

TECHWOMEN SUMMIT 2024

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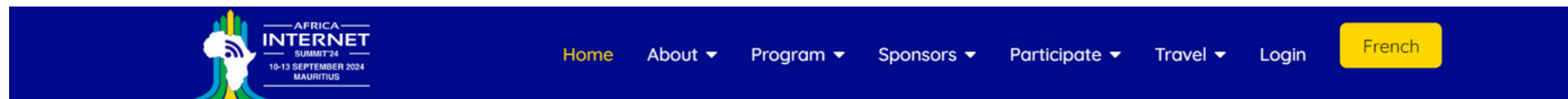
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Overview

AF* are organisations that constitute the African Internet ecosystem.

As a member organisation of AF* , AfChix participated in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) 2024 by providing an organizational update to the ecosystem, making a lightning presentation, and hosting the AfChix TechWomen Summit 2024 side event.



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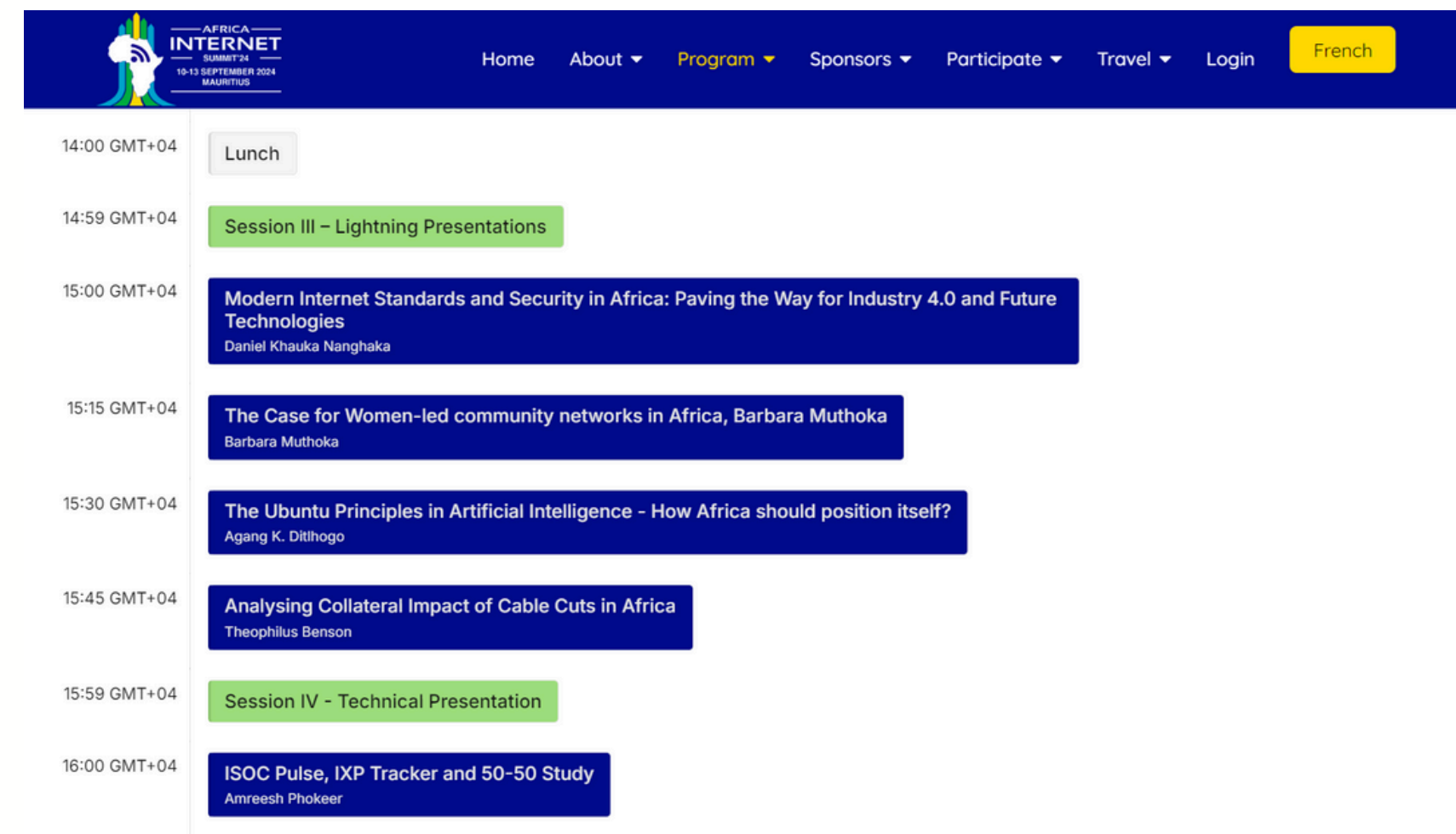
AF* are organisations that constitute the African Internet ecosystem. These organisations today constitute the ecosystem of the African Internet. They cover the following areas: Numbers (AFRINIC), Security (AfGWG, AfricaCERT), Community and Policy (AIG, AfGWG), Capacity building (All AF*), Research and Education (AfREN), Infrastructure (AfPIF), Names (AfTLD), Registry (AfRegistrar), .africa . Other organisations in Africa are emerging within the ecosystem.



