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Impact Note

THEME:

Future Forward:
Transforming Vision to Reality



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From Our Co-ordinator

To everyone who has chosen to come on this journey with us, our Board of Trustees, Executive Team, volunteers, and the amazing Ignite Pro Community, I sincerely thank you.

As we round off the third quarter of this year, we celebrate not only the completion of two major projects (with the third about to wrap up) but also the ripple effects they have created.

When we began, our hope was simple: to inspire minds. What we didn't expect was the rapid transformation that would happen within us and around us in the process. The Vision Board Session that opened our year gave **over 50 participants** clarity for their personal and professional goals. If Ignite Pro had made its own vision board, we would be staring at it now in awe because every single initiative we dreamed of has taken bold steps forward.

The Accelerate Conference was a landmark moment. We welcomed over **300 attendees**, featured **12+ industry leaders**, and launched our first-ever Pitch Tank competition which spotlighted **4 innovative startups from across Nigeria**. The feedback was overwhelming, attendees spoke about renewed clarity, boldness, and practical tools for turning their visions into reality. For us as a team, the true impact was seeing that, even while organizing and serving, we too were transformed by the process.

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**Back to
School
Support**

Equipping Young Minds for Success

Ignite Pro Community successfully held its first ever Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, the "Back to School Project" at Elekahia Government Secondary School, Port Harcourt, Rivers State **reaching 244 students in JSS3**.

The project was designed to give back to society, promote academic excellence, and inspire joy among students as they began a new academic session.

As part of the initiative, we presented the students with school bags, exercise books, and mathematical sets to support their learning experience. The joy and gratitude expressed by the students were truly heartwarming, making it a deeply fulfilling experience for the entire team.

This initiative reflects Ignite Pro Community's ongoing commitment to empowering young minds and driving community development. We look forward to sustaining this impact through more meaningful CSR projects in the future.

We are also prepared to launch the Ignite Pro Podcast, the story of impact continues. Each project has demanded extra hours, more meetings, and sacrifices, but you, our team and community, have consistently chosen to give. For that, I am deeply grateful.

The Ignite Pro Community is growing. Our speakers have pledged continued support, our attendees are becoming ambassadors of transformation in their own spaces, and our vision is expanding. Together, we are building a movement that is reimagining what it means to be a young professional in Port Harcourt and beyond.

It is a joy to see the fruit of everyone's labor being celebrated and multiplied. Once again, thank you for choosing to be part of this vision. The road ahead is long and full of promise, and I am confident that we will continue to ignite passions and accelerate growth, one project, one person, and one community at a time.



Oloruntoba Isehunwa
Co-ordinator



Executive Summary

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, Ignite Pro Community successfully held **Accelerate 2.0**, themed “Future Forward: Transforming Vision into Reality”, at the Celeb8 Center, Port Harcourt. The event brought together over 300 young professionals, entrepreneurs, students, and innovators, featuring both in-person and virtual engagements. This report captures key metrics, feedback, and impact narratives, including those from Pitch Tank winners, as well as updated information about our notable partners.

Program Highlights

Speakers & Resource Persons: Notable figures included:

- o **Tonye Cole** – Co-founder, Sahara Group (Keynote)
- o **Dr. Okey Nwuke** – Non-Executive Director, Access Bank (Keynote)
- o **Iyinoluwa Aboyeji** – Co-founder, Andela & Flutterwave (Fireside Chat)
- o **David Adepoju** – Director of Growth, CcHub (MindSpark Talk)
- o **Obinna Okerekeocha** – Director of Content, Moniepoint & Founder, Naija AI Film Festival (MindSpark Talk)
- o **Farmer Samson Ogbole** – Lead Trainer, Soilless Farm Lab (Panelist)
- o **Babatunde Akin-Moses** – CEO, Sycamore (Panelist)
- o **Albright Enyioha** – Technology Innovation Engr., World Bank Tech. Innovation Office
- o **Uche Aniche** – Founder, StartUpSouth (Panelist & Judge, Pitch Tank)
- o **Ada Umeh & Awongo Davies** – Judges, Pitch Tank
- o **Olamide Kuteyi & Chris** – Event Moderators



