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Message from Managing Partner

Dear clients, partners, and supporters!

We are delighted to share our mid-2025 newsletter with you. This bulletin showcases the extensive work 4IP Group has done during the first half of the year, from thought leadership on remittance flows to groundbreaking contributions in digital impact tracking and diaspora FDI mobilization. In this edition, we also emphasize our deepening role in knowledge dissemination via academic lectures, policy shaping via UNIDO training, and media thought leadership through CNN features and magazine contributions. We thank you for continuing to engage with our mission: to catalyze impact investing and sustainable infrastructure in emerging markets and for the first time also covering Switzerland, Denmark and Italy!

Part I – Thought Leadership in Action

In the first half of 2025, 4IP Group's Managing Partner, Dr. Christian Kingombe, continued to advance the global conversation on impact investing through strategic lectures, high-level panels, and published content. His insights were featured in CNN's global coverage on remittances to Sub-Saharan Africa, where he emphasized the role of fintech innovation in reducing transaction costs and improving access to finance.

Christian delivered a guest lecture on ESG integration and SDG impact management at the EU Business School in Geneva in March, educating emerging leaders on tools for achieving measurable social and environmental outcomes through finance.

Dr. Christian Kingombe is a recognised thought leader at the intersection of faith and impact investing, bringing a deeply values-driven perspective to the global movement for Faith Consistent Investing (FCI). At the 1st Faith & Impact Forum at the Vatican in May 2021, he shared practical insights on aligning faith principles with investment strategies that drive measurable social and environmental impact, while preserving the integrity of mission-driven capital. His work continues to inspire faith communities and asset owners to see investing as a tool for stewardship, justice, and systemic change in the global economy.

Additionally, his contribution to Impact Entrepreneur Magazine included an article titled "Rewriting Africa's Impact Investment Narrative," which garnered over 300 reads and positioned him as a leading voice advocating for transformative capital deployment in frontier markets.

Part II – Global Engagement and Ecosystem Building

A major milestone in Q2 was Christian's facilitation of a training session during the UNIDO Business Diplomacy Workshop in Vienna (10–12 June). There, he led a 90-minute session on the role of diaspora communities in promoting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), focusing on trust-building, gender-smart engagement, and effective economic diplomacy frameworks.

Earlier in the year, Christian represented 4IP at the Sustainable Finance Geneva (SFG) General Assembly, contributing to programming for the upcoming SIIA Impact Summit in Lausanne. These events are vital to strengthening 4IP's policy influence and strategic collaborations.

Part III – Publications, Trainings & Impact Dialogues

January 2025 began with the publication of a strategic background note exploring the potential of fintech solutions to address remittance inequities. Drawing on real-time data and research, this note outlines how mobile money, blockchain, and AI-powered platforms can help lower transaction costs by up to 60% in select African corridors.

From January to March, Christian facilitated an 8-week 'Faith-Driven Entrepreneur' training programme, blending faith-based principles with ESG frameworks. Dr. Christian Kingombe has recently contributed to advancing Faith Consistent Investing (FCI) through his presentations at Spring Rain Global's event in Manila, The Philippines, in January, where he explored practical pathways for faith-based asset owners to align their capital with mission-driven impact. In collaboration with Tulip Training, he also delivered tailored training to Catholic CPDs, equipping them with tools and frameworks to integrate faith principles into their investment strategies while advancing social and environmental stewardship.

4IP Group is pleased to announce its new partnership with 3i Sustainability, strengthening our commitment to equipping asset owners and entrepreneurs with practical tools to advance impact investing and Faith Consistent Investing (FCI). All of our primary offerings—including ESG toolkits, SDG Impact Standards implementation, pipeline building, and tailored advisory services—are now accessible on the 3i Sustainability platform:

Explore our offerings here!

Our collaboration has also been featured in a detailed interview and podcast with the co-founder of the 3i platform, capturing how 4IP Group supports clients in aligning capital with impact, faith, and sustainability goals globally.

Part IV – Upcoming Initiatives & Strategic Focus

Looking forward, from 8–11 July, 4IP Group's Managing Partner, Dr. Christian Kingombe, will participate in the AI for Good Summit at Palexpo, Geneva, followed by the AI Showcase Virtual Conference on 17 July.

