

Africans Rising

For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity



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Message from the Movement Coordinator



This year brought momentous change to Africans Rising, most notably we celebrated five years as a Pan-African movement. That is five years of community building, five years of working on the frontlines of change, five years of raising our voices, standing up for our rights, and staying firm in our belief for a truly liberated Africa. It is nothing short of miraculous, and it is nothing less than a testament to the truly great things our movement and our members are able to achieve.

This five-year anniversary was marked with the All-African Movement Assembly, where hundreds of Africans gathered to reflect on the journey thus far. We were able to revise the vision of the movement with the Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0 and renew our focus on 'unity' by adding it to our movement's name. This is an important reminder that as we build solidarity to address the issues of climate change, inequality, shrinking civic space, gender justice and reparations, we must do so together. For it is in unity, that we as Africans, acquire strength and become more powerful.

Another important event of the year was the transition of the Movement Coordinators, Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan and Coumba Toure. After five (5) years of coordinating the movement, they passed down their experiences of leadership to a new generation that will take it to the next level. This marks an honorable passing down of knowledge, and an opportunity for new visions and new ideas for the future. While the transition brings its own challenges, it is a critical moment to build the resilience of the Africans Rising's community. We have already taken great steps in our #BorderlessAfrica campaign, a comprehensive movement building and support framework and in building a broad Pan- African solidarity network to push forward solidarity actions.

I thank the Co-chairs Milouda Bouichou and Rokhaya Ndieye and members of the Coordinating Collective as well as the Core Team (secretariat) for another year of great triumph.. They continue to bring their tireless Pan-African spirit and expertise as movement builders to the daily work of Africans Rising. I also thank the Coordinating Collective whose leadership and guidance continues to push us forward in the effort to build the #AfricaWeWant.

Our movement wouldn't exist without the donors, sponsors, partners and individual givers who make our work possible through their financial contributions, support and in-kind donations. I thank you all; and of course, there is no Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace and Dignity without the thousands of members that make up our thriving community. In this global family, may we continue to find inspiration, support, hope and an infinitely powerful source of collective action and positive change among each other, and may we continue to confront our challenges and achieve our successes together.

Sincerely,

Hardi Yakubu

Movement Coordinator,
Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

Message from the Coordinating Collective



Dear Comrades,

2022 was a year that reminded us about the intrinsic power and value of citizens' groups and active citizenship. On the continent, youth and the young-at-heart continued to mobilise and organise themselves to bring positive change locally, nationally and regionally. This spirit of collective action was motivated by a desire beyond profit and power to develop shared solutions, give voice to marginalised people and hold

power to account. These actions were pursued with courage and conviction as the continent continued to face economic crisis, the growing impact of armed conflict and climate change, rising inequality, gender discrimination, mass migration, poor access to health, education, and decreasing livelihoods.

At the same time, we see that through the work of Africans Rising and its members, more people than ever are becoming activists for a better future. There are

wonderful and encouraging stories of “Young Africa” supporting others who are marginalised and excluded. They are organising and building communities defined by shared issues and interests. Notwithstanding the digital divide, youth activists are increasingly using technology and education to improve their access to information and build up their awareness of rights. As the Coordinating Collective, it was a pleasure to see young Africans and Africans in the Diaspora doing this in innovative ways that challenge those with power. In 2022, we saw youth engagement at its best!

It was our pleasure to attend and actively participate in the All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA) in Arusha, Tanzania. The AAMA had participants from across the continent and the diaspora, including elder activists Jay Naidoo, Kumi Naidoo and Former Vice President of The Gambia Her Excellency, Fatoumata Tambajang-Jallow. The Assembly was attended by various citizens movements and groups from across the continent and Diaspora and recorded the participation of over 600 delegates in-person and online.

It was heartwarming to hear about the engaging nature of the series of regional consultations that were organised preceding the AAMA, which provided thoughtful feedback on how the Kilimanjaro Declaration could be revised to better fit the desires of all members of our growing movement. This led to the adoption and updated version of the Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0. The updated declaration will strengthen the position of our movement to restore dignity to Africa and reclaim what belongs to the continent.