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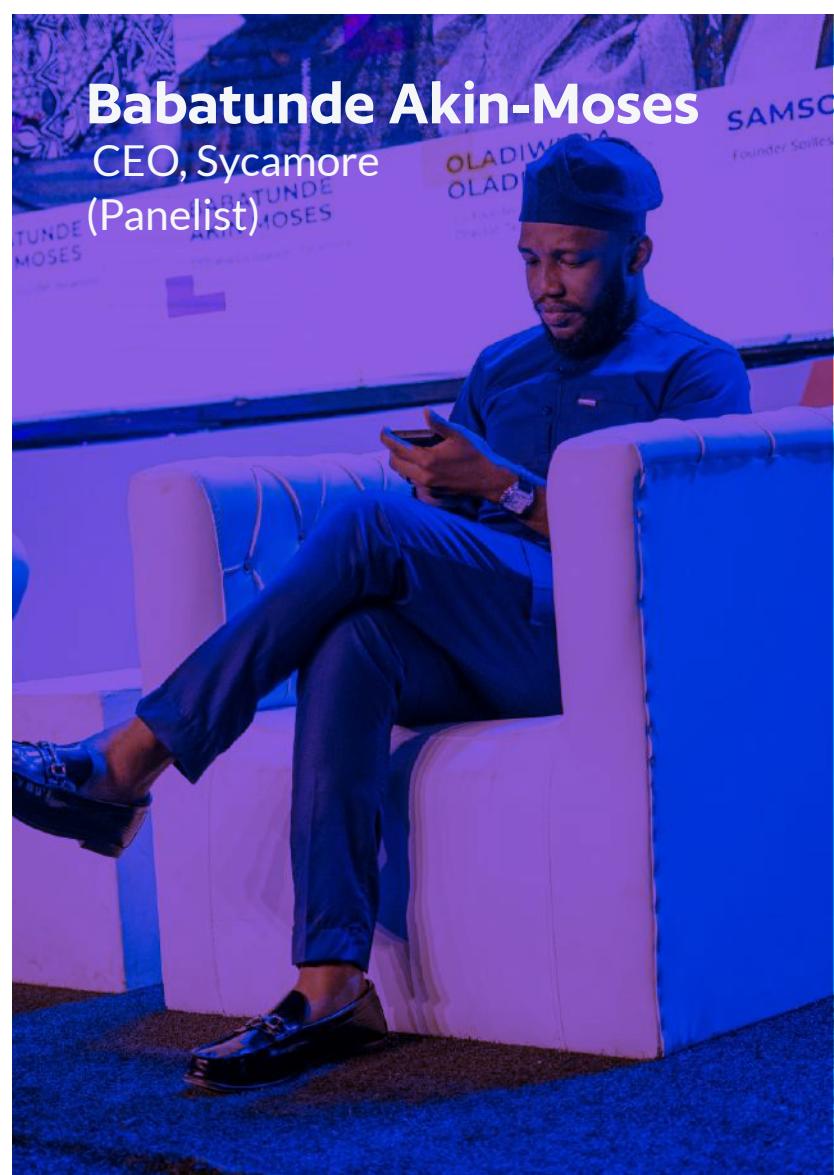


Why This Matters?

We are living in the most visually and sonically saturated era in human history. - Film, music, and digital content now influence identity, language, politics, and belief systems. This presentation explores how sound, screen, and soul combine to shift cultural consciousness.



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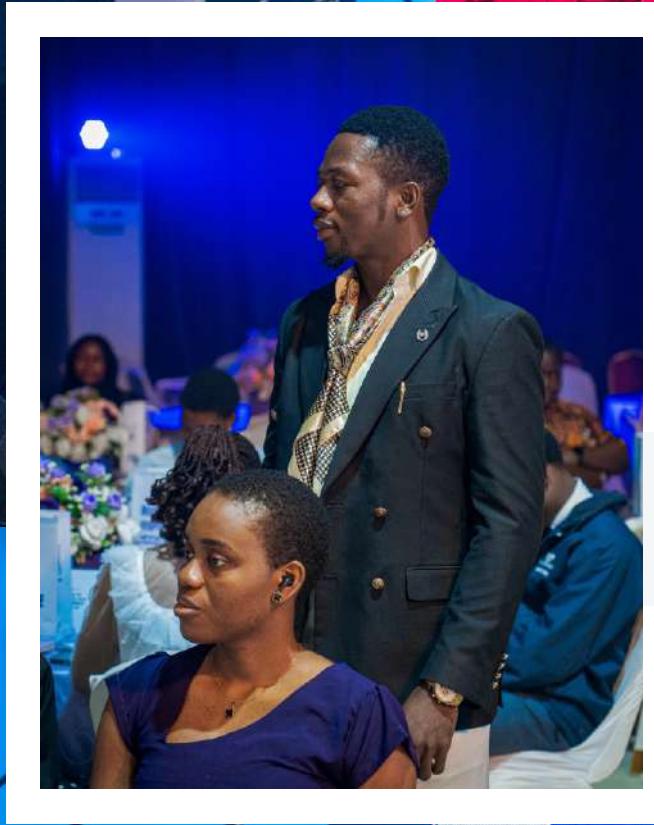
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pitch Tank Competition
DATE: 26th July 2025
ignite Pro Community
Winner
NAME: ₦5,000,000.00
AMOUNT: Five Million Naira Only

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Two Million Naira Only

1st Runner Up
ignite Pro Community
DATE: 26th July 2025
NAME: ₦3,000,000.00
AMOUNT: Three Million Naira Only

0,000.00
Two Million Naira Only

1st Runner Up
ignite Pro Community
DATE: 26th July 2025
NAME: ₦1,000,000.00
AMOUNT: One Million Naira Only

1st Runner Up
ignite Pro Community
DATE: 26th July 2025
NAME: ₦500,000.00
AMOUNT: Five Hundred Naira Only

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Pitch Tank Competition

Featured a ₦10 million grant pool supporting early-stage ventures. Winners received financial boosts, mentorship introductions, and client-onboarding support.



