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Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 requires bold actions that unlock the potential of local innovators/entrepreneurs and foster inclusive access to opportunities and financing, especially for women. According to McKinsey Global Institute, "closing the gender gap in the workforce could add a staggering \$28 trillion to the global GDP". In Africa, women operate over 40% of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), but there is a financing gap of \$42 billion (in USD) between male and female entrepreneurs. Given that women reinvest about 90% of their revenue

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