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How AfChix featured in AIS'24

On day 1, AfChix participated in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) by giving a lightning presentation on **“The Case for Women-led Community Networks in Africa”** by Barbara Muthoka, Project Manager at AfChix. She shared how AfChix has established four women-led CNs in Morocco, Kenya, Namibia, and Senegal. She made a call to action to the participants, to use their skills and networks to build community networks in their communities, with women at the forefront.



How AfChix featured in AIS'24

Nodumo Dhlamini who sits on the AfChix board of directors represented AfChix physically in Mauritius and presented during the **“Updates on Af* organizations”** segment, on Day 2.


NOTE AIS 24 Day 2 - 11 09 2024

The Africa Internet Summit 2024 carried through with many sessions and discussions from organisations that constitute the Internet ecosystem also known as the AF*, organisations which constitute the Internet ecosystem.

Prof. Nii Quaynor invited through a roll call the various members AF* to give respective updates from their organisations.

- AfNOG - Nancy Dotse
- Smart Africa - Thelma Quaye
- AfTLD - Emirati Igortim
- AfREN. - Edward Banjo
- Dot Africa - Lucky Masilela
- AfricaCERT - Jean Robert Hountomey
- AfCHIX. - Nodumo Dhlamini
- AfriRegister. - Mohamed Diop
- ISOC Africa - Dawit Bekele
- ICANN Africa - Pierre Dandjinou

The sessions later continued to focus on the Internet governance ecosystem with a presentation from Alain Aina which was aimed to bring the audience to reflect on the best approach to Internet governance and paint a picture of the Internet ecosystem. Alain Aina explained how Internet governance works through the participatory ecosystem of governance which may be a centralised, decentralised or Distributed model of the Internet. Alain Aina left it to the audience to decide.

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Wednesday, September 11	
09:59 GMT+04	Af* Open Day Program
10:00 GMT+04	Roll Call
10:05 GMT+04	Opening Speech
10:30 GMT+04	Updates from AF* members
11:30 GMT+04	Break
12:00 GMT+04	Presentation or Interview: Is the distributed Internet ecosystem model still appropriate? Alain P. Aina
12:30 GMT+04	Panel Topic: How to harness all the synergies and going efforts for a better digital Africa Lucky Masilela
13:30 GMT+04	Open Mic & Closing - Chair
14:00 GMT+04	Lunch

AfChix TechWomen Summit 2024 in AIS'24

On Day 2 of the Africa Internet Summit, AfChix held the AFCHIX TechWomen Summit 2024 as an online side event. This was our fourth event running alongside the AIS every year. This year, it was done virtually based on the interest of community members to participate online.

The event, dubbed '**AFCHIX REUNION 2024**' brought together 33 participants from Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Botswana, Malawi, Nigeria, and Morocco, who got a chance to reconnect and reignite the face-to-face community engagement forums, after the slowdown that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.



AfChix TechWomen Summit 2024

Date: Wednesday, 11th September 2024



Event program: Online event

TIME	ACTIVITY	MODERATORS
14:00 – 15:30	<p>AFCHIX 2024-2029 Strategic Plan</p> <p>Presentation Highlights: Interactive session on the Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Pillars Niche Programs Chapter Support and development emphasis Storytelling <p>Feedback session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share their feedback on the Strategic Plan (Additions they can make in their own capacities) Share what they want to achieve and do in the Tech Industry (Upskilling areas) 	<p>Presenters: Dorcas Muthoni Nodumo Dhlamini Vymala Thuron</p> <p>Session Chair: Houda Chakiri, AfChix Board</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Discussions and way forward	Representatives from the AFCHIX Board

