

MESSAGE FROM NABII ZAMBIA CEO

Hello!

Welcome to 2021 and our inaugural edition of the NABII Zambia Newsletter. On a quarterly basis, we will be providing updates on the work of the NABII, share impact investment ecosystem news and developments and catalog impact investment ecosystem meetings and training events, as well as share new publications that we think are of relevance for anyone interested in impact investment.

As NABII, our aim is to provide the platform to promote a compelling impact investment narrative and catalysing of an impact economy in Zambia.

Please do get in touch with us if you would like to share updates through the our Newsletter or are interested in collaborating with us more generally.



Mr. Andrew Kazilimani

NABII Zambia CEO

ABOUT NABII ZAMBIA

The National Advisory Board for Impact Investment (NABII) Zambia is a non-profit cross - sector driven organisation onboarded in November, 2019 to accelerate the growth and effectiveness of the impact investment ecosystem in Zambia. Our mandate is to mobilise stakeholders and resources to support the creation of an impact economy by identifying domestic opportunities for change and innovation that help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

NABII Zambia is a member of the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG), an independent global steering group catalysing impact investment and entrepreneurship to benefit people and the planet.

NABII ZAMBIA UPDATES

Appointment of NABII Chief Executive Officer

NABII is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andrew Kazilimani who will lead the Secretariat in driving the 2020-2022 NABII Strategic Plan. You can read more [here](#).

We also welcomed to our team, Ms. Audrey Hamayanda Zulu who joined as a Communication Specialist

NABII Communication Strategy

We launched the communication strategy aimed at establishing current communications at NABII, on the corporate advocacy framework and on significant input from executive leadership and key external stakeholders by providing the integrated road map to guide country-level communications, advocacy and influencing planning with the goal of realising NABII's three-year Strategic Plan.

NABII Zambia on Social Media Platforms

We are happy to announce our social media presence. We cordially invite you to Follow and Like our LinkedIn [nabiizambia](#), Twitter [@NAB_Zambia](#) and Facebook [@nabiizambia](#) to share updates and promote posts is happening in the impact space.

Impact Investing webinar

In collaboration with our key stakeholders, NABII will hold a webinar event under theme **“Impact investing and Emerging Opportunities in a Post- Covid-19 Pandemic Zambia”** in May, 2021.

For more information and updates about the webinar, please visit our social media sites.

IMPACT WATCH



Securities and Exchanges Commission Launched the regulatory Sandbox for Capital Markets

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) launched the **Regulatory Sandbox** developed in partnership with the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) aimed at enhancing the Zambia's digital economy. The Capital Markets Sandbox will enable SEC to examine, admit and support the development and facilitate a safe introduction of innovation in the capital markets.



GrowthAfrica Opens Application for Accelerator 2021

GrowthAfrica is seeking ambitious and committed entrepreneurs in Zambia among other countries with the potential to grow and create impact through their businesses. The **Acceleration Programme 2021** is designed to help entrepreneurs scale their venture, make it investment ready and develop entrepreneurial leadership acumen with the aim of unlocking significant growth in their business.



SDG Impact Standards Public Consultation

SDG Impact is a global UNDP initiative, catalyzing investment to achieve the SDGs by 2030. UNDP has recently released version 1.0 of the SDG Impact Standards for Bond Issuers and has launched the second public consultation of the SDG Impact Standards for Enterprises. Don't miss the chance to make your voice heard. The consultation period will be open until 31 May 2021. For more information, visit [SDG Impact Standards](#).



Small and Growing Business Evidence Fund

To address the challenge of a limited evidence base for SGBs, the [Small and Growing Business Evidence Fund](#), a joint effort of the [International Growth Centre \(IGC\)](#) and the [Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs \(ANDE\)](#), supports collaborations between researchers and practitioners to understand the most effective ways to support SGBs and the economic and social impact of SGB growth. [Apply here for research funding support](#).



SME Ventures and the Collaborative for Frontier Finance launched the [Fund Manager Portal](#) a collection of open resources focused on emerging markets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Skoll World Forum on 13 - 15 April 2021

The Skoll World Forum (SWF) will be held virtually this year. With the theme “**Closing the Distance**”, the SWF will explore ways to bridge the divides between the world's toughest challenges and the innovative solutions that aim to build a better future for all, taking time to become closer with each other along the way. Registration for the 2021 Forum is free and the sessions are designed for learning, connection, and taking action for anyone dedicated to social progress. Register now for the 2021 [Skoll World Forum](#).

