships are needed to mobilise greater local resources?
- How can policy strengthen Ghana's philanthropy ecosystem?
- How can the next generation of women philanthropists be inspired and empowered?
- What scalable models and best practices can be replicated across Africa?

INVITATION TO CO-CREATE AND LEAD: CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

WHO TO SUBMIT

The **Women in Philanthropy Conference 2026** invites women philanthropists, social investors, business leaders, policymakers, researchers, development practitioners, social entrepreneurs, innovators, women leaders, and civil society organisations to submit session proposals that advance women's leadership in local philanthropy and social investment.

Submit proposals vis this [FORM](#) before 13th August, 2026. For questions or to discuss session ideas, contact Belinda Asantewaa via info@womenphilanthropygh.org

SELECTION CRITERIA

Session proposals will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with the conference theme and thematic tracks.
- Relevance to advancing women's leadership in philanthropy and social investment.
- Practical, innovative, and evidence-based approaches with scalable impact.
- Interactive session design that promotes dialogue and collaboration.
- Clear learning outcomes and actionable recommendations.
- Potential to foster partnerships, policy dialogue, investment, and local resource mobilisation.

Successful proposals will contribute to a dynamic programme that strengthens women's leadership, advances local philanthropy and social investment, and accelerates sustainable development across Ghana and Africa.

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