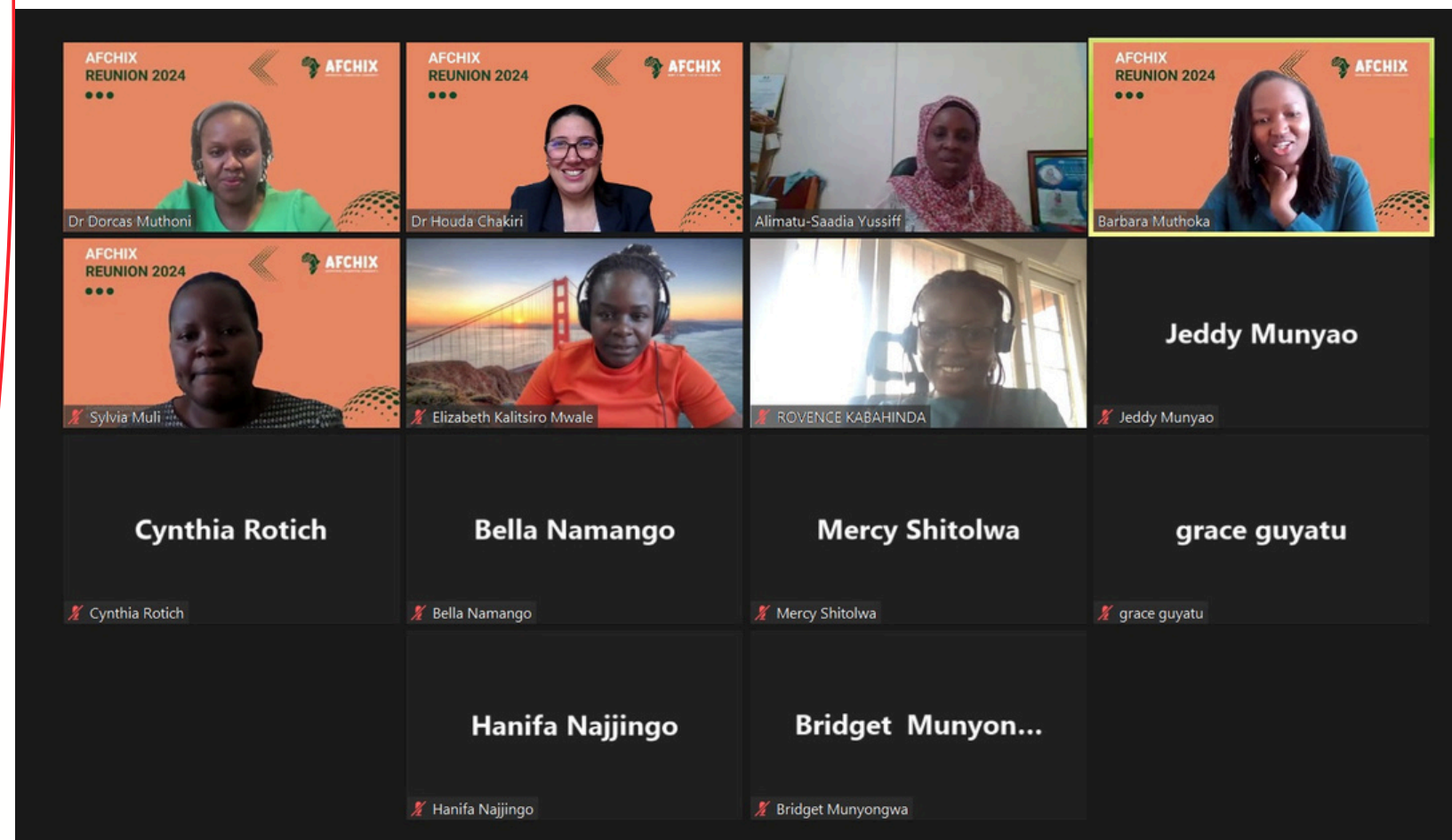
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AfChix 2024 REUNION Background

The **'AFCHIX REUNION 2024'** event was a culmination of a month-long campaign, dubbed **'Celebrating My Journey'** that aimed to encourage AfChix community members to share their career growth experiences, as they celebrate their journeys.

This event was held online on day 2 of the AIS, 11th September 2024.



What We Achieved in the AfChix 2024 REUNION

- Holding the Fourth AfChix TechWomen Summit 2024
- Gathered and published AfChix 28 impact stories from women in tech, across 9 African countries.
- Participation in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) 2024 with Af* Ecosystem Organizations
- AfChix Community post COVID re-engagement through a storytelling-based REUNION
- Launch of our strategic plan 2024 - 2029 to the AfChix Community
- Introducing the AfChix International Advisory Panel to the AfChix Community
- Focus Discussion on Strengthening and Formalizing the AfChix Community Chapters
- Growth of our community engagement social media channels and communication platforms

What We Achieved in the AfChix 2024 REUNION

Attendance:

50 members registered for the event, with 33 attending.

The participants were drawn from nine countries: Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Botswana, Malawi, Nigeria, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, and Morocco.

32	Mariam	Nakanyike	Attended
33	Ruba	A	N/A
34	Maud Adjeley	Ashong Elliot	Attended
35	Nadine	Mondestin	Attended
36	Dorcas	Muthoni	N/A
37	Sylvia	Muli	Attended
38	Lydia	Adur	N/A
39	Angel	Nagaba	N/A
40	Malebogo	Lekoape	Attended

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3	First name	Last name	AfChix TechWomen Summit
4	Afchix	Admin	Attended
5			Attended
6	Houda	CHAKIRI	Attended
7	Vymala	Thuron	Attended
8			Attended
9	Maryem	Elabridi	Attended
10	Mutinda	Muthoka	Attended
11	Bukola	Oronti	Attended
12	Adenrele	AFOLORUNSO	N/A
13	Hanifa	Najjingo	Attended
14	Cynthia	Rotich	Attended
15	Malerotholi	Ntsekele	Attended
16	charity	wamboi	Attended
17	Patriciah	G.	Attended
18	Karima	Lakouz	Attended
19	ROVENCE	KABAHINDA	Attended
20	Tlaleng	Rats'ele	N/A
21	Bridget	Munyongwa	Attended
22	Olufunmilade	Akingbagbohun	Attended
23	Jeddy	Munyao	Attended
24	Bella	Namango	Attended
25	Lilian	Kamara	N/A
26	Terry	Kinya	Attended
27	grace	guyatu	Attended
28	Mamolapi	Serutla	N/A
29	Elizabeth	Kalitsiro Mwale	Attended
30	Alimatu-Saadia	Yussiff	Attended