The Movement also leveraged on the AAMA platform to recognize and honour those individuals who had played key roles in forming, nurturing and growing the movement including the founding co-coordinators, Ms. Coumba Toure and Mr. Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan. The movement expressed its sincere appreciation for their diligent, purposeful, and robust service. It was also an opportunity to honour and recognise other key individuals who also played essential roles in developing the structure, systems, and the strategic direction of the Movement.

A key outcome from the AAMA was the unanimous proposal from the members for the Movement to coordinate efforts in pushing for a borderless Africa. This was a timely and important call because the borderless agenda goes beyond trade and value chains and includes free movement of African citizens across borders for both work and leisure travel. Yet stumbling blocks in the form of border and trade restrictions continue to frustrate this much needed step in realising a United Africa.

We look forward to supporting and joining this campaign in 2023. We also look forward to supporting the Core Team to continue to navigate and grow the movement to higher heights.

Warmly,

The members

Africans Rising Coordinating
Collective

About

Africans Rising

For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity

Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity is a Pan-African movement of over 30,000 individual members and 800 organisations working across the continent and diaspora to push governments, businesses, and established national and global NGOs to focus on the issues Africans deem critical. The organization provides a space for progressive African civil society leaders and groups engaged in various civic struggles to convene, connect, collaborate, share knowledge, and build solidarity among people and across issues.

Our Vision & Mission

Our Vision

As outlined in [The Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0](#), is a decentralised, citizen-owned future that will build support for local struggles, and immerse activists in the grassroots work of building bottom-up social movements beyond borders.

Our mission

To amplify the struggles, efforts, and initiatives of African civil society organisations, local NGOs, International NGOs, trade unions, student unions, youth leaders, faith-based assemblages, feminist activists, intellectuals, historians, scientists, athletes, artists, cultural activists, environmentalist, entrepreneurs, LGBTQ communities, tech innovators, filmmakers and many others, across the continent and in the Diaspora.

Our Theory of Change

By building an inclusive and diverse Pan-African movement that works collaboratively to build solidarity, connect, amplify and respond to the struggles of Africans, the Africans Rising movement will contribute to the achievement of justice, peace and shared prosperity for all Africans everywhere.

Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION 2.0 ADOPTED ON 31st AUGUST ARUSHA TANZANIA



We, the people and descendants of Africa are conscious of the need for Africa to unite for Justice, Peace and Dignity. Even as we acknowledge the continuous resistance of our people against exploitative powers, we are equally conscious of the devastating consequences of centuries of oppression. We strongly condemn the plunder of our natural resources and the suppression of our fundamental human rights.

We affirm the pride and self-esteem of the African people to build the Africa We Want - a right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity in the supreme interest of mitigating the 'Great Reset' by powerful global forces who are determined to re-organise the digital and physical economy that is deepening the exclusion of Africa by depriving us the right to our sovereignty over our resources and people.

Considering the foregoing, we are determined to foster a unity of purpose and solidarity to build an Africa that is anchored on Unity, Justice, Peace and Dignity. We are building from a proud history, guided by our ancestral wisdom, before the last 500 years of slavery, colonialism and brutal exploitative economic systems.

Through a series of regional consultations, Africans Rising members provided thoughtful feedback on how the Kilimanjaro Declaration could be revised to better fit the desires of all members of our growing movement in this changing world. The Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0, which was presented at the AAMA, was duly adopted by the assembly on 31st August, 2022, in Arusha, Tanzania.

► [Link to Kilimanjaro Declaration report \(PDF\)](#)

Our Pillars (Key Focus Areas)

1

Expanding space for civic political action

Civil society has been increasingly under threat across the continent. Africans Rising is creating visibility and amplifying the response capacities of activists and movements working to defend civic spaces.

