

From South Africa to the U.S. and Beyond: Business–Philanthropy Legacy Partnership

Bridging business and philanthropy to finance inclusive growth

Initiative at a glance

A WINGS–Anglo American Foundation–led initiative to institutionalise collaboration between business and philanthropy, mobilising catalytic capital and structured cross-sector partnerships to drive long-term systemic impact aligned with B20 priorities across presidencies

Core activities:

- Formalise philanthropy’s engagement framework within the B20 process
- Build structured spaces for deeper collaboration and thought leadership by convening high-level dialogues at global and national levels
- Develop and launch Aséli Impact Capital, a permanent-capital fund
- Publish strategic note and policy briefs on philanthropy, innovative financing mechanisms and partnerships
- Pilot cross-sector partnership mechanisms
- Coordinate handover to U.S. philanthropy for continuity in 2026

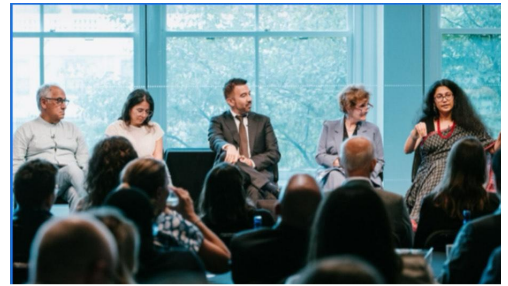
Why it matters

Development finance reforms and declining aid underscore the need for stronger alliances that mobilise private and philanthropic capital.

However, collaboration remains fragmented, with no structured space for these sectors to align efforts, share insights, or define philanthropy’s strategic role beyond gap-filling.

“For the first time, philanthropy and business are coming together to build a partnership architecture that endures across B20 presidencies: creating continuity, driving catalytic investment, and shaping a long-term development agenda.”

*Benjamin Bellegy, Executive Director, WINGS, and
Michael Mapstone, CEO, Anglo American Foundation*



WINGS UNGA event, Sept 2025 “Catalytic Philanthropy” alongside sector thought leaders including Cas Coovadia, B20 South Africa Sherpa

Milestone & timeline

Date	Milestone
2025	UNGA side event, IPASA conference, multiple B20 legacy events
Q1 2026	Launch the Aséli Impact Capital fund Host convenings such as post-G20 showcase, and embed philanthropy’s formal engagement within the B20 process, continuation under U.S. B20 presidency;
Q2 2026	philanthropy sector recommendations and evidence to the B20

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How to engage

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Strategic partnership from the B20 in the form of knowledge partnership, visibility, policy alignment and partnership brokering, enabling the mobilisation of catalytic capital and cross-sector collaboration.