AfChix 2024 REUNION Speakers

The speakers of the event were:

Dr. Dorcas Muthoni - AFCHIX Founder

Dr. Houda Chakiri - Board Member

Nodumo Dhlamini - Board member

Vymala Thuron - International Advisory Panel



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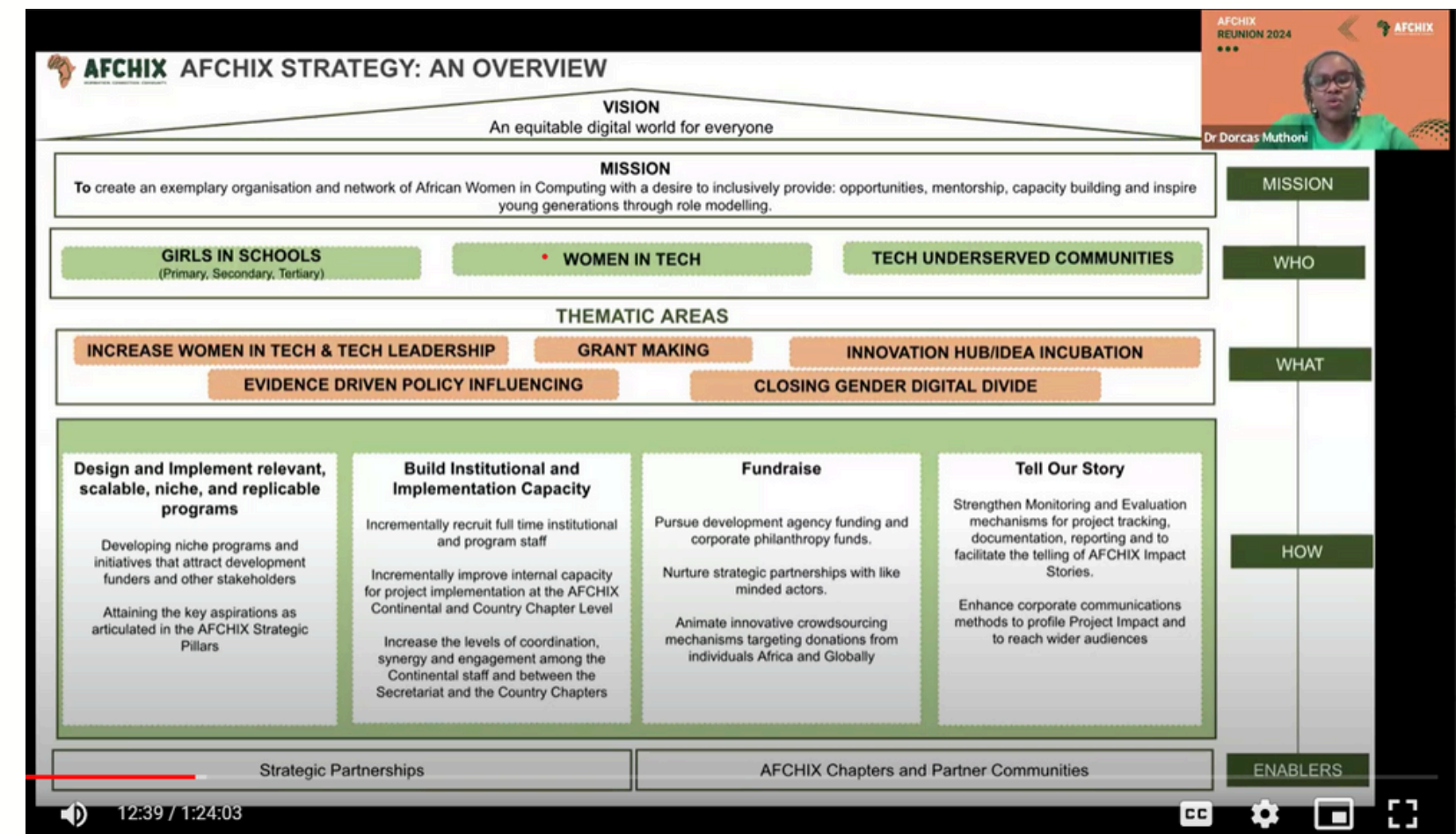
1. Launch of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan to the AFCHIX Community

We shared our strategic plan for 2024 - 2029 with the AfChix Community.

The community is now looped in on the vision and direction of the organization for the next five years.

