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TIME: 6:00PM - 10PM

SME.NG in collaboration with Silicon Valley
Venture Fund is hosting its first "Global Partnerships
Event" in Silicon Valley, CA on August 2nd 2019

Who should attend:

- Venture Funds
- Angel Investors
- Foundations
- Africans in Diaspora
- Influencers

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About SME.ING

SME.ING is Nigeria's small and medium size impact investment platform. Within SME.ING, we have established an impact fund for women at the bottom of the pyramid called "The Ebi Fund". We are also establishing the first all-women's accelerator that facilitates access to financing and market vehicle. The aim of the fund and accelerator is to train women entrepreneurs to use technology to accelerate their business growth and bring indigenous products to the local and global market.

There are currently over 21 million Nigerian women financially excluded and 89.9 Nigerians living below the poverty line. Entrepreneurship is an integral vehicle for breaking the poverty cycle and creating channels of economic empowerment and development.

About SV-NED

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SVNED Inc. facilitates the creation of business opportunities designed for Silicon Valley technology companies to bring their businesses into Emerging Markets. SVNED Inc. is committed to attracting capital investment in the field of info tech, ag tech, health tech and ed tech to further promote economic development growth opportunities to improve the potential of human capital.

Silicon Valley Nigeria Economic Development (SVNED) Inc. has designed a program to bring together a sophisticated group of individuals by advancing their educational and professional careers to help them be more competitive in the Global Market. SVNED has organized training facilitated by the best and brightest professors from ivy league universities in the United States. SVNED Immersion Program (IP) has evaluated the necessary building blocks for an effective business model designed to help startups and accelerators successfully use effective business models to drive innovation thereby creating both economic capital and job growth worldwide.





About the Speakers:



Thelma Ekiyor

Ms. Thelma Ekiyor has over 19 years' experience working in the development sector, as a donor, philanthropic advisor, non-profit practitioner, social entrepreneur, gender expert and researcher. She has experience working in 22 African countries. Ms. Ekiyor is the pioneering Managing Partner & CEO of SME.NG - Nigeria's Impact Investment Platform. She is the Co-Founder/Chairperson of Afrigrants Resources and also served as its pioneering CEO. At Afrigrants, she led the establishment of "Market Women's Quick Cash" - A financial inclusion solution to provide micro-loans to women in disadvantaged communities. The solution has reached thousands of women in the disadvantaged poor communities in Northern Nigeria. It has made it easier for women to receive financial literacy training, business mentoring and access low-interest loans. Ms. Ekiyor is also is Founder & Co-Convener of The Funding Space - a mentoring, training and access to finance platform for social entrepreneurs in Africa. She also led the conceptualization of "The Ebi Fund" - an impact fund for women entrepreneurs. Annually the Funding Space convenes social entrepreneurs,





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Impact investors and donors from across the world learn, meet and support indigenous social entrepreneurs changing African communities. Prior to

establishing Afrigrants, Ms. Ekiyor was the pioneer CEO of TY Danjuma Foundation, and grew an endowment of \$100 million.

Prior to that, she served as the Pioneering Executive Director at the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), based in Ghana, established by the George Soros Foundation. She was also the first Female Director at the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), where she established a women's network, which supported over 3,000 women across West Africa. Ms. Ekiyor also served as the Senior Manager at the Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, where she advised and built the capacity of African governments and civil society in post-conflict reconstruction countries.

Ms. Ekiyor holds an MBA (Entrepreneurship & Innovation) from Imperial College London, UK; a Law Degree (LLB Honours) from University of Buckingham UK. She is also a Fellow of Stanford University, USA. She is an Alumna of the African Women's Leadership Institute and has received several awards for her contributions to women in Africa. Ms. Ekiyor has served as Strategic Policy Adviser to UN Women Nigeria. She is currently a Board Member on ALL ON, the renewable energy impact fund in West Africa established by Shell. She has also served on the Boards of acclaimed organisations such as the Global Centre on R2P in New York. She is also past Chair of the Global Civil Society Coalition of Responsibility to Protect.





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Philip Southwell

Philip is a Board Member of SME.NG. He is a partner of Chapel Hill Denham and has a 25-year career in

investment banking and principal investing with Deutsche Bank & Bank of America Merrill Lynch, mostly focused on emerging markets in Asia, Middle East, Central Europe and also in Africa where he has been operating continuously since 1998.

Philip has advised on and financed many of Africa's largest M&A and capital markets transaction. He has deep management and operational experience and has led complex, regulated businesses in many African and Emerging Markets and was CEO of an Emerging Market Merchant Bank, Exotix Partners and of EFG-Hermes' GCC business.

Philip co-founded the Nigeria Infrastructure Debt Fund and the Nigeria Real Estate Investment Trust in Nigeria.





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About the host:



Denise Williams

Denise Ajayi Williams is the President and Cofounder of Silicon Valley- Nigerian Economic Development Inc. (SV-NED).

SV-NED Inc. is responsible for officially inviting and welcoming the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Osinbanjo, Minister of Defense, Mansur Dan Ali, and cultural leader His Imperial Majesty, Ooni of Ife, Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II to Silicon Valley. SV-NED is also responsible for the successful completion of two Immersion Training & Certification Programs with a graduating class of 120 people all from Nigeria. On June 23-29th 2019, the SV-NED was selected and invited by the Bay Area Council on the 2019 Cross Border Tour to China. Leading to SV-NED developing Accelerators in 3 Continents: North America, Asia, and Africa within 3 years.

Williams serves on the board of 3 companies, including SV-NED Inc., Global Connection for Women Foundation, and Sky Clinic Connect.





Event Schedule:

Time	Activity	Who
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Networking/ Cocktail hour	
7:00 pm - 7:10 pm	Welcome Address & Introductions	Host: Denise Williams President & Cofounder SVNED
7:10 pm - 7:25 pm		<u>Speaker 1</u> Thelma Ekiyor Managing Partner, SME.NG
7:25 pm - 7:50 pm	Entertainment & Dinner	Live Band or Live Violist
7:50 pm - 8:00pm		<u>Speaker 2</u> Phil Southwell Partner, SME. NG
8:00 pm - 8:15pm	Q&A Session	SME.NG
8:15 pm - 8:30 pm	<u>Keynote Speakers</u>	TBD
8:30 pm - 9:00 pm	*1:1 Private Meeting with select investors, open conversations with stakeholders	
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Entertainment & Closing Remarks	Live Band or Live Violist

