



# A Gathering of Luminaries:

CivSource Africa Celebrates Elders and Their Legacy

**I**magine the scene at the recent High Tea event hosted by [CivSource Africa](#) – an event where the past and the present brilliantly collided. As one guest mused, *‘Where have all these people been? I thought I was the only old person left...’*

This exclusive gathering brought together luminaries from various walks of life – past activists and celebrated artists. It was a momentous occasion where we had the privilege to interact with the creator of the Independence Monument and the artist behind the postage stamps of yesteryears. Nostalgia filled the air as these venerable leaders took us on a journey through their rich experiences.

It was a bittersweet moment as we honored those who laid the foundation for us to stand upon. Listening to their reminiscences was both a privilege and a reminder that many of these remarkable individuals had seemingly faded into obscurity.

Do you remember their names? Among them were 94-year-old Mama Rhoda Kalema, pioneer of the Uganda Women’s Movement, Hon Joyce Mpanga, Arthur Blick Snr, Dr. Miria Matembe, Lady Justice Lillian Tibatemwa, Margaret Ssekajja, Rev Canon Ben Mugarura (Uncle Ben), and more.

The event commenced with a heartfelt speech by CivSource Africa’s CEO Jacqueline Asimwe, whose own journey was profoundly influenced by some of the guests. She stressed the importance of celebrating our roots and the shoulders on which we stand, emphasizing the need to glean wisdom from their stories.

In her words,

*‘We must not only pay tribute but also commit ourselves to upholding the values they have demonstrated throughout their lives. Let’s honor their legacy by making a positive impact on our communities.’*

– **Jacqueline Asimwe** 

As we engaged with these remarkable individuals, several proverbs came to mind:

- *‘A child among elders converses with its ears.’*
- *‘Those who respect the elderly pave their own road towards success.’*
- *‘A village without the elderly is like a well without water.’*

The elders also shared their reflections:

*“One word that defines my leadership or service is ‘dedication.’*  
*“The key lesson I learned as I led is ‘empathy.’ Understanding the needs and concerns of the people I served allowed me to make more informed and compassionate decisions.”*  
*“The advice I would give to a young leader now is to ‘listen.’ Listen to your team, your constituents, and your inner voice.”*

This High Tea event was a powerful reminder of the wisdom that resides in our elders and the importance of preserving their stories for generations to come.

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