Some of the key highlights discussed were:

- Formalization & establishment of country chapters
- Establishment of strategic partnerships with key stakeholders
- Increase the visibility of women innovators to Tech investor networks
- Training in management and leadership skills
- Mentorship program & career workshops



2. Growth of Our Community Engagement

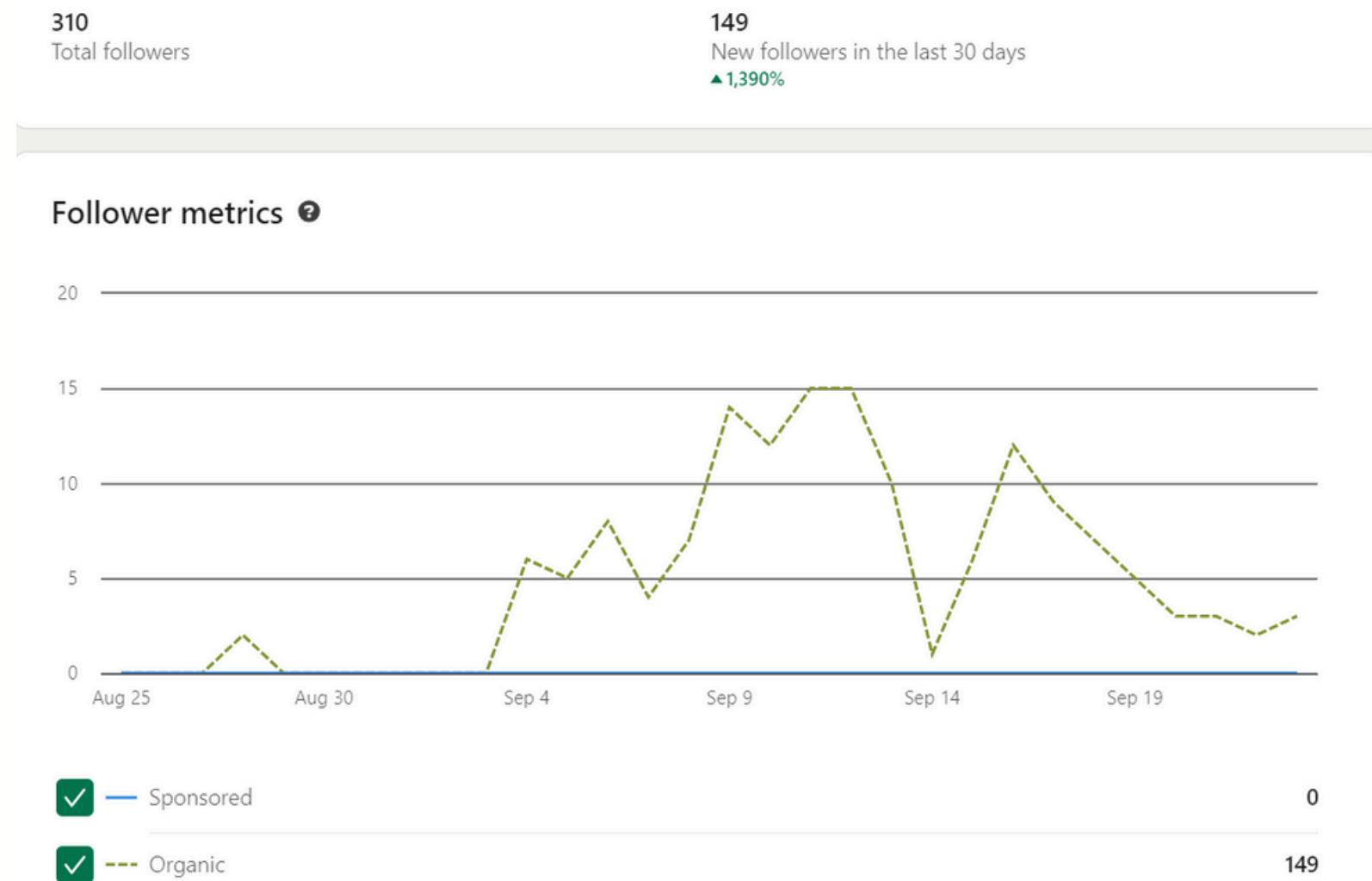
The AfChix REUNION 2024 reignited our community engagement on social media channels and communication platforms.

We saw impressive interaction and growth in our communication platforms.

- The LinkedIn page has grown by 149 new members
- Page views have increased on our Facebook community group
- Our new WhatsApp group membership has doubled
- We have consolidated an email database of 1060 women in tech

LinkedIn platform

Our LinkedIn page has gained 149 new members in the last 30 days.



Visitor metrics ?