Winner

For Uri, winning the Ignite Pro Competition has helped us strengthen product, onboard new clients, accelerate growth and opened doors to valuable introductions

... grateful for the belief in our vision."

— URI

First Runner-up

"The Ignite Pro grant has really helped us at Straqa. We're passionate about building tools that support SMEs and this support gave us the push we needed to move faster and reach more people."

– Straqa



Second Runner-up

Ignite Pro is doing a great job and Accelerate 2.0 was exciting. The financial support from the pitching event enabled us to push product development to another level.

I recommend Ignite Pro for aspiring entrepreneurs and leaders.”
— **Green Paragon Limited.**



Attendee Feedback Summary

Organization

4.46 / 5

Relevance of Topics

4.50 / 5

Communication (emails, SMS, updates)

3.85 / 5

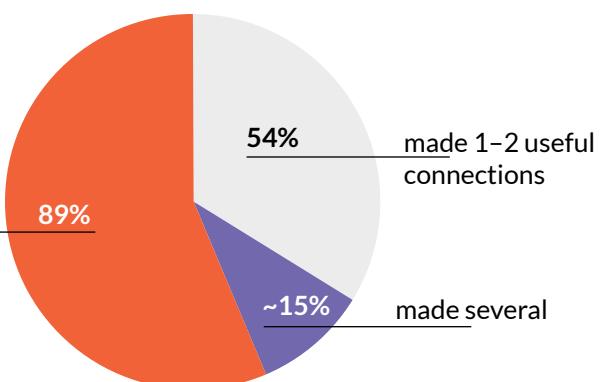
Future Attendance

96%

*said they would definitely
attend again*

Networking & Resource Person Impact

reported that the speakers and resource persons
were "very inspiring and knowledgeable."



* some attempted but didn't connect.

Top Areas for Improvement & Requests

Stronger and more structured networking opportunities

Improved pre-event communication and clarity (e.g. logistics, schedule)

Streamlined registration & venue logistics

Interest in:

- o One-on-one mentorship programs
- o Skill-building workshops
- o More industry-focused sessions
- o Social mixers or informal connection spaces





Conclusion & Next Steps

Accelerate 2.0 delivered strong content, high satisfaction, and tangible impact primarily through the Pitch Tank program. The feedback demonstrates evident appreciation for the speakers, the relevance of the sessions, and an eagerness for future participation.

Next Steps:

1. Design more structured networking formats for Accelerate 3.0 (e.g., speed-networking, breakout mentor sessions).
2. Improve pre-event communication (logistics, schedules, expectations).
3. Deepen mentorship offerings and skill workshops.
4. Leverage winner stories (like Green Paragon) to inspire new participants and sponsors.

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And We Made Some Beautiful memories

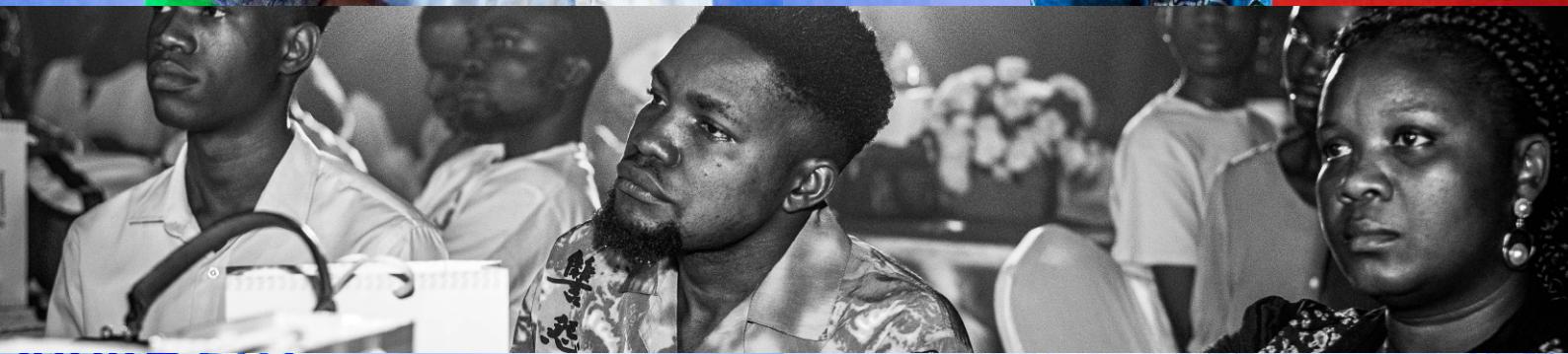




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