

OPENING REMARKS AT INSPIRE CONFERENCE 2022 – PAUL WAFULA WABWIRE – PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN INSPIRE SYNERGY and INSPIRE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Honor:

Our Guest of Honor, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth, the King of kings, the LORD of Lords, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Alpha and Omega, Ladies and Gentlemen let us **stand up and put our hands together and let us make a joyful noise as we celebrate and acknowledge Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God.**

The Champion of the hosts above and Captain of my destiny, In You alone I make my boast You reign alone as Lord of all.

Salutations:

Our guest speakers for the day, Mr Solomon Ikhoida and Prof Anand Pillai, the faculty Speakers for Inspire 2022 present and Members of the Inspire College of Speakers, distinguished Guests in your various capacities, Ladies and Gentlemen, all protocol observed. It's with much delight and pleasure that I welcome you all to the 18th edition of the Inspire Synergy Conference and indeed an even greater pleasure for us to have our panel of speakers leave their busy schedules to come and speak to us during this year's conference.

Who we are?

Inspire is an annual thought leadership and motivational conference whose aim is to equip today's dynamic and aspiring professionals to change the continent of Africa through innovation, inspirational leadership, and upholding excellent work ethics.

This conference has been running for the past 18+ years attracting over 5000 professionals and marketplace leaders cutting across the various corporate and business entities, private and public institutions across Africa.

This conference is the brainchild of a team of dynamic and enlightened professionals with zeal to uphold excellent work ethics and service delivery in Africa.

The conference is designed for professionals, businesspeople, Institutions and individuals interested in transforming and influencing change in the market place.

The conference has since its inception impacted the lives of professionals to bring about change in the global marketplace.

The conference has hosted internationally re-known speakers and experts from various disciplines who are passionate about challenging status quo and equipping marketplace influencer to stand out as excellent leaders in their areas of influence.

We passionately believe that the time is now for Africa to arise and take its place in the global marketplace and for believers to lead in this revolution.

As a commitment to this quest, we hold an annual conference among other initiatives that brings together all like-minded people, members, partners and associates from the marketplace.

Theme 2022:

About the Vision for Inspire Conference 2022

The direction the Lord is leading us in 2022 is similar to 2021 but with a different emphasis, the theme stems from Isaiah 43.18 - 19 *“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert”*

The emphasis last year was on vs 18 *“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old”.*

Where I said that Africa has for far too long, been laid back as she places blame for her situation and current predicaments on her past; blaming it on anything and everything that has happened before them or everyone and anyone that has lived or governed before them.

The young blame it on the old, the old blame it on the deceased, everyone has someone else to point blame to for why Africa is in its current state.

And that we continued to place blame on our past leaders, colonialism, slave trade, Natural resource exploitation by foreigners, unfair trade terms, income inequality and the list could go on and on. And yes, for many of these we can provide justifications,

but enough is enough - we have got to stop blaming others, we have got to stop blaming the past, we have got to take responsibility of our fate, for how long shall we live off the begging bowl, we cannot continue to live life through the rear-view mirror, we have got to start looking forward and use the windscreen in order to move forward and faster.

It was time for Africa and Africans to forget about their past as an excuse, and begin to move on and move forward, yes the past may have had its shortcomings but those should now be lessons learned 99 ways of how not to be successful.

But this year the emphasis is on vs 19 *Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert*”

That is further illustrated by the new thing for the Gentiles in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles in Chapter 10 of the book of Acts, by God bringing to remembrance the prayers and alms of the devout gentile centurion - Cornelius and urged him to send for the Apostle Peter, who unknowingly also received a revelation of a sheet from heaven with unclean animals and makes his way with the

servants that had come to pick him up to go to Cornelius house and after the pleasantries as they begin to understand their meeting the Holy Spirit falls upon the Gentiles and as they say the rest is history.

