



Press release

## Social Enterprise World Forum announces first 20 speakers for SEWF23

*20 social enterprise leaders from 11 countries have been announced in the first release of speakers for SEWF23.*

The Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) has announced the first twenty (20) speakers set to speak at its 16th annual event, [SEWF23](#), from 11-12 October 2023. With a spotlight on the Netherlands this year, Amsterdam Impact and Social Enterprise NL were announced at the closing ceremony of SEWF22 in September 2022, as the Co-hosts for SEWF23.

The newly announced SEWF23 speakers represent a diverse range of emerging and long-standing social enterprises and entrepreneurs from around the world, working within different sectors and addressing multiple issues from increasing access to financial opportunities for women in Nigeria, to ensuring that the wellbeing of Indigenous people in Aotearoa New Zealand are respected, as well as creating alternative, plastic-free self-care items for individuals in the Netherlands and beyond.

Thousands of social enterprise leaders and supporters from around the world are set to attend the hybrid Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF23) online and at the Kromhouthal, Amsterdam Noord in the Netherlands to discuss some of the world's greatest challenges, which social enterprises are working to address. The five themes for SEWF23 are:

- Ecosystems: Increasing opportunities for trade, collaboration and collective action
- Fairness: Ensuring equality and inclusion for all
- Migration: Entrepreneurial solutions for better lives
- New Economy: Putting people and planet first
- Planet: Living and trading within planetary boundaries

As part of SEWF's commitment to [sustainability](#) and to ensure the event is accessible, options to participate include in person attendance, online participation and attendance via SEWF Community Hubs around the world. With Community Hubs, social enterprises gather locally to host local conversations while being connected to the global SEWF23 event.

SEWF23 speaker Tatiana Glad, Executive Director of Impact Hub Network advised social enterprise leaders to follow their passions, their purpose and to trust that anywhere one starts, is often the right place. *"Social entrepreneurship often involves complex challenges that require collaboration and partnerships. Seek opportunities to collaborate with others including government agencies, local communities, and other social enterprises. Together, you can leverage resources, knowledge and networks to achieve greater impact!"*

In addition to the flagship event from 11-12 October, SEWF23 Week will feature Social Enterprise Tours in Amsterdam and other locations on 9 and 13 October and SEWF23 Fringe Day on 10 October. More programme announcements will be made over the coming weeks. To purchase your ticket or view the programme of events, visit [SEWF2023.com](#)

## The first 20 speakers for SEWF23 are:

**Chmba Chilemba** (Tiwale and We Are Family Foundation, Malawi), **Atif Choudhury** (Diversity and Ability, United Kingdom), **Petro Darmoris** (Social Economy Ukraine, Ukraine), **Marieke Eyskoot** (Marieke Eyskoot, The Netherlands), **Sumita Ghose** (Rangsutra Crafts India, India) **Tatiana Glad** (Impact Hub Network, The Netherlands), **Danique Gunning** (MUD Jeans, The Netherlands), **Peter Holbrook** (Social Enterprise UK, United Kingdom), **Tony Joy** (Durian Foundation, Nigeria), **Merve Kavas** (Yekpare, Turkey), **Kenneth Kwok** (Global Citizen Capital, Hong Kong), **Monique Lempers** (Fairphone, The Netherlands), **Vivi Lin** (With Red and Period Museum, Taiwan), **Leida Rijnhout** (World Fair Trade Organization, The Netherlands), **Pim Roggeveen** (WEAR, The Netherlands), **Paul Schoenmakers** (Tony's Chocolonely, The Netherlands), **Thami Schweichler** (United Repair Centre/Makers Unite, The Netherlands), **Awerangi Tamihere** (Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency, Aotearoa New Zealand), **Innocent Tshilombo** (Kakuma Ventures, Kenya), **Joshua van den Hurk** (Bamboovement, The Netherlands).

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[About Social Enterprise World Forum](#): SEWF's goal is to strengthen the global social enterprise movement to accelerate our transition to a new economy. Since the first Social Enterprise World Forum in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2008, our events have brought together thousands of people from around the world to build community, capacity and capability within the social enterprise sector. Each year, we move around the world, working with a different co-host to bring you challenging, topical programmes featuring local, national and international expertise.

[About Amsterdam Impact](#): Amsterdam Impact, an initiative by the City of Amsterdam, is here to strengthen the ecosystem for all companies that tackle societal challenges through entrepreneurship. Amsterdam Impact guides social enterprises through their ecosystem, offering support tools needed to make an impact and contribute to a wellbeing economy.

[About Social Enterprise NL](#): In 2012, Social Enterprise NL started the social enterprise movement in the Netherlands to work towards a better ecosystem. Social Enterprise NL aims to increase the visibility of social enterprises by:

- Providing support to its members such as business support programmes, accelerators and network events.
- Facilitating a favourable business environment: influence government, public bodies, corporations, and investors to break down barriers for success of social enterprises.
- Inspiring social and entrepreneurial action: encourage more research and education on the topic of social entrepreneurship, and by endorsing social entrepreneurs and their enterprises.

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