2

Fighting for gender justice

Fighting for gender justice across Africa to end centuries of patriarchy, sexism and misogyny.

3

Focusing our struggles on the well-being and dignity of our people

Focusing our struggles on the well-being and dignity of our people in the economic and socio-political development that guarantees the rights of African people.

4

Demanding ethical governance

Demanding ethical governance, an end to abuse of power and theft of public resources; and rights of African people to freedom of speech, organising and political association.

5

Demanding reparative justice

Demanding reparative justice that allows Africa to recover from the devastating effects of slavery, colonisation, neo-colonisation and climate change.

6

Demanding ecological justice

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7

Actualising African unity

Actualising African Unity, a borderless Africa with one currency, free movement of people, goods and services and the total liberation of our people.

8

Fighting against all forms of human trafficking, slavery and discrimination

Fighting against all forms of human trafficking, modern-day slavery and discrimination based on work and descent.

Our Approaches

ADVOCACY

We provide a solidarity platform to organize continental and global solidarity around key issues and emerging needs. Through fact-finding missions, strategic convenings and advocacy campaigns, we mobilise our communities for tangible positive change led by and for Africans across the globe.

KNOWLEDGE CURATION DOCUMENTATION

We support the documentation of work done by African social movements on the continent and the diaspora, mobilise tools and resources to curate knowledge, and engage African activists and movements to tell and record their own stories.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We host trainings, residencies, learning exchanges, and gatherings that develop the capacities of grassroots activists and movements in their activism work.

ALLIANCE BUILDING

We establish a solidarity framework from grassroots to continental levels in order to push back against repressive laws through collective action.

MOVEMENT SUPPORT

We respond to movements in need of taking urgent action through connecting them to funders or providing them with strategic guidance and capacity building.

STRATEGIC CONVENING

We place a premium value on face-to-face and virtual gatherings and small focus groups as a way to build campaigns from the ground up.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

ALL
AFRICAN
MOVEMENT
ASSEMBLY



All-African Movement Assembly

The All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA) was a historic convening organised by Africans Rising as a gathering of African movements and activists to assess the progress towards the implementation of the Kilimanjaro Declaration. It was held from the 29th - 31st August, 2022 in Arusha Tanzania at MS TCDC. A total of 632 delegates participated in the Assembly, 350 were present at the physical convening while 282 delegates participated virtually.









Mobilisation of Rapid Response Support for Africans Fleeing the War in Ukraine

After thoughtful discussion, members presented a need to make sure the movement prioritises unity and collective action in our activism. To reinforce that idea, members adopted the word “Unity” into our movement name, emphasising the importance of the ways we are able to come together and advocate for change.

Launch of the African Water Justice Network (March)

At the Alternative World Water Forum, participants resolved to launch the African Water Justice Network, a partnership of eight organisations of which Africans Rising served in a host capacity.