From 16–18 September, he will speak at the 3i “Better You, Better Business, Better World” Sustainability Summit, an online event designed to ignite transformation within the 3i Tribe Partner community. From 22–24 September, Christian will attend the GRFC Futures Fairs, after which 4IP Group will resume the Coppet Freedom of Speech Debate Series with a debate on Climate Change and Climate Action in Coppet on 24 September.

Preparations are also underway for the SIIA Impact Summit to be held on 3 October 2025 at EHL in Lausanne. With a theme of "Technology & Finance for a Sustainable Future", this summit is expected to convene leading stakeholders from across the global impact landscape.

Finally, we are strengthening our partnerships with accelerators and economic support organisations to co-deliver ESG toolkit trainings and with investment readiness training programmes across Africa and Europe.

A few words from our team members:

“Bongo-Hives and WEAC in Zambia have both agreed to partner with us. They each want to sign a financial service agreement whereby we engage as their Financial Advisor and agree to advise, consult, and assist The Company in raising capital in connection with our bi-monthly Impact Lions’ Den e-pitching sessions”.

– Saratu Dikko

“During my time with 4IP, I’ve supported key investment readiness efforts by completing three full pipeline assessments including financial analysis, investor mapping, and tailored outreach material. One of my main deliverables has been the creation of structured investor profiles aligned with sector focus, geography, and impact thesis — enabling more targeted capital engagement for upcoming fundraising rounds”.

– Jack Mallon

“As a Marketing Intern at 4IP Group, I’ve contributed to the visibility and outreach of our ESG Toolkit and SDG Impact Standards by supporting digital marketing campaigns, content development, and website updates. I also played a role in reviving the 4IP newsletter using AI tools, helping us communicate our impact story to a wider audience across Europe and Africa.”

– Sofiya Karsakova

Closing Remarks

As we enter Q3, we thank all our collaborators, clients, and supporters. We remain committed to shaping sustainable finance practices and creating measurable impact. We look forward to continuing our engagement with you through our advisory services, publications, training sessions, and strategic partnerships.

With warm regards,
The 4IP Group Team

Additional Highlights and Media Engagements

In addition to major events and publications, 4IP Group has increased its presence through digital and traditional media. We've grown our LinkedIn audience significantly, reaching new markets and fostering dialogues around diaspora investing, climate-smart finance, and ESG integration for SMEs. Over 15 dedicated posts were shared from January to June, highlighting our training programs, international engagements, and participation in global conferences.

This half-year also marked the launch of 4IP Group's new podcast, The Invisible Heart, a series dedicated to conversations with General Partners of leading impact funds investing in Africa. The podcast explores innovative approaches to impact investing in the Global South, with the aim of inspiring aspiring and emerging fund managers to learn directly from the experiences of their peers. In its first season, The Invisible Heart has interviewed 10 GPs, offering practical insights into building, managing, and scaling impact funds across Africa. The series will be released after the summer break and shared across our social media channels, both in full episodes and as concise 2–3 minute clips for easy learning and inspiration.

Did You Know? In addition to providing advisory and training services, 4IP Group also acts as a specialised consulting firm with expertise in conducting Impact Investing Market Sizing studies for clients seeking to understand and navigate emerging markets. We are equipped to deliver UNDP SDG Invest mapping and UNIDO ACP Invest Platforms transaction management consultancies, supporting clients in aligning investments with the SDGs while advancing pipeline development and execution. Additionally, 4IP Group proactively sources consultancy opportunities through the DevelopmentAid platform, ensuring we remain agile and responsive to the evolving needs of the impact investing ecosystem.

We encourage all partners, clients, and stakeholders to visit <https://4ipgroup.com/> and follow our social channels for the latest insights, training opportunities, and event announcements. Together, we continue to redefine what's possible at the intersection of capital, climate, and community.

How You Can Get Involved

- **Follow 4IP Group on LinkedIn for real-time updates on our fieldwork, training sessions, and thought leadership articles.**
- **Read our full Impact Entrepreneur Magazine articles, especially the June 2025 issue, where Dr. Kingombe outlines strategic steps for inclusive finance.**
- **Watch and share episodes of the Invisible Heart Podcast with peers and partners interested in high-impact investing.**
- **Reach out to collaborate on bespoke ESG integration strategies or to co-develop localised capacity building projects.**
- **Register early for the 2025 SIIA Summit in Lausanne – spots are limited!**
- **We look forward to building the future of impact with you.**

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