

VUMBUZI MULTIPLIER IMPACT FUND

A USD 2 Billion Fund Dedicated to Reforestation &
Land Restoration in Africa





Why Vumbuzi Multiplier Impact Fund?

Global deforestation and forest growth over the past 30 years has been significant in Africa, with large variations in the net forest change by country and region. Yet Africa is the home to the largest forest reserves in the world.



65% of Sub-Saharan Africa's arable land is becoming too damaged to support robust food production



Every country in Africa is prone to desertification, in particular Sahelian countries



28% of all lands in Sub-Saharan Africa are being actively degraded today



Timber logging and fuelwood usage contributes 85% of forest degradation in Africa

Africa has adopted a 100-million-hectare restoration target through the AFR100 and Great Green Wall initiatives. To meet the 20-million-hectare interim target by 2027, communities and SMEs must restore an estimated 8 million hectares of degraded land to keep on track with the efforts to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

About Vumbuzi Multiplier Impact Fund

The initiative is captured under an umbrella structure: "Vumbuzi" which means to innovate or to discover in Swahili. Vumbuzi has four pillars: a Foundation to recognize the importance of forests for people and planet; a Private Fund to account for complexities of reforestation; a Public Fund to factor in externalities and impact at different scales; and the first ever Sports and Sustainability Program in Africa – "MillionS Wins for the Planet" linking wins in Sports to Reforestation.

Vumbuzi has an Innovative Financing Solution leveraging philanthropic and concessional sources of finance to tap into the liquidity in the capital markets.

The Fund has 5 Strategic Investment Pillars



Diversification

- Diversify across countries, geographies, climate, plantation type and age, and intended end use.



Strategic acquisitions

- Target control or influential minority positions to participate post acquisition.



Opportunistic investment

- Opportunistic investment in operating assets and non-timber forest products
- Active community engagement towards stronger businesses hence transitioning from grants to loans across the value chain.



Forest Management

- Improve forest management (new equipment, training, silvicultural and harvesting techniques).



Value creation

- Biomass for green power generation
- Carbon credit generation opportunities
- Conservation and ecotourism.

About the Vumbuzi Impact Africa Foundation (VIA)

The aim of the foundation is to facilitate and augment the efforts of the World Resources Institute (WRI) in alignment with AFR100 Initiative to bring 100 million hectares of deforested and degraded landscapes across Africa into restoration by 2030.

VIA is a non-profit organization that mobilizes philanthropic resources and catalytic funds to provide technical assistance and facilitate building of investable forest restoration projects while helping to foster country ownership through policy and developing innovative monitoring and tracking platform.



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We at SouthBridge are elated to be at the forefront of the climate change mitigation and adaptation and will continue to bridge the financing in this sector and Africa as a whole. SouthBridge Group aims to bring a unique perspective to tackle some of Africa's challenges.

With the African Forest Funds – Vumbuzi – we are contributing to address a major issue of our time: getting to net zero.

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