

4IP Group Newsletter | May–December 2025

From Thought Leadership to Capital Mobilisation

Advancing impact investing, entrepreneurship, and system change across emerging markets

Editorial Note

Dear partners, colleagues, clients, and friends,

The past three quarters — from **May to December 2025** — have marked one of the most intensive and consequential periods in **4IP Group’s journey**.

From high-level global forums in Geneva, Rome, Hong Kong, and Lausanne, to new publications, podcasts, ecosystem-building initiatives, and the formal launch of our second impact fund, **Invisible Heart Ventures II (IHV2)**, this period reflects our commitment to **turning ideas into investable action**.

We thank our clients, collaborators, former and current colleagues, and our **nearly 2,000 LinkedIn followers** for being part of this journey.¹

1. Events & Public Engagements

(Representing 4IP Group & SIIA)

Between May and December 2025, [Christian Kingombe](#), Managing Partner of 4IP Group, represented the firm at numerous **high-level international platforms**, including:

United Nations & Geneva Ecosystem

- [Geneva Forum on Impact Finance \(Palais des Nations\)](#)
- [UNECE PPP Working Party \(WPPPP9\)](#)
- [WTO Knowledge Sharing Conference on Trade in Services](#)



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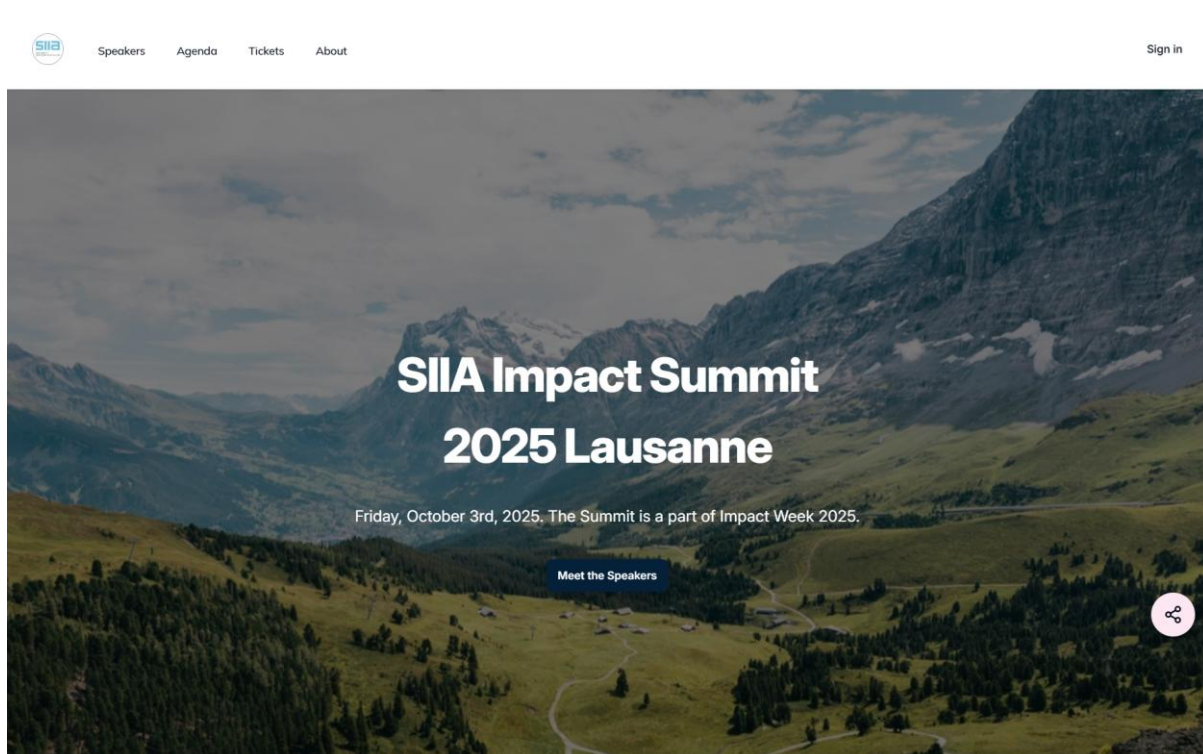
Asia & Global Faith-Based Capital

- [Asian Philanthropic Development Conference \(Hong Kong\)](#)
- [Presentations on *Impact Investing for Faith-Based Organisations*](#)

Switzerland

- [SIIA Impact Summit 2025 \(Lausanne, EHL\)](#)²
- Coppet Freedom of Speech Debate Series (partnered with SIIA)³

These engagements reinforced **4IP Group's positioning at the intersection of impact investing, policy, blended finance, and entrepreneurship.**



² [SIIA Summit](https://www.siiasummit2025.com/) - <https://www.siiasummit2025.com/>

³ The **Coppet Debate Series** is an initiative based in Coppet, Switzerland, focused on fostering open discussion on critical societal issues, often touching upon themes of free speech and intellectual exchange.