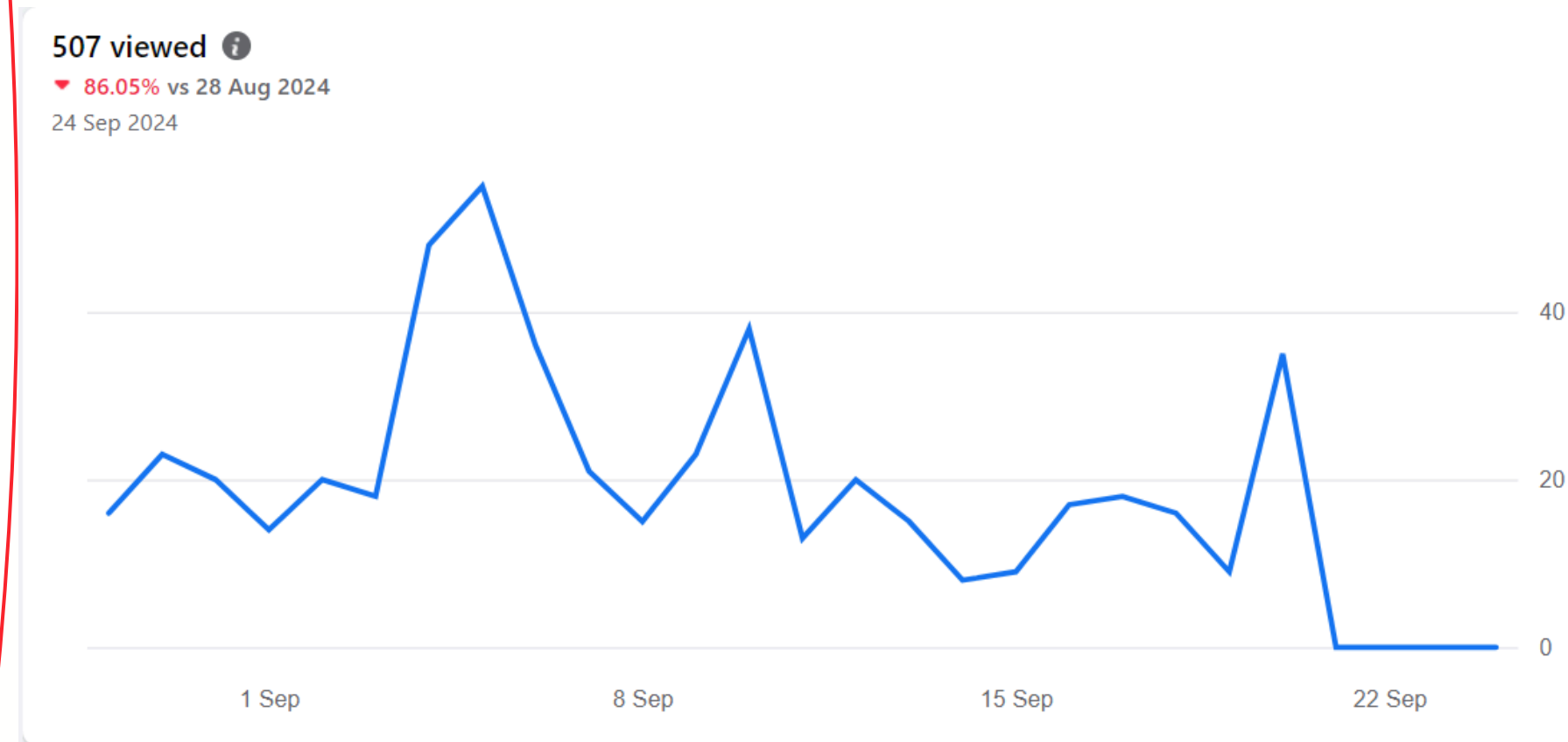
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Facebook platform

Our page views have increased by 86% in the last 30 days.



Posts ⓘ		The posts with the most activity in the last 28 days.		Top posts ▼		By all ▼	
Date	Post						
9/5/2024 10:55 AM	 Meet **Dr. Houda Chakiri**, Moroccan techpreneur and computer scientist. Houda is the founder of Enhanced Technologies and a... Posted by Sylvia Muli	0	9	577			
8/27/2024 10:56 AM	 Hey, there! The wait is almost over! It's officially 15 days to our AFCHIX REUNION 2024. Final preparations are underway, and the... Posted by Sylvia Muli	1	0	27			
9/4/2024 10:48 AM	 Posted by Dorcas Muthoni	0	3	44			
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9/20/2024 9:06 AM	 Posted by Afchix Main	0	1	152			
8/26/2024 10:57 AM	 Hello AfChix Community, Have you registered for our AFCHIX REUNION 2024 Event, in Mauritius? Register Now!... Posted by Sylvia Muli	0	2	30			
9/9/2024 10:43 AM	 Meet [Nodumo Dhlamini] (https://www.linkedin.com/company/18554259/admin/page-...) Posted by Afchix Main	0	2	19			

Screenshot

WhatsApp & Email



Our WhatsApp platform was activated and over 50 members have joined the network.



This event helped us consolidate our email database to 1060 members. This will help us leverage the network better for future events.

3. AfChix “before and after” Themed Storytelling Series

We gathered 28 testimonials from women across African countries where we have chapters in. We encouraged community members to celebrate their unique career journeys by sharing their career journey stories.

These testimonials highlight the career journeys of these women who have benefited from AfChix activities and now work in various tech fields, including; academia, cyber security, software engineering, project management among others.

They also highlight the impact AfChix has had on their careers. The stories are published on our LinkedIn platform and the AfChix website.



TechWoman

“Over the years, working in technology-driven companies and observing the digital skills gap in my community inspired me to delve deeper into this field and address the disparities through my work”.

