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Editorial Note

It has been a rewarding first half of the hub year. Through interventions, projects and programs, the Abuja Global Shapers have reached over 2000 people in this timeframe across her I-SHAPE areas of impact.

What is I-SHAPE?

I- Inclusive communities
S- reSkill for the Future
H- improve Health and well-being
A- deliver Aids and basic needs
P- protect the Planet
E- strengthen civic Engagement➡➡



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Editorial Note cont.

←..... In this edition of the AGS Newsletter, we will be unpacking our impact of the first half of the current hub year, 2022. We highlight our continued commitment and successes in advocating for improved lives, systems of governance, and participation in a better society. I-SHAPE, We shape.



Curator's Address

A term like no other. A true moment of reflection!

The first half of the 2022/2023 curatorship year has undoubtedly been a quarter like no other. A true moment of both reckoning and reflection that has forced all of us to look at our internal compass, and ask difficult yet necessary questions about what meaningful impact really looks like.

Despite facing individual and collective challenges, the Abuja hub implemented impactful events and projects.

I am also proud of the impact we had outside of the Hub through the international recognition of our Shapers and Alumni, in addition to sharing our knowledge and inspiring hubs across our global community to adopt our strategies and tools.



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As a Hub, we will continue to shine our light, and trust that the excellence and the integrity with which we work, will pierce through the endless narrative of Nigeria's potential and instead mark our readiness to lead for tangible results.

Princess Ifeoma Ike
Curator (2022/2023)



Library 4 Education



According to a World bank report, Nigeria is in a learning crisis. only 20% of children are able to read even after completing primary education. Further, millions of children are ill-equipped to perform basic arithmetic operations or read at the appropriate level even after completing primary education.

The AGS Library for Education project is centered on tackling the low literacy rates of children in marginalized communities by providing them with learning resources. In partnership with Nigerian Tulip International College, the hub donated 1000+ essential books and educational materials to Dagbana LEA government primary school in September. The hub is excited about more goodwill donations of books and other learning materials to promote this project.

World Economic Forum Agenda Contributions

GLOBAL HEALTH

It's time we prioritized menstrual health in Nigeria. Here's why



Favour Godwill

Global Shaper, Abuja Hub, World Economic Forum

Dr. Princess Ifeoma Ike

Public Health Optometrist/CEO Princess Vision Eye Clinic Limited Abuja, Nigeria and Global Shaper, Abuja Hub, World Economic Forum

NIGERIA

This year's floods show it's time to rebuild Nigerian volunteering culture



Umar Mohammed Abdulmalik

Founder, Angels of Hope

The Abuja Global Shapers Community was proud to have three of our very own contribute to the Forum Agenda in the past few months! Favour Godwill and Princess Ike penned a piece highlighting the urgent need to address period poverty, using the hub's Pad and Pant Project as a template for what can be achieved if collective action is made. Read the piece [here](#).

Former Abuja Hub curator, Umar Mohammed Abdulmalik made a case for institutionalized volunteering a tool for national development and better resource management in times of crisis. Read the piece [here](#).

Recycle 4 Education



Since the UBE 2004 policy, Basic Education has been free for all public schools in Nigeria. However, parents and caregivers are still unable to pay for the associated fees that come with accessing education. These associated fees include uniforms, feeding, PTA Levy, cost of learning materials, Examination fees, and the cost of registering for standardized examinations such as NECO, WAEC, or the ERC.➔

←..... Recycle 4 Education

The recycle for Education Project is a two-part project that harnesses the hub's interest in protecting the planet as well as reducing the poor enrollment and completion rate of school children in low-income communities. As such, the hub partnered with Eco-Barter to trade its plastic waste in exchange for funds to support 20 internally displaced children ages 11-15 years into government schools in Abuja. A whopping 100,000 Naira has been raised thus far. The hub appreciates all donors and encourages you to donate towards this initiative. The more waste we recycle, the fewer children we leave behind.

5 Tips To Nail A Scholarship

Courtesy of the AGS Employability and Entrepreneurship Program (EEP).