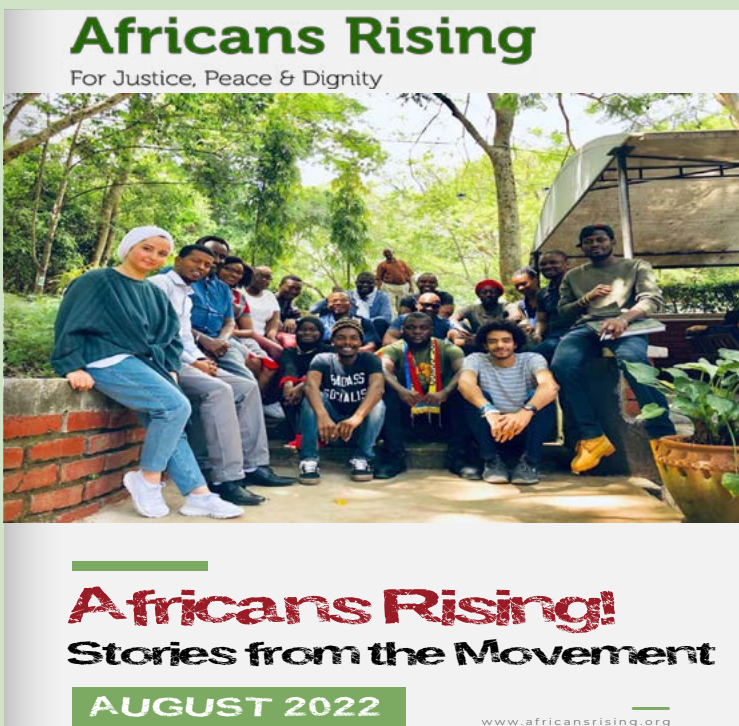
Africans Rising for Unity

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Launch of Borderless Africa Campaign

The Borderless Africa campaign is a decentralised, people-owned campaign to push for the free movement of African people and goods in Africa. The campaign is an outcome of the historic AAMA, motivated by members' resolve to no longer accept the situation where Africans cannot access their own continent.



Publication of Success Stories Booklet

In August, Africans Rising launched the first edition of our success story booklet - Africans Rising! Stories from the Movement. This was the first in our series of booklets that capture some of the inspiring stories of Africans Rising members who are at the forefront of positive change in their communities.

ADVOCACY

Engendering African Social Movements

Engendering African Social Movements (EASM) is an initiative to support African social movements to mainstream gender equality in their operations by providing critical training and capacity building, building solidarity, and providing platforms for cross-movement engagements. EASM promotes the importance and critical contributions of African feminism in the effort to liberate the African continent and African people across the world. Through EASM, Africans Rising engages these critical practitioners, stakeholders and ideologies as powerful agents of change, and emphasizes the inclusion of feminist principles in activism work.

Throughout the year, Africans Rising supported and hosted several events under the EASM initiative:



Role of Women in movement organizing and building

Support for the African Feminist Institute



From January 24 to 28, Pananetugri Initiative (l'Initiative Pananetugri pour le Bien-être des Femmes) [hosted a conference](#) in Senegal on feminism and African feminist struggles for 25 young women from 15 countries across the continent. Africans Rising helped facilitate the participation of women from Mali in the conference, where they learned about themes like digital security and the use of art in movement building.

International Women's Day Celebrations

On 08 March, in honour of the global holiday to highlight women and women's rights and issues, Africans Rising supported member events in DRC, Cameroon, Kenya and Senegal. Events included storytelling and debates, and a colloquium on gender and society. The events brought together activists, academics, and intergenerational communities on issues of gender.



Solidarity Mission to the Gaston Berger University of Saint Louis

After the murder of Seynabou Ka Diallo, a student at the University Gaston Berger of Saint-Louis in Senegal, her classmates held a rally to demand justice on her behalf and better campus security.

Africans Rising Movement Co-coordinator Coumba Toure supported their action by launching a fact-finding mission, mobilising members of feminist groups in Senegal. The mission was held on 20 March, in solidarity with the young women, students, and staff at Gaston Berger. During the mission, students at the university expressed concerns about their security, pointing out the lack of proper street lighting and the dangers of walking at night. Many actions were devised to support the students in their concerns, including a strategy for talking to the administration about what the female students need to feel more secure on campus; writing a letter to the Ministry of Education about the issues they face; and other ideas on how the university can provide psychological support for the students who were close to Diallo.

'The Role Of Women In Movement Organizing & Building' Webinar



On 31 March, Africans Rising organised a [webinar](#) to highlight women's work and participation in popular movements and organisations of the past and present. Panellists and participants discussed the role and engagement of women in community organising and social justice.

Support for the African Feminist Institute in Burkina Faso



From 26 - 30 April, Africans Rising Movement Co-Coordinator Coumba Toure supported a training of young feminist with the l'Institut Féministe Africain in Burkina Faso. Thirty young women from the different regions of Burkina Faso participated in the training to learn about building a feminist movement.