Elizabeth Kalitsiro Mwale
Founder and CEO of TechPearl
Malawi



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TechWoman

“I got into the IT field because of my passion to create, solve real life problems and based on rewarding career opportunities.”

Alimatu-Saadia Yussiff
Senior Lecturer
University of Cape Coast (UCC)
Department of Computer Science and
Information Technology.



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Impact Stories...



TechWoman

"My first encounter with AFCHIX was when they organized training sessions for students on writing papers for technology conferences. With their guidance, my application was accepted, and I had the opportunity to attend the Grace Hopper Conference, one of the largest conferences for Women in Technology."

Ndagire Shakira Seruwagi
Quality Assurance Engineer
Uganda



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TechWoman

"I urge AFCHIX to spread its wings to other regions since there are a lot of great minds out here who need mentoring and also to do follow ups with the mentees since mentorship is an all-round task from the beginning to End."

Charity Wamboi
Cyber Security Analyst



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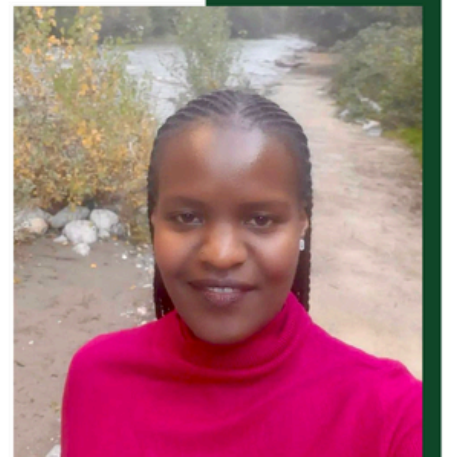
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"AFCHIX through the leadership of phenomenal women gave me opportunities to improve my skills through training, and a chance to participate in Grace Hopper Celebration in 2011, in Portland, Oregon."