Impact Area- reSkill for the future

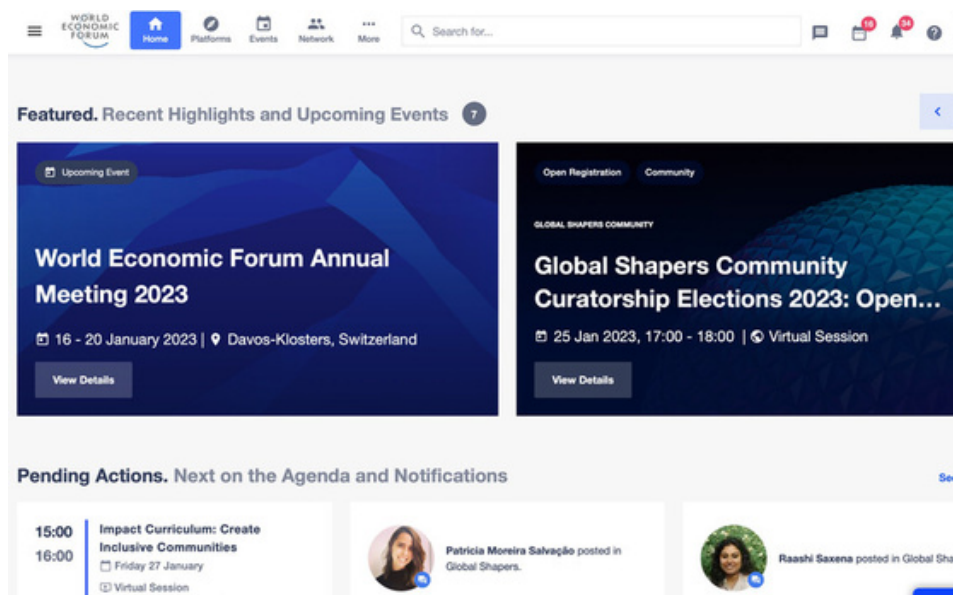
"A scholarship is a reward for an excellent past and a promising future" - Emdee Tihamiyu

1. Best foot forward- Remember that you are in a competitive pool
2. Strong conviction to your purpose- sincerity of purpose builds tenacity
3. No limits- Focus on serving and making an impact anywhere
4. Communication is key- express yourself succinctly
5. Referrals are important- consider using high-level referees for your applications

You can watch the discussion [here](#)



Top Link Do's & Don'ts You Need to Know



TopLink is the World Economic Forum's engagement platform, accessible only by Forum partners and community members, including Global Shapers and Alumni. It is a digital tool used for community, knowledge, and event management as well as showcasing impact.

Whether you are a Toplink newbie or you have been on the platform since the early days, there are a few things you should be doing and some you should avoid!

DO's

1. Optimize your profile
2. Plan your content in advance
3. Add relevant hashtags to expand reach
4. Frequently engage with others to build relationships
5. Use visuals to make your posts appealing

DON'Ts

1. Don't overuse hashtags
2. Don't share negative posts
3. Don't binge post
4. Don't ignore when people @mention you
5. Don't be shy to post

Follow The Money 4 SDGs Hangout - #FTM4SDGS



As we inch closer to 2030, it is becoming critical for the global collective to periodically take stock of how far we have come with achieving each one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while ideating different strategies for deepening impact, expanding reach, and creating sustainable solutions for all.

On September 17th 2022, The Abuja Global Shapers Community was thrilled to partner with Connected Development and Follow The Money for their SDGs hangout, which celebrated a decade empowering communities! Members of the hub showed up to the venue at Millennium Park, Abuja in solidarity of the global call to action, which was #ACT4SDGs, a hashtag speaking to the need for new solutions and new approaches, to ultimately #FlipTheScript on how we tackle the world's most pressing challenges

In spite of the seriousness of the event's subject matter, the hangout was a great avenue for young people passionate about development to have fun, party and celebrate one another for all the progress made thus far, recharging before we gear up for another decade of advocating for a better future for us all.

Gender-Inclusive Plastic Recycle Action



AGS won the World Economic Forum's 3,000 USD Climate Reality Project Incubator Grant to implement its Gender-Inclusive Plastic Recycle Action. In 2020, the hub equally won a 10,000 USD grant from the World Economic Forum to plant 5,000 trees in Abuja. Watch the Documentary of the renowned 5000 Trees Planting Project [here](#).

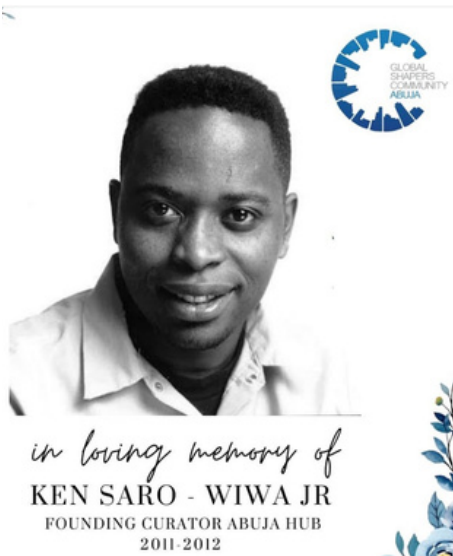
The GIPRA project seeks to promote a plastic waste-free environment through the mobilization and empowerment of 10 girls in schools to learn hands-on skills for recycling plastic waste in their communities.