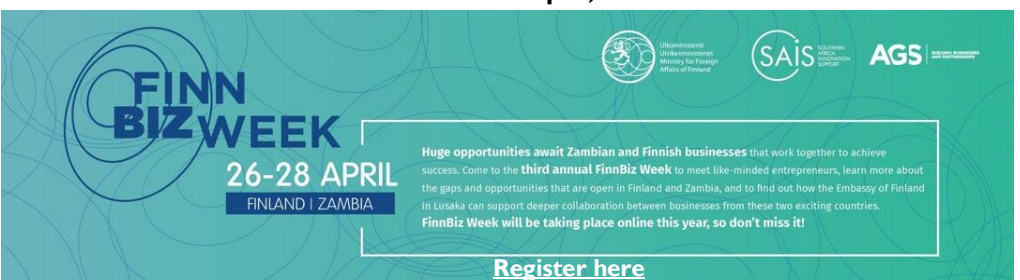
Global Impact Investing Network - Re-imagining Capitalism for Our Future

On 20 April 2021, the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) is hosting a conversation on the theme “re-imagining capitalism”. The session will provide impact investors with for new ideas, conversation around innovative new investments, and practical tools and through this series of free live virtual convenings they will gain greater understanding about impact investing. [The first convening](#) will focus on Inclusive Economic Growth; sessions on Climate Action and Regeneration will follow in summer and fall 2021.

WEAC Panel discussion on 22nd April, 2021

The Women's Entrepreneurship Access Center WEAC will host a panel discussion focusing on the importance of SMEs to post-Covid economic recovery and employment creation in Zambia. The panel discussion will be pre-recorded for online streaming. Time: 10 am to 11:30 am.

Third Annual FinnBiz Week - 26th -28th April, 2021



FINN BIZ WEEK
26-28 APRIL
FINLAND | ZAMBIA

Huge opportunities await Zambian and Finnish businesses that work together to achieve success. Come to the **third annual FinnBiz Week** to meet like-minded entrepreneurs, learn more about the gaps and opportunities that are open in Finland and Zambia, and to find out how the Embassy of Finland in Lusaka can support deeper collaboration between businesses from these two exciting countries. **FinnBiz Week will be taking place online this year, so don't miss it!**

[Register here](#)

Trainings: UCT GBS Impact Investing in Africa executive education course

Are you looking to deepen your impact finance knowledge and practice? Now in its sixth year, the course adopts a blended learning approach (live online sessions, group work, and individual offline work) that is customisable to individual learning objectives, while still ensuring plenty of opportunities for live networking and engagement with the continent's leading impact finance experts. Registration is open for the [Impact Investing in Africa Executive Education Course](#)



2021 GSG Global Impact Summit

Save the Date: 6-8 October for the virtual [#GSGSummit 2021!](#)

Join colleagues from across the impact movement over three days (6-8 October) to work on measures for a just economic recovery and a fairer future for people and the planet.

The community will discuss the best impact initiatives and real-world examples, sharing practical tools and solutions to empower and inspire. This is no ordinary event. This will be a highly connected and immersive experience for everyone involved in developing the impact movement for people and planet.

Find out more: <https://lnkd.in/eZC6ZZx>



Help Us To Promote the Leaders' Declaration

The **Leaders' Declaration** is at the heart of our campaign to put impact investment on the agenda at the G7 and G20 meetings this year. Your backing strengthens our voice with global legislators and policymakers and enables us to recruit more businesses, investors and supporters committed to alleviating hardship for the most vulnerable. If you haven't already, please take a few [minutes to sign our Leaders' Declaration](#) and encourage your contacts to do so too: [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#)

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ABOUT GSG AND NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD (NAB) COUNTRIES

The GSG covers **33 countries** through its **National and Regional Advisory Boards** working to catalyse impact investment in their markets.



IMPACT READS

Impact Economy Digital Edition 2021

The ESG and Impact Investing 2021 Global report is out. Zambia is one of the jurisdictions covered in the [ESG and Impact Investing 2021 Global Report](#) published on Lexology, a world's first.

[Tying funding to results](#), a GSG and EOF action guide

Cliff Prior, [How results-based financing can help improve education, health and employment](#), *World Economic Forum*

Sir Ronald Cohen's book, [IMPACT: Reshaping Capitalism to Drive Real Change](#)

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