We believe that Afrika has over the years invested heavily in prayers, fasting, and all sorts of religiosity that shes even now being mocked and taunted over being the most religious continent and yet at the same time the poorest continent of the world as if her God has been of no effect on our livelihood and wellbeing with 'more churches than schools', and 'more bishops than believers' and for all our religious excesses we can call out and yet living in emaciated communities, in abject poverty, it is sad to see Afrikans dying of starvation in 2022 and yet our continent has the world's largest arable land, we have the best climate most of Africa literally has 2 seasons a year (rainy/sunny) and can grow food all year round and yet we leave with these challenges as normal.

it's a sad situation, but i believe that there is still much hope for Afrika and it's for the ecclesia – “the called-out ones” – the church in Afrika to come to the fore and play a central role in the transformation of our otherwise thought to be - dark continent.

We have a massive community – a body of voluntary believers that if we positively influenced could create a force to reckon. I always marvel at the power church leaders have over their congregants to be able to get an entire congregation to voluntarily spend days on end without food (fasting), nights without sleep (keshas/night prayers), giving resources toward mega building projects personal/corporate (tithing/offerings/seed giving) if this same zeal and commitment was also geared towards addressing our community challenges – work ethic, productivity, savings and investment and to address infrastructural, educational, healthcare, unemployment and many other social and economically stimulating activities why wouldn't we register the same level of success and even more. Our communities would begin to thrive and our people be able to flourish

We believe that we are standing at a historical time, it's been over 430 years now since the first slave ship docked in the Americas and it's also when every prophetic inclination is towards the rebirth, renaissance, the restoration of Afrika aka the reset of Afrika when her prayers and alms are coming before God as a memorial and like Cornelius the Inspire Synergy is now mobilizing her relatives - the Afrikans in and outside the continent both onshore and in the diaspora to gather together to hear the message the Lord is placing on the hearts and minds of the 'Peters' of our day - who themselves shall be responding in obedience to divine instruction at the invite of 'Cornelius' and believing that the Holy Spirit will take over and make the new thing He is doing in Afrika plain for all to see and perceive.

Its indeed time for Afrika to reset and as Inspire we are availing ourselves to be that vehicle, that platform and the channel through which this movement can be ignited. So we are gathering together this week to get sights on what Afrika ought to do in light of the reset.

set again or differently, restart, re-enable, reboot, initialize, readjust, enable-disable, reinitialize, initialise, activate and recalibrate.

In a computer or data transmission system, a reset clears any pending errors or events and brings a system to normal condition or an initial state, usually in a controlled manner.

A reset is about embracing a positive attitude towards change and finding opportunities for personal growth even in the hardest of times. A reset allows us the opportunity to make improvements in our daily life in any shape or form we choose; at any pace we desire.

TD Jakes if you come to a construction sight and found a hummer, spade, shovel, nails a tool box you know a small job is being done, on the other hand when you find earthmovers, graders, caterpillars, cranes etc you know that a mega project is underway. If we want to know the assignment given to Africa

we need to look at the natural resources that God has buried here, the arable land, the young population, the good weather, the wild life etc can give us a good indication of the greatness we were created to be

And therefore, as Afrika resets let us get back to the greatness we were created to become.

We are gathered here to make those changes that we need to make to get Afrika to its God given potential, that it may be truly said of us that the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

We believe that we are standing at the threshold of Africa's greatest Market place revolution.

And we believe that the Afrikans in the diaspora (like the Joseph, Moses, Daniels, Esther, Mordecai, Nehemiah's all diaspora) and lovers of Afrika (King Cyrus, King Aertexes, King Nebuchadnezzar, Pharaohs etc) are going to play a pivotal role in making this happen as Afrikans come together and begin to collaborate more and invest more into the development of Afrika and the Afrikans.

As we gather this week lets get all we can, can all we get and seat on the can as we become the change we want Afrika to become.

We believe that our choice speakers are going share their God given convictions on the subject they will be discussing. Its indeed Time for Afrikas Reset 🤝

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to Inspire 2022.

#Afrika's reset

Kind Regards,

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President - Inspire Synergy.**