Key Details regarding the Coppet Freedom of Speech Debate Series:

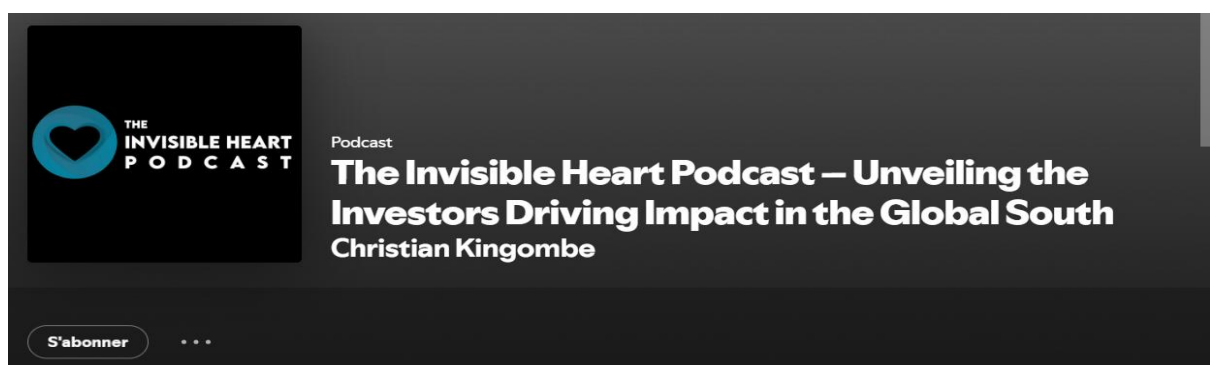
- **Context and Location:** The debates are held in Coppet, Canton de Vaud, Switzerland, at the Salle Communale.
- **Historical Significance:** The venue draws on the legacy of the salon hosted by Madame de Staël between 1803 and 1812, which was a historical hub for the exchange of ideas across different cultures and movements.
- **Format:** The events generally involve 8 guest speakers who each argue for or against a specific motion for a maximum of 5 minutes.
- **Example Topics:** A debate held on March 11, 2024, focused on the topic: "*ESG and Impact Investing: What's the Difference? Does ESG have a Trust Deficit?*".

2. Podcasts & Knowledge Dissemination

Throughout 2025, we continued developing [The Invisible Heart Podcast Series](#), exploring:

- Impact investing beyond ESG
- Faith-driven and values-based capital
- African entrepreneurship and SME finance
- Diaspora capital mobilisation

These conversations complement our advisory and fund-building work by **bridging practice, policy, and lived experience**.



3. Publications & Thought Leadership


4IP Group Background Papers

[Key publications released in 2025](#) include:

- **[Background Paper No. 11](#)**
A non-traditional approach to Impact VC investment in Emerging Market Economies⁴
→ This paper officially **kick-started** [Invisible Heart Ventures II \(IHV2\)](#)
- Background papers on:
 - UNECE PPPs & the Sevilla Commitment
 - Diaspora capital & the DRC National Platform for Impact Investing

⁴ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/invisible-heart-ventures%E2%80%99-ihv2_4ip-background-paper-no11a-non-traditional-approach-to-impact-vc-investment-in-emes-activity-7410432594359697408-m9SP?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAAYmuQBOAyHDUA55BrHcx48grFLKm0yHRg

- Financial sovereignty and Africa's capital architecture

 All publications are available here:

 <https://4ipgroup.com/brochures/>

4. Articles & Media Contributions


Christian Kingombe continued contributing as [a correspondent for Impact Entrepreneur Magazine](#), publishing articles on:

- Impact capital mobilisation
- SME financing gaps
- Blended finance
- Faith-consistent investing


 Author page:

<https://impactentrepreneur.com/author/ckingombe4ipgroup-org/>


ARTICLES BY CHRISTIAN KINGOMBE




Rewriting Africa's Impact Investment Narrative
A profile of Exotic EPZ
Christian Kingombe - June 17, 2025




Empowering Women-led Agribusinesses in Kenya
A profile of Exotic EPZ
Christian Kingombe - November 14, 2024




Empowering Change
The SDG Impact Standards' role in shaping sustainable futures
Christian Kingombe - February 28, 2024



A Decade-long Journey to the Africa Impact Summit
A turning point?
Christian Kingombe - August 2, 2023




