Using INNOVATIVE VOLUNTEERISM
to solve Africa's problems and
catalyze transformational change

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Challenges

Soci-Economic Challenges

01 Food Insecurity
02 Ecological depletion
03 Climate challenge
04 Unemployment
With persistence and perseverance driven with a common principle that our togetherness is our biggest strength, the continent was rallied around a common purpose— that of working with nature not against nature but ensuring the enablers to drive a business model for wealth creation for all can be achieved for people and planet while paving the way for a low emissions development trajectory.
This was the logic that gave birth to the Ecosystems Based Adaptation for Food Security Assembly (EBAFOSA)- the citizens assembly, the inclusive and implementation framework where everyone’s skills and talent matters, where everyone’s strengths are complemented with each other’s ability to leverage and expand opportunities to work with nature and create wealth for themselves and for those yet to be born.
EBAFOSA is a people’s assembly— a coalition of the willing assembly with people motivated to act NOT by the challenges but the opportunities Africa presents. Be it a vibrant & youthful population whose skills, talents, professional knowledge, creativity & energy combines with the professional experience and technical expertise of established professionals in the continent.
Abundant Natural Capital Base

Largest share of global arable land

Energy Potential

Abundant clean energy resources.

Be it the continents catalytic resources that can ensure climate action and socioeconomic development are achieved while creating opportunities for millions. I am talking of the abundant clean energy resources and the largest share of global arable land – an environmental resource.
All these resources combined for complementarity to actualize a shared vision of accelerating Africa’s ascend to the top of global sustainable & clean energy powered agro-industrialization. This is what EBAFOSA— the people’s assembly is driving to achieve for the collective benefit of all— where the abundant sunshine is harnessed in micro-grids to power agro-industrial zones.
EBAFOSA is harnessing the peoples talents and skills with EBAFOSA providing an innovative incubation solution space to flourish everyone’s ideas and drive transformational change in Africa’s catalytic sectors of clean energy and agriculture but ensuring every one of us has a part to play – individually as well as through the institutions we represent – towards realization of this desirable end where each and every one directly benefit in the process through what we call Innovative Volunteerism.
Where you voluntarily apply physical & non-physical resources at your disposal – especially your professional skills, networks & talents – to build mutually beneficial partnerships with complementary state & non-state actors that meet your business & organizational aims but align to bridge policy & operational gaps to actualize the strategic end goal of sustainable clean energy powered agro-industrialization. In this approach, every skill counts.
Through Innovative volunteerism, policy gaps are being bridged. Where we have policy makers from multiple ministries – environment, energy, agriculture, trade, infrastructure, trade, ICT – among key ones bridge policy silos by working together to put in place enabling policies to establish clean energy powered agro-industrialization for wealth creation & climate resilience. This is being done through the policy task force.
Through Innovative Volunteerism, key operational gaps such as in finance and market standards, are being bridged. For example in finance, risk sharing facilities are being established to de-risk lending to enterprises engaged along the entire EBA based, clean energy powered agro-industrialization continuum. And as a result, enhance affordable finance for these actors.
Innovative Volunteerism is pinned on the spirit of selfless commitment towards Africa's socio-economic development. It is delivered through EBAFOSA where everyone is brought together for #climateAction & socioeconomic transformation through sustainable agriculture led clean energy powered industrialization.
#EBAFOSA is not just a word but #ClimateAction which is already succeeding beyond expectations. All of Africa has started to sing the songs of #innovativevolunteerism, sound the bells of #innovativevolunteerism, feed on the meals of #innovativevolunteerism

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