To achieve this, the project will objectively:

- Promote young girls' participation in waste management and recycling at the sub-national level of governance.
- Empower young people to drive for social change and community sustenance in Nigeria.

GIPRA is at its first stage of implementation, selection of Exo-champions at select schools in Abuja.

A Tribute to Our Founding Curator



The Abuja Hub of the Global Shapers Community paid tribute to the founding curator, Ken Saro-Wiwa Jr, whose passion for social impact and development in local communities was a strong proponent in the creation of the hub, a unifying factor in the GSC at large.

“On this day, we honour and remember a leader, who dedicated his life to serving humanity and raising leaders. A leader who invested in others and impacted positively in their lives. A leader who still leads and inspires many even in death. We hope you are looking at us with a smile on your face and pride in your heart.”

Read the tributes [here](#).

Global Shapers Annual Summit, 2022



In September, over 500 hub leaders representing 150 countries participated in the 2022 Global Shapers Annual Summit. This year's summit, which was the first in-person annual summit after over two years, was themed "leading change together" and held from the 2nd to 4th of September.

The Global Shapers Annual Summit provides a platform for hub leaders to exchange ideas on driving dialogue and action to address local, regional and global challenges - as declared in the Global Shapers Community's mission statement, "to build a global community of outstanding young people committed to improving the state of the world" The Annual Summit is an opportunity for thousands of voices and perspectives to come together to dissect how progress can be made every year.

The 2022 Summit was aimed at enhancing leadership in the Community's six main impact areas: creating Inclusive communities, reskilling for the future, improving health and well-being, delivering basic needs, protecting the planet and strengthening civic engagement.





Global Shapers Annual Summit, 2022

It was also aimed at strengthening the sense of purpose of young leaders and building the skills, tools and bonds needed to create impact and influence global affairs. The 2022 Summit's agenda comprised sessions on safeguarding youth mental health and wellbeing, encouraging youth activism and engagement, as well as community activities to forge connections and practical workshops to inspire action. The founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, Prof. Klaus Schwab, was present and participated in the interactive opening plenary session on "Inspiring a generation of responsible leaders." At the end of the Summit, Shapers around the world were urged to create lasting positive change in their Communities and the world continues.

Alumnus Spotlight - Jake Effoduh, A Decade At The Bar



Ten years after being called to the Nigerian Bar, a photo collection motivated 35 lawyers to reflect on their Law School experience, sharing what their lives and legal careers have become, and the other paths they have taken.

A Decade at the Bar is an anthology of professional experiences showing perhaps the most crucial years of the lawyer's journey: the transition from getting an education to entering practice. It is a guide for law students and lawyers, a showcase of the many ways that they can serve their country and fulfill their dreams.

Available for order [here](#)



Shape Up Mentoring



This project is a unique initiative designed to support and guide young people into the career pathways of their choice, building outstanding teenagers fully equipped to become tomorrow's leaders. For us, it is imperative that students actively participate in character development activities as part of their educational experience at school. It is in the best interest of students for their future success that they leave school with a solid foundation in moral development, as well as academic proficiency in the core areas. With this in mind, the members of the Abuja Global Shapers engaged some students of Covenant Foundation School Gudu Abuja on a character building training session on RESPECT. The feedback received from the staff and students of the school was so heart warming. We are so happy to be in a community that helps make a difference in the world.



Give-A-Gift (Orphanage Visitation)

As Brooke Randolph once said "children without families are the most vulnerable people in the world." The Abuja hub of the Global Shapers Community decided to spread the joy of generosity by reaching out to the Orphans at the City of Refuge Orphanage Durumi Abuja. With NGN125,000 raised from free will donations, the hub bought and donated food items, and toiletries. They were all happy and full of gratitude, expressing how much the gesture meant to them. By the time we left the orphanage, the atmosphere was filled with hope. With so little, we can do so much!

#AbujaCycling2022: Prioritizing Wellness and our Environment



The potential effects of Climate change and mental health illness are growing concerns in Nigeria. Cleaner modes of commuting, such as cycling, could contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving public health and productivity. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), safe infrastructure for cycling is also a pathway for achieving greater health equity. For the poorest urban sector, who often cannot afford private vehicles, cycling can provide a form of transport while reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke, certain cancers, diabetes, and even death. Accordingly, improved active transport is not only healthy; it is also equitable and cost-effective.

The Abuja Global Shapers in partnership with Gate Field Impact, ChainGang Cycling Club, Centre for Civic Citizens' Welfare and Community Development (CWCD) Africa, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) organised and delivered an awareness Project. This included a Twitter space, a cycling dialogue session and a cycling event.

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