Unleashing the Potential of Village Entrepreneurs
Helene Dudley - November 19, 2025




Empowering Indigenous Firefighters
Susan Chaffin - November 18, 2025

EDITOR'S PICKS


This Month This Week All Time



Youth as Co-Creators of Capital Systems
Multiple Authors - December 29, 2025



AI Really Does Make Better Chocolate
Richard Hartung - December 22, 2025



Bridging the Measurement Gap
Gloria Uwingabiye - December 18, 2025

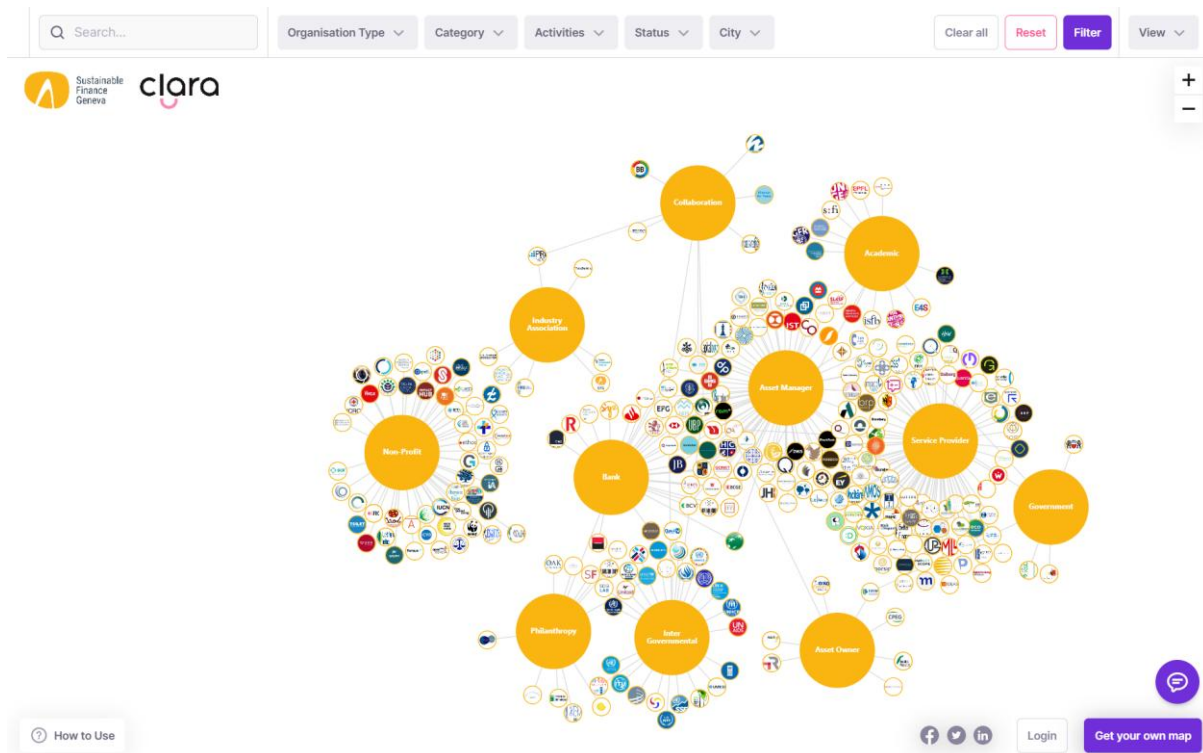
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WEBINARS

5. Association & Pro Bono Ecosystem Work

Swiss Impact Investment Association (SIIA)

- Christian concluded [a 5-year Board mandate](#)
- Played a key role in:
 - [Building Bridges](#) conferences: 2021, 2022 and 2023.
 - [Geneva ecosystem expansion](#)
 - Impact Investor Circle Series (Africa-focused)



National Platform for Impact Investing – DRC (NPII-DRC)

- 4IP Group is now **actively supporting the establishment** of the NPII-DRC
- Christian serves as **Coordinator of the NPII-DRC Taskforce**
- Focus areas include:
 - Diaspora Direct Investment
 - Congo Basin & climate finance
 - Governance & investment readiness
 - The five pillars of the DRC impact investment ecosystem

This marks a strategic shift from **global agenda-setting** to **national system-building**.



