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SUSTAINABLE TIMES



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Heritage Month is a fitting moment to take stock of where South Africa's corporate social investment sector has come from, and the tools and evidence base practitioners now have to shape its future.

This edition marks the launch of the *Triologue Sustainable Business Tracker*, our new annual publication examining how South African companies are embedding sustainability into strategy and operations. The publication's release comes as forecasters predict severe El Niño effects over the coming months, a timely reminder of why climate and sustainability planning matter to business resilience. Catch the keynotes and panel discussion from last month's Triologue Sustainability Symposium and [download your copy of the Tracker](#).

We have also developed a new Triologue Academy course. **Mastering Corporate Fundraising** is designed for nonprofits looking to sharpen how they engage corporate funders. *Alongside these*, there's still time to take part in the 29th edition of the *Triologue Business in Society Handbook*, a new reading list from the Triologue Knowledge Hub as well as sponsor resources and case studies from Standard Bank and Harambee.

In unity and heritage,
Team Triologue

TRIALOGUE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS TRACKER 2026



Last month, the Triologue Sustainability Symposium saw the launch of the *Triologue Sustainable Business Tracker*, a new annual research publication that tracks how South African companies are embedding sustainability into strategy and operations. Catch up on keynotes and the panel discussion from the event, and download your free copy of the **Triologue Sustainable Business Tracker**.

LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIIALOGUE BUSINESS IN SOCIETY HANDBOOK 2026



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Production of the 29th edition of the Triologue Business in Society Handbook is well underway. As we witness the changes shaping the social investment landscape, the emphasis this year is on inclusive stakeholder participation.

The Handbook is an opportunity for you to showcase your company's responsible business work in a case study or advertorial that will put the spotlight on your organisation's responsible business achievements. Contact [Lerato Ramoba](#) to secure your spot in the Handbook.

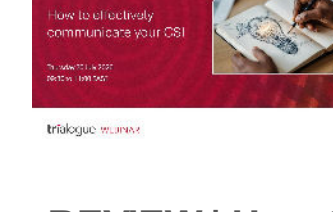
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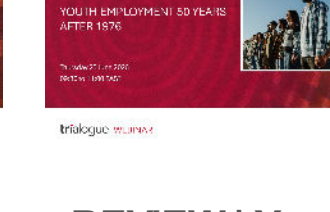
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER |
Building nonprofit capacity through partnerships
September



REVIEW | Beyond projects: building integrated community impact around operations
August



REVIEW | How to effectively communicate your CSI
July



REVIEW | Youth Employment 50 years after 1976
June

TRIALOGUE ACADEMY



NEW COURSE | Mastering Corporate Fundraising

As the fundraising landscape for nonprofit organisations becomes more challenging, nonprofits need smarter approaches and we're excited to launch a new course on fundraising from companies. Hear directly from Triologue experts and corporates themselves on what companies want when they provide funding for social causes. Learn how to build or improve your fundraising strategy to attract corporate donors. Register now for the **Mastering Corporate Fundraising** course.

TRIALOGUE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Add to your reading list

Get up to speed with the most popular Triologue Knowledge Hub insights this spring. These have been some of the most read articles this quarter:

- [Vodacom at 30 years: Celebrating socioeconomic impact](#)
- [State of CSI in South Africa](#)
- [How Capitec embeds a culture of kindness through giving](#)
- [Establishing a foundation: how to choose what's best](#)

Catch up on sponsored content



Investing in early childhood development (ECD) is one of the most effective ways to improve long-term education, health and economic outcomes in South Africa. Sponsored by the **FirstRand Foundation**, the Triologue Knowledge Hub ECD resource shows how well-directed CSI support can strengthen early learning, nutrition, care and protection, with lasting benefits for children and the communities.



Investing in the information and communication technology (ICT) gender gap catalyses women's empowerment, enabling women to participate more fully in the information society. Find more on Triologue's **ICT for gender empowerment** resource, sponsored by the **Vodacom Foundation** and learn how closing the gender gap drives economic competitiveness.

List your nonprofit on the Triologue Knowledge Hub

Increase your organisation's visibility and connect with potential funders and partners by listing your nonprofit on Triologue's searchable **nonprofit directory**. It's a simple way to showcase your work and make it easier for companies and donors to find and support your cause.

INSPIRING CASE STUDIES



STANDARD BANK | CSI beyond the balance sheet – Employees are your impact multiplier

More than 14 000 Standard Bank employees put their time and resources towards worthy causes. Find out how the **company's community involvement programme** contributes to measurable community outcomes.



