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Dear friends

In this Women's Month I want to express my support for the launch of the Innovation Fund [Look, Listen, Local](#), an initiative by [Quote This Woman+](#) and the [Association of Independent Publishers](#).


The vision behind the Innovation Fund resonates deeply with the values of the Foundation. It is a powerful step towards ensuring that marginalised and excluded voices receive the recognition and platform they rightfully deserve. This initiative has the potential to create a transformative impact on our society.

I encourage individuals and organisations to join hands in supporting this important cause. You can directly donate to the fund, or you can advance this cause by buying a table at the launch breakfast for the Innovation Fund on 22 September 2023. Companies can buy tables and sit shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the top women in South Africa's media. Food for thought will be served through a panel discussion led by Khadija Patel and including the likes of Mbali Ntuli, Mamokete Lijane and Mbali Dhlomo. You can email [helen@quotethiswoman.org.za](mailto:helen@quotethiswoman.org.za) for more information on securing a table before they run out.

By contributing to the Innovation Fund, you are not only investing in the future of media, particularly community media, but also in the empowerment of women and the advancement of a more just society.

Join me in [donating directly to the fund here](#).

Warm regards

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