Invisible Giants



Invisible Giants is a popular education event that celebrates African women on the continent and in the diaspora who are doing remarkable work in their communities for social change and sustainable development. Africans Rising organises these events in partnership with the Heinrich Boll Foundation. In 2022, Invisible Giants events included:

Invisible Giants Celebrations



March 25

More than 100 attendees came to celebrate the work of Koni Benson, South Africa; Faeza Meyer, South Africa; Ruth Nyamburu, Kenya; and Fatou Diouf, Senegal.

25 May

This event recognized the legacies of Maria Diarra from Mali, Amy Sakho and Ndéye Khaira Thiam from Senegal.

Art Exhibition & Discussion Series

From 24 May 24 - 24 June, during the 2022 Dakar Biennale, a multi-art exhibition and discussion series was hosted at the Heinrich Boll Foundation in Dakar to celebrate the work of African women activists.



31 August

During the All-African Movements Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, the legacies of Njoki Njehu, Makena Mwobobia, Amisha Rashid and Charlotte O'Neal were celebrated.



22 October

In Pete, Podor, Senegal, award recipients were Korika DIAW, farmer (Richard Toll); Guithiel SARR, farmer (Doungel); Couro Fatoumata Abdou LY, development agent (Pété); Nafy Bâ, farmer (Matam) and Hapsatou Yéro Deme known as Djinda Dème in Thiodaye (Agnams).



29 October

After the formation of the bureau of the Senegal Feminist Network at Musée de la femme Henriette Bathily in Dakar, a celebration was held to honour Andrée Marie Diagne-Bonané, Ndéye Mingué Ndiaté Ndiaye, Ndéye Yacine Diagne, and Couro Kane Niang.



December

In the spirit of decentralising the celebrations of invisible giants within rural areas, an event in Tambacounda, Senegal, celebrated activists Adjaratou Ba, Oumou Diallo, Haby Coulibaly and Awa Makhanéra.

Funding the Movement



Harrison Owusu, Africans Rising Resource Mobilization Officer and Naloucha Nganga, Co-ordinating Collective Treasurer receive cash donations!

Africans Rising is greatly disturbed by emerging global trends affecting the continent and recognizes that the future of Africa cannot be built on external development funding and foreign direct investment alone. The sustainability of the African continent lies in the principles of self-preservation, collective responsibility, community development and values of Ubuntu, which are contained in the nomenclature, Africans Rising. These principles and values are espoused to mean, Africans must unite and rise to shape their own future and destiny by nurturing and investing in their own development. To that end, African philanthropy must be nurtured as a sustainable investment driven by Africans themselves. This sustainability agenda must be practicalized by reaching out to the ordinary African man, woman and youth to support development in Africa. To deepen these illumination efforts, Africans Rising championed an ambitious campaign titled, **#OneAfro4OneMillion**, which invites all African citizens and people of African descent to join the bandwagon of donating the equivalent of \$1 in their country's local currency to support Africans Rising's mandate of raising at least 1 million dollars by 2030. The purpose of this campaign is to promote the work of Africans Rising's membership in 55 countries and over 250 constituencies in the diaspora to deliver unity, justice, peace, dignity for Africans everywhere.

#OneAfro4OneMillion

Community Fundraiser-Solidarity Circles



On 26th June, in Nairobi, Kenya, the first Solidarity Circle took place at the Cheche Bookstore, Lavington. This was a collaboration between the Eco-feminist Collective, Ruth Nyambura and Africans Rising Movement Coordinator, Coumba Toure. The event was a feminist conversation and Coumba Toure officially launched the Individual Giving Initiative of hosting feminist conversations and pan africanism on the continent. The Africans Rising Movement mandate is to build a Pan African Movement that is self financed by Africans and our Supporters. Our goal is to grow this support to one Million over the next 5 years.