HARAMBEE | SA Youth: Connecting millions of South African youth to opportunities

Harambee's Youth Employment Accelerator works with partners to address South Africa's youth unemployment crisis. Read about how the **data-free platform SA Youth** connects young people to jobs, training and entrepreneurial opportunities.

TRIALOGUE HIGHLIGHTS

AI Award winners



Congratulations to Tineke Phelps who won the quarterly AI Innovation Award for using AI to develop a Triologue project management and tracking tool.



David Krone was awarded the AI Collaboration Award for upskilling himself on AI and sharing various functionalities with the team.

Triologue supports



Triologue has worked with AECI since July 2025 to strengthen the strategic direction, monitoring, evaluation and governance of its social responsibility portfolio. By embedding an outcomes driven, evidence based approach, the partnership enables AECI to measure impact more effectively, strengthen accountability and direct resources towards interventions with the greatest potential to deliver meaningful, scalable and sustainable value. [Read more here](#).

Triologue in action



Triologue director Cathy Duff participated as a panellist at the launch of **Nedbank Private Wealth's sixth Giving Report** on 10 September. Triologue has supported Nedbank Private Wealth on all six editions of the report, tracking the giving behaviours of wealthy South Africans over time. This year's report finds that 86% of affluent South Africans give money, time or goods. The biggest shift from previous years was that donors are younger, more diverse and more engaged with the causes they give to.



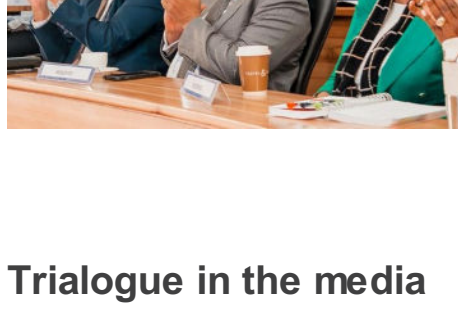
Also on 10 September, our head of social impact advisory Judith Matthis was a panellist at the **Africa Nonprofits Summit 2026**. Held under the theme *Uniting nonprofits for impact through credibility, innovation and sustainability*, the summit explored practical approaches to strengthening organisational credibility, sustainability and impact across Africa.



Judith also attended the **Digital Inclusion Summit South Africa** in September, themed *Confronting Digital Poverty and Unlocking Inclusive Digital Opportunity*. The summit aimed to shape a shared agenda for advancing digital inclusion in South Africa, and curated rich discussions on creative solutions to digital access, inclusion and opportunity.

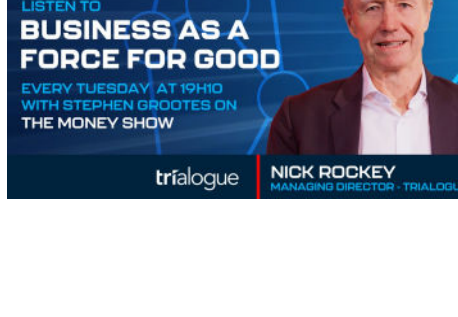


On 2 September, managing director Nick Rockey participated as a panellist at the **IFC Cape Town Pop Up** on the *State of Fundraising in South Africa*. The panel explored emerging trends in fundraising, including giving by individuals, foundations and companies.



Cathy attended the **Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI)** lecture on *'Catalytic philanthropy and the future of African-led giving'* and the launch of KFC's first social impact report in June. She also participated in the Zenex Foundation's July workshop 'Evidence to action'.

Triologue in the media



Triologue director Nick Rockey featured on Stephen Grootes' *The Money Show* on Radio 702 on 1 September 2026, as part of a new Triologue and Primedia series: *Business as a force for good*. The rest of the series will feature CEOs discussing how they embed sustainability in their businesses. Tune in at 19:20 on Tuesday evenings.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



IPASA 2026 ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY SYMPOSIUM
Transforming Philanthropy From Uncertainty to Opportunity
17-19 November 2026 Kelvin Grove Club Cape Town
The symposium is mandatory for founders and board members.
[REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND](#)

IPASA Annual Philanthropy Symposium 2026

Register for the IPASA Annual Philanthropy Symposium 2026. This funder-exclusive event will be held on 18-19 November 2026 at Kelvin Grove Club, in Newlands, Cape Town. IPASA will also host an optional pre-symposium Masterclass on 17 November.

Under the theme *Transforming Philanthropy: From Uncertainty to Opportunity*, the symposium will explore how funders can adapt and innovate, embracing uncertainty as a catalyst for creative problem-solving, innovation, and systemic change. **Learn more and register for the event.**