



Sylvester Renner

Speaker & Impact Strategist

From Good Intentions to Sustainable Impact

Sylvester Renner is the Founder and President of Develop Africa, a U.S.-registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2006. He brings 20 years of lived experience building, fixing, and sustaining impact initiatives in Africa. His speaking helps organizations move from good intentions to durable, systems-driven impact—grounded in real decisions, real consequences, and real outcomes.

Signature Topics

- **Mission to Systems™**: The Five Stages of Nonprofit Institutional Maturity
- From Performative CSR to Measurable Impact
- Funding Is Not the Same as Capacity
- Mission Without Systems Will Break You
- **The Founder Trap**: Burnout as a Governance Problem
- From Passion to Structure in Global Development

Audiences

CSR Conferences • Foundation Gatherings • Diaspora Leadership Events • Universities • Nonprofit Summits • Government & Embassy Briefings • Donor Galas • Church Missions & Social Impact Events

Formats

Keynotes • Fireside Conversations • Panel Discussions • Executive Briefings • Workshops

20	\$800K+	Superstar
Years Leading Develop Africa	Raised via GlobalGiving	GlobalGiving Status

“These talks are grounded, practical, and shaped by lived experience—designed to challenge assumptions, sharpen thinking, and help leaders move from intention to execution.”

New Book	<i>Mission to Systems™: Building Institutions That Endure</i> (2026) A practical framework for nonprofit founders ready to move from passion-driven chaos to governance, clarity, and systems that last. Available May 1, 2026 on Amazon. missiontosystems.com
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Speaking Style: Honest, practical, grounded. Challenging without cynicism. Hopeful without naivety.

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