On 5 August, Africans Rising and Congo Love co-organised the Accra Solidarity Circle event at the premises of the Socialist Movement of Ghana in Accra. The event's overarching goal was to use the platform as a community



fundraiser to mobilise funds from participants to support Africans Rising's work around specific themes. Pan-Africanism and feminism were the thematic issues discussed with a call to Africans to unite to contribute monies that would be used to champion these thematic issues. The event was graced with the attendance of Ms. Amina Mama, African Studies Chair at the University of Ghana.

Individual Giving to African Victims of Russia-Ukraine War

Committed to the ideals of individual giving, Africans Rising spearheaded a rapid-response donation drive that raised an amount of \$75,000 USD from foundations, trusts, corporates, philanthropists and members to support fellow Africans fleeing the Russia-Ukraine war. Through collaboration with like-minded credible partners – Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation and Black Justice in Poland, the money raised was used to:

1. Support evacuations;
2. Provide basic necessities like food and clothing for settling in neighbouring countries;
3. Campaign against racial discrimination.



AFRICAN LIBERATION WEEK 2022

MAY 23-29

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African Liberation Week was commemorated from 23 - 29 May under the theme "Africa for Africans" and mobilised more than 500 actions across 46 countries in Africa and the diaspora. These events included a symposium on decolonization and Africans liberation in the DRC, beach cleaning and sensitization on climate and environmental justice in Cameroon, a conference-debate in Burundi, a youth engagement in Malawi, a forum organised for women in Kenya, among several other events. The week started with press conferences led by Africans Rising's movement coordinators in Nairobi, Kenya and Dakar, Senegal.

Borderless Africa Campaign



The Borderless Africa campaign is a decentralised, people-owned campaign to push for the free movement of African people and goods in Africa. The campaign is an outcome of the historic 2022 **All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA)**, motivated by members' resolve to no longer accept the situation where Africans cannot access their own continent. Current visa and border restrictions on African travel limit trade and economic development as well as African solidarity, and only serve to entrench the arbitrary borders created to divide us at the Berlin Conference of 1884.

The campaign objectives include: (1) the abolition of visa requirements and other restrictions for travel of Africans within Africa; (2) bringing the AU protocol on free movement into force by mobilising grassroots actors to push for the ratification of the protocol; (3) the organisation of a continent-wide grassroots' push for the mass roll out of the African passport including its availability to Africans in the diaspora.

In 2022, the Borderless Africa working group was formed and began planning for the 2023 launch of the campaign.

KNOWLEDGE CURATION & DOCUMENTATION

African Languages Week

Africans Rising lent its support and platform to promote the 2022 African Languages Week (24 - 30 January) hosted by the African Academy of Languages and the African Union Commission. The week is an opportunity to showcase and promote African Languages and cultures across the African continent. Africans Rising developed a **promotional video** and **media campaign** to promote the importance of African languages in the preservation of African heritage.

Artistic Activism

Artistic Activism is an initiative that utilises the affective power of art and the effective sort of outcomes of activism. It creates space for innovation, and new ways of thinking and new ways of doing things that touch the mind and the hearts of Africans. As a part of the Artistic Activism initiative, Africans Rising supports the African Creative Action Network (ACAN). ACAN is a collective of artistic activists using their creativity to promote social change. In 2022, ACAN created works that **promote water justice**, speak out against sexual violence, and held concerts during the All-African Movement Assembly and in Dakar, Senegal where they collectively partnered with Heinrich Böll's Youth Advocate for Democracy Program for the "Senegalese and Youth Democracy" concert.

ACAN also produced the following new songs: **My Voice**, **My Weapon**; **Hope on the Horizon**, **Journal D'Afrique**.



'Triple Crisis in Africa' Webinar



On 06 July, Africans Rising partnered with Activista Gambia and Resilient Future International to host **"Triple Crisis in Africa: Climate Change, Conflict & Food Security"** with leading activists and experts.

