10 TAKEAWAYS
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1. Partnerships, partnerships, partnerships!!!
   - If you want to change the world - you need everyone in your corner (government, private sector, third sector)

2. Use Good Deeds Day as a day to celebrate the culmination of your efforts year round!
   - Good Deeds day may be once a year, but that does not mean that we are not doing good the on other 364 days
   - Plan projects/campaigns/events leading up to it

3. We can find ways to work together as NGOs and not see each other as only competition
   - Build a network and share your resources
   - Everyone has knowledge to share and that is mostly likely useful and can be implemented in your organization

4. Skill sharing - be good in what you’re doing!
   - You can expand or partner with other NGOs that have other expertise
   - “I need your expertise with ABC and I can help you with XYZ”
5. Before you come to a company do your research: what is interesting to them, their goals, the type(s) of work they have done, etc.
   - THEN propose your ideas

6. Companies don't have to give you money - do not come to a corporate and expect/or think this way

7. We’re all part of the same ecosystem, the same tree. 
   - What is my part in this tree? (corporate, NGO, individual, etc)

8. Use the SDGs as a framework and tool when designing, documenting, and proposing project ideas and your organization's efforts
   - Which of the goals align to the critical issues in your communities?

9. Good Deeds Day is here for you - use us/the website as a resource!

10. "We grow beyond the confines when we give to others, and we grow so much more" - Lebogang Ramafoko CEO of Soul City and Keynote Speaker at the Nelson Mandela Foundation Reception