Phoebe Mutua
United Nations



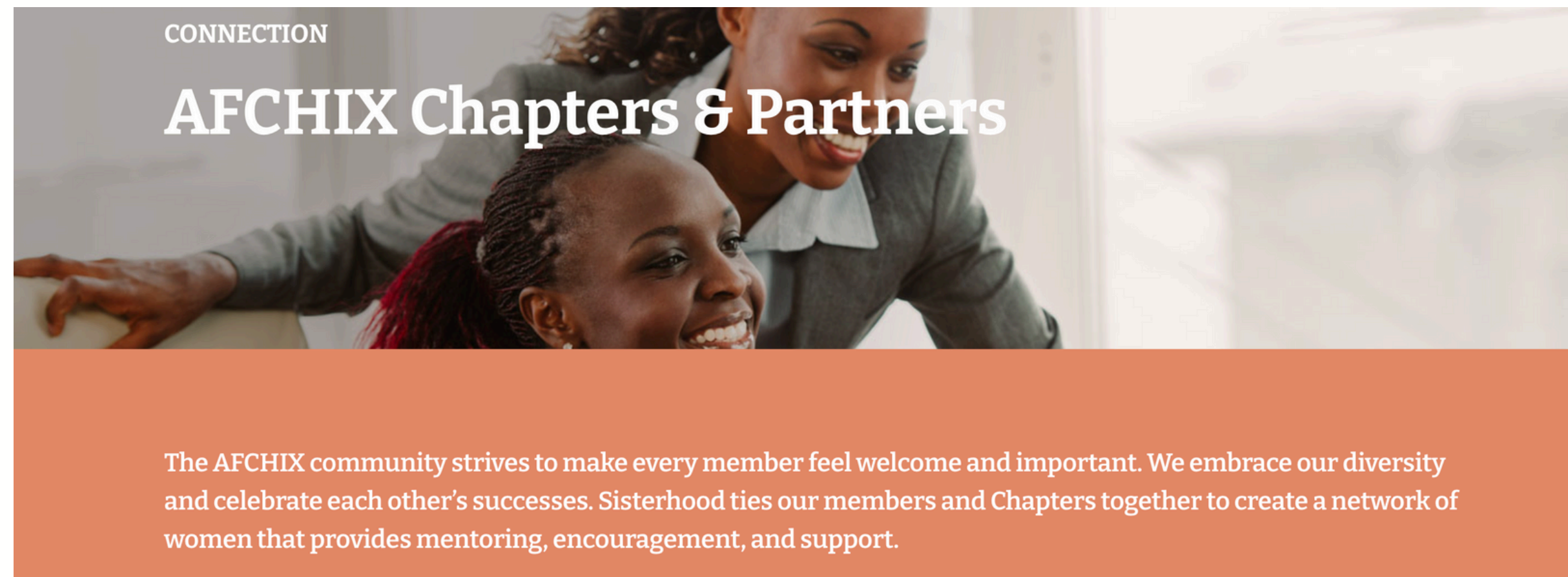
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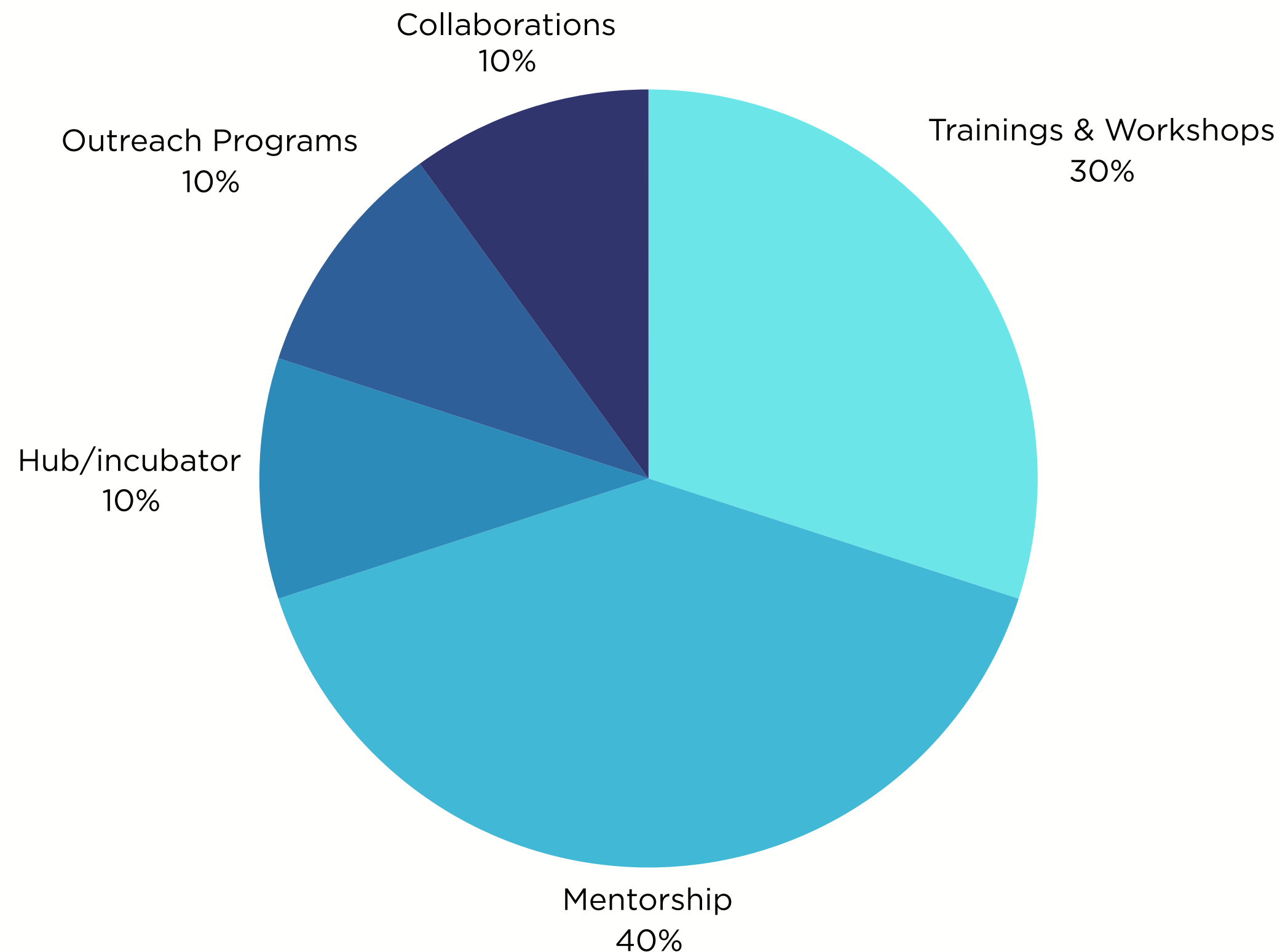
4. Focus Discussion on Strengthening and Formalizing the AFCHIX Community Chapters

The AfChix strategic plan envisages an AfChix Community built on strong chapters driven by role-model volunteers. AfChix activities with 25 Chapters have included: advocacy, mentorship, capacity building, role modelling, networking, sharing opportunities, digital literacy, summits, and conferences.

We want to formalize, strengthen, and increase AFCHIX Chapters. Members expressed interest in starting new chapters and joining existing chapters.



Feedback on the Activities the community would want to see AfChix do more for Community Members



Capacity Building Programs of Interest for Future AfChix Programs

The following topics were proposed by participants for future AFCHIX programs, trainings and workshops.

- Policy, Strategy, and Governance
- Women Participation in the Tech Space with the Approach of Interdisciplinary Participation.
Examples: Women in Law and Tech, Agriculture and Tech, among others
- Community Impact Case Studies
- Career Development.
- Work/Life Balance
- Industry Insights and Emerging Technologies
- Thriving in the Work Environment
- Skill Development Workshops
- Transitioning into Tech from other Sectors
- Women Empowerment, Mentorship and Role Model Training

INSPIRATION

AFCHIX Impact Stories

"Your story is worth telling!!"

A section of the AFCHIX Website Dedicated to the "before and after" Impact Stories Series

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