Art and Pan-Africanism in the 21st Century

On 14 April, Africans Rising, in collaboration with the Village des Arts, organised an **in-person and online conference** on art and Pan-Africanism in the 21st century moderated by Dr. Amzat Boukari-Yabara. Participants discussed African artistic traditions and the influence of African arts across the world.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

AFRICANS RISING ACTIVISM AWARDS

ACTIVISM AWARDS

The Africans Rising Activism Awards initiative supports and connects activists and movements in a global network of Africans engaging in non-violent actions to promote justice, peace, and dignity for all Africans everywhere.

The 2022 Africans Rising Activism Awards offered awards in three categories: Activist of the Year, Movement of the Year, and Artistic Activist of the Year. A total of 2,562 members participated in the voting process to select this year's winners:

ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR

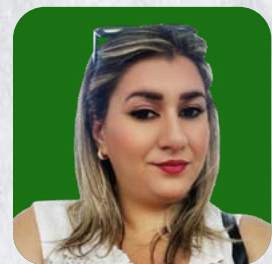


Editar Ochieng, Kenya (Winner)

Editar Ochieng is an unapologetic, inter-sectional and proud African feminist and social justice activist who champions women's rights.



Pascal Bisimwa, DRC (1st Runner up)



FATMA Messaoud, Algeria (2nd Runner up)

MOVEMENT OF THE YEAR



Botswana Jobs for Graduates, Botswana (Winner)

Registered in 2012, Botswana Jobs for Graduates is an

organisation that works to remedy escalating unemployment issues faced by youth in Botswana. The organisation has a membership network of over 500,000 youth ages 18 - 35, with 52 percent being women, and has helped over 18,000 youth find employment.



XR Goma University, DRC (1st Runner up)



Education in Crisis, Uganda & Tanzania (2nd Runner up)

ARTISTIC ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR



**Afra Saad, Sudan
(Winner)**

Afraa Saad is a filmmaker and photographer. She studied at Al-Neelain University, Faculty of Arts, Department of Libraries and Information. She is the founding member of the Kandaka Women's Group at Al-Neelain University. Saad is Interested in humanitarian, human rights and women's issues.



**Etienne Kasereka,
DRC (1st
Runner up)**



**Wad Al Zain,
Sudan (2nd
Runner up)**

Climate Justice Camp



Africans Rising was invited to join and facilitate training sessions at The Climate Justice Camp that was held in Nabeul, Tunisia from 26 - 30 September. The camp was hosted by Greenpeace International and convened over 400 climate activists from 65 countries and several regions including the Middle East, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, South East Asia, and the Pacific. Africans Rising Movement Coordinator, Muhammed Lamin facilitated trainings on Advocacy Campaigns and Basic Movement Building during the five-day event.

ALLIANCE BUILDING

Alternative World Water Forum (AWWF)



The objective of the Alternative World Water Forum (AWWF) – in French, Forum Alternatif Mondial de l'Eau (FAME) – is “to create a concrete alternative to the World Water Forum (WWF) which is organised by the World Water Council, and serves as mouthpiece for transnational companies and the World Bank”. Africans Rising was invited to partner with WWAFF, in which over 500 participants from 42 countries gathered in Dakar, Senegal, from 21 - 25 March.

The alternative forum was an amazing opportunity to exchange, learn and unite different water struggles in Africa and around the world. As a part of the forum, Africans Rising sponsored the participation of rural communities and women’s organisations, recognising that women and girls are among the most impacted people regarding water privatisation and access to clean water. These activists