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Presentation of the DRC Taskforce for the establishment of national platform for impact investment Nov 2025



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Podcast



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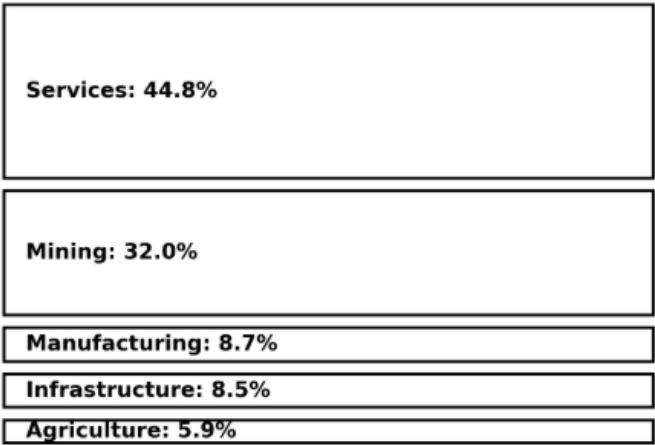
Exciting news from the DRC! We've launched a national taskforce to establish a platform for impact investment. This marks a pivotal step to channel private funds into sustainable development, aligning with global networks. Ready to drive change in 2025! #ImpactInvesting



Presentation of the DRC Taskforce for the establishment of national platform for impact investment Nov 2025
by Christian Kingombe
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DRC Investment Inflows by Sector (Indicative Split)

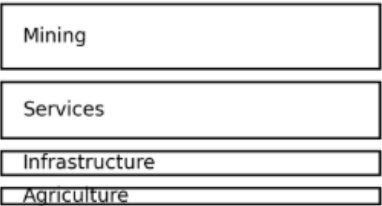
Approved projects – Mining separated from Manufacturing (2019–2023)



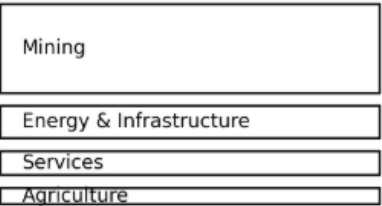
Note: Mining vs manufacturing split is indicative for communication purposes.

DRC Investment Trends: 5-Year Pattern vs Recent 12 Months

2019–2023 (5-year pattern)



Last 12 months (recent approvals)



Illustrative comparison highlighting recent concentration in mining and energy-related investments. Use for strategy and narrative framing rather than statistical reporting.

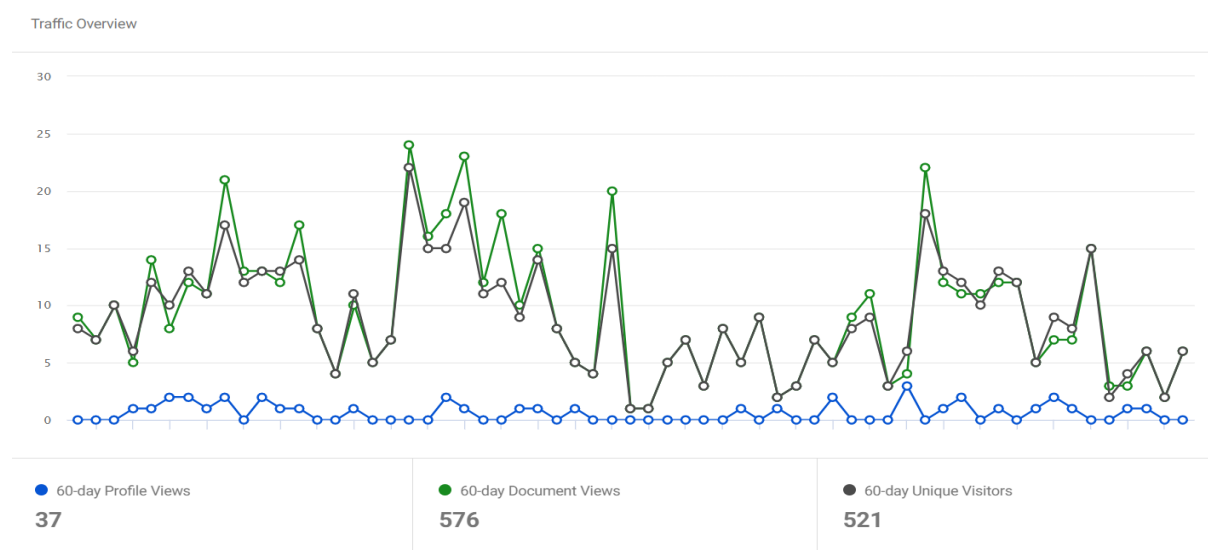
Illustrative overview of investment inflows into the Democratic Republic of Congo. Despite sustained foreign investment, capital remains heavily concentrated in extractive sectors, with limited allocation to manufacturing, agriculture, and SME-driven value creation—reinforcing the need for new impact-oriented investment platforms.

