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# Executive Summary

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## **Greetings and salutations, my esteemed *Leaders with a Soul***

Again, thank you for attending and participating in the inaugural *Leading with A Soul Summit* that took place a month ago. The feedback and excitement from speakers and attendees are pouring in continuously, and I am encouraged to keep the momentum going.

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## A resounding question...

A few of our international guests have asked about the choice of venue because it is not fully operational due to recent renovations. In hindsight, I think that it was deeply appropriate to have the Summit at the Nelson Mandela Museum eQunu as this is where this global icon was born and where his Leadership with A Soul qualities were awakened and moulded.

Personally, it was a surreal and deeply spiritual moment when at sunrise of day one I took pictures next his towering statue and almost get his permission to host this inaugural Summit at his birthplace. What a joy it was when the heavens opened late afternoon in what I interpreted as showers of blessings and a thumbs up.



## Kuyaqhutywa/ Re a Pele Campaign

As way of a recap, DAY 1 was the Traditional Leadership with a Soul Colloquium™ and was held in partnership with the Kuyaqhutywa/ Re a Pele Campaign whose sole aim is to foster bilateral relations and collaboration between Kingdoms across South Africa and continentally.

To get a better understanding of their organisation and why we partnered with them to execute this initiative, please [click here](#).



## Global and Local Subject-Matter Experts and Thought Leaders

Under the theme “Reimagining a Modern Traditional and Sustainable State to restore “Dignity for all in practice,” the Colloquium brought together global and local Subject Matter Experts and Thought Leaders to share knowledge and experiences on several relevant topics.

The aim was to get them to reimagine their roles in communities they preside over and reawaken the inner Traditional Leader with a Soul.

We were therefore privileged to have speakers like:

- Her Excellency Ms. Davisha L Johnson Ambassador to North and South America for the African Diaspora Collective and Founder/ Director/Board Chairwoman of the African Diaspora Collective Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCICI)
- His Royal Majesty Oba (Dr) Michael Odunayo Ajayi, Arowotawaya II, the Elerinmo of Erimo, Elerinmo of Erinmo-Ijesha; Nigeria
- His Excellency Mr. Eli Belotsercoksky Ambassador to South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar and Mauritius from the Republic of Israel and other international guests
- Hon. Mr Momar Talla Fall, the Diplomatic Economic Advisor from the Republic of Senegal

What an honour it was to hear deep and honest reflections and realities from the Traditional Authorities themselves as the last segment of the day. This truly set the stage for targeted discussions and interventions during the day and over the sundowners cocktail networking dinner while overlooking the valleys and hills of Madiba’s birth place.



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## Action items

### 1. Partnerships

I am excited to announce that there are partnership negotiations happening with visionary partners who committed their resources to create what we called a “Modern Traditional State in the rural areas.” To execute on these private sector partnerships currently being negotiated, we have identified the whole area under the jurisdiction of one of the Senior Traditional Leader with a Soul and will be formally launching a partnership with the community.

### 2. Second edition of the Traditional Leadership with a Soul Colloquium™

We are targeting to hold this on Wednesday 28th February 2024. To ensure that we are not a talk shop, we will be unveiling details of the multi-party partnership and use this opportunity to formally kick off this pilot project in rural Eastern Cape and do a show and tell onsite thereafter for interested parties. Again, we will be having a massive lineup of globally acclaimed speakers and subject matter experts to assist out traditional leaders and the ecosystem to reimagine the art of the possible towards the aspirations expressed in Agenda 2063 themed “The Africa we want.”

**Day 2 was the Leadership with a Soul Baraza Mastermind™** wherein this was intended to be a Generational Dialogue to reawaken conversations that have traditionally taken place from generation to generation, thereby passing on ancient wisdom that has kept our cultures and humanity alive.

How the day was planned out based on the agenda and how it panned out are two different things. Based on how things were done in ancient Africa, we were going to have a breakout session for the men in the kraal and have our own men’s conference and the females were going to do same in the hut. The idea was to have deep and vulnerable courageous conversations led by carefully selected and well-respected panelists who had specific topics to lead with.

By some form of inexplicable intelligence, those plans were thwarted, and we ended up having a 2- hour panel discussion and crowd interaction that took us to deep vulnerable spaces. I personally got to understand a bit more about the conversations women have when congregated together and more importantly I got to ask the questions I was never able to ask. What made it more special is that we got past ego’s that come with the titles and statures we hold in society and really connected at a soul and humanity level and that was the greatest gift I took out of it. It made connections over the sundowners braai and cocktails session truly authentic and life changing even though they were business conversations.



The day ended with Senior Traditional Leader of the Khoisan and Bushman community Dr Troy Meyers and I leading a delegation of a select few to visit and pay homage (Ukukhahleka) to iKumkani (King) of Abathembu Nation (Ah Zwelibanzi!) as is customary especially because the Summit was held in the area under his custodianship. I am happy to report that we were extremely well received and in follow up conversations held, the Abathembu Nation have pledged their full support of the initiatives of the Leadership with a Soul Institute™.

## Conclusion

In summary, the Annual Leading with a Soul Summit™ was a great success and set the bar very high because we are about impact, rather than activity and showing these results is what keeps us awake at night.

Should you want to bring your resources and partner, please don't hesitate to reach out to me as it's time for Leaders with a Soul to rise and take charge by delivering to ordinary South Africans as their legacies.

Stay up to date on our website: <https://andilelungastofile.com/lsi-summit/>



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