6. Academic & Research Credibility

[Christian Kingombe's research work](#) continues to gain global traction:

- **187,295 public views on Academia.edu**
- Ranked in the **Top 2% globally**
- [Former affiliations](#) include:
 - Leading Think Tanks: ODI Global & DIIS
 - Development Finance Institutions: African Development Bank & WBG
 - UN Agencies: UNCTAD, ILO, UNECE, UNECA & UNIDO
 - OECD: OECD Development Centre; EC/EU; GIZ; & UM (DANIDA)
 - African Institutions: AUC & AfCFTA Sec & COMESA Sec.

This academic foundation strengthens **4IP Group's advisory credibility** with asset managers, DFIs, institutional clients and company owners.



7. Looking Ahead: 2026 & Beyond

[Invisible Heart Ventures II \(IHV2\) – Now Fundraising](#)

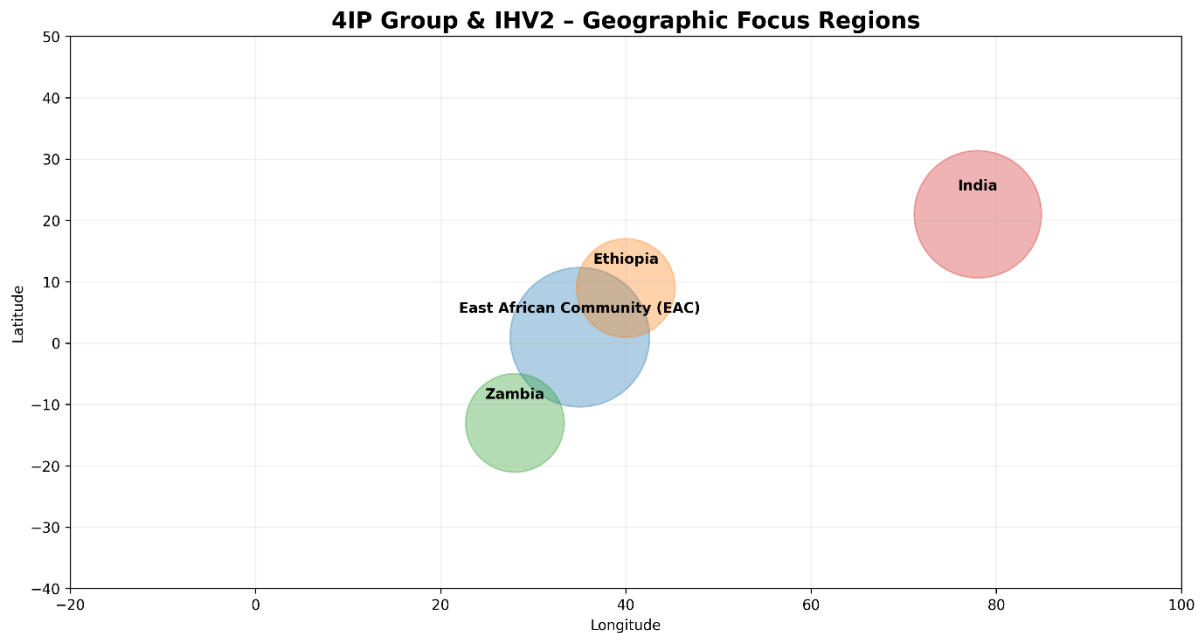
We are now entering the **execution phase** of IHV2, with next steps including:

1. **Grant funding applications** (to cover early OPEX)
2. **Executive search for a Fractional Co-GP / CIO**
(in collaboration with [AI81Works Executive Search](#))
3. **Anchor investor onboarding**

4. **LP outreach** (OECD + focus regions)
5. **Advisory Board formation** (5–7 senior leaders)

📍 Focus regions:

East African Community (EAC), Ethiopia, Zambia, and India.



8. We Are Growing

Open Roles

- [Fractional Co-GP / CIO – IHV2](#)
- **Senior Business Development Officer – 4IP Group**
- [Podcast Producer](#)
- [Internship & consultancy opportunities](#)

Investors Welcome

4IP Group is also open to **strategic investors** to support:

- Digital marketing scale-up
- New service lines
- Expansion of training (MOOC course) & advisory platforms

Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Our clients and current partners: [SRG](#); [Tulip Management Consultancy](#); [LCPA](#); [GRFC](#); Rainmakers (deal-sharing), [PWFO](#), [3i Sustainability](#) etc.
- [Former and current colleagues](#)
- Ecosystem collaborators
- And our **1,974 LinkedIn followers**

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 Contact us for collaboration, advisory mandates, or investment discussions

Wishing you a restful end-of-year and an impactful 2026.

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