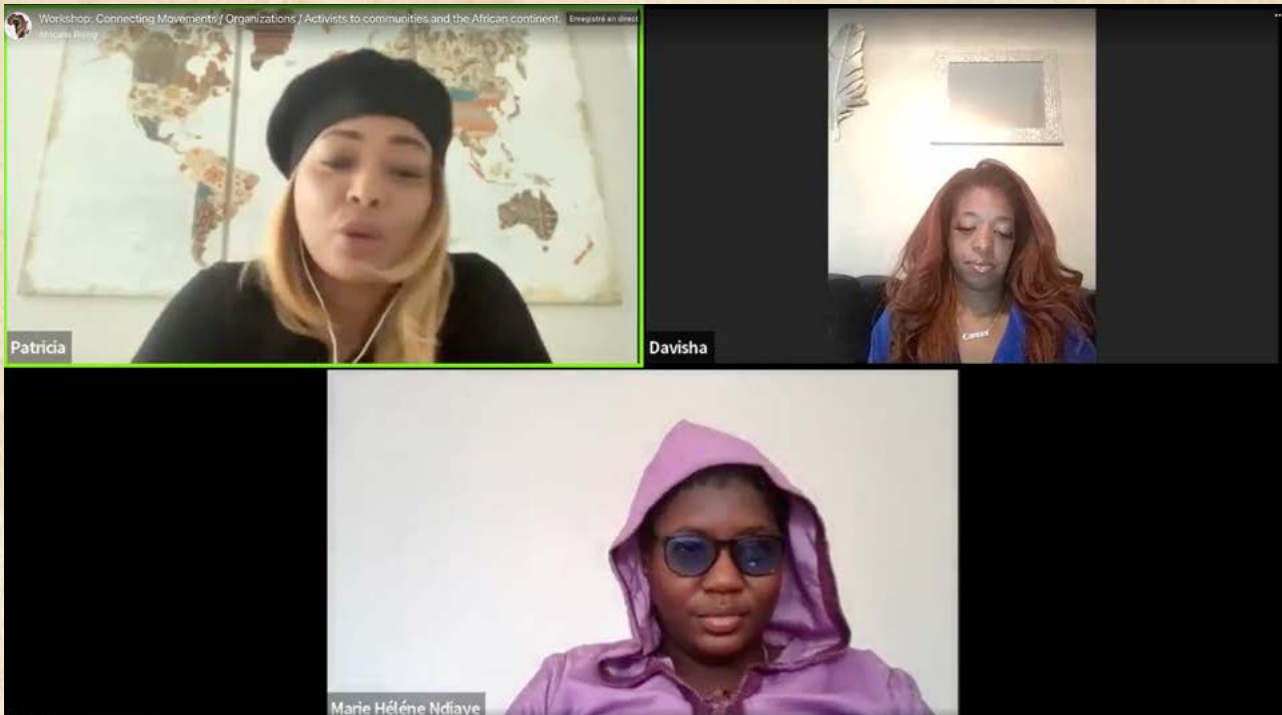


and groups took part in workshops and shared their water stories and their perspectives to water justice.

During the forum, Africans Rising members and allies expressed opposition to water privatisation and centred feminist analysis of water issues. Interactions and discussions were done through over 30 workshops and panels. Each day ended with an art presentation from participating artists in the form of dance, theatre, poetry, music, short film, and painting to denounce water privatisation and advocate for water for all.

Based on a resolution from this year's forum, the Alternative World Water Forum was renamed the People's World Water Forum. Participants also resolved to launch the African Water Justice Network, a partnership of eight organisations which Africans Rising has served in a host capacity.

Workshop: Connecting Movements, Organizations and Activists to Communities and the African Continent



Africans Rising, through the support of our Diaspora chapter, organised a [webinar](#) to discuss the stories and lessons from the past, and to build solidarity in the Diaspora while connecting actions to the African continent. The event was a part of the African Liberation Week celebration, and served to revive and increase international awareness around the struggles and culture of people of Africa and the people of African descent.

Reparations Conversation

Reparative justice became one of the key pillars of Africans Rising's Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0 that was adopted at the All-African Movements Assembly. Like the other outcome campaigns, the Reparations group led by Sungu Oyoo met twice to discuss the best way to carry forward the work as agreed at the AAMA, the main objective being to build a platform and create the framework within which solidarity can be built and sustained among groups and movements in Africa working on Reparations. The aim is to build and sustain movement power towards redressing the centuries-old crimes perpetrated against the black global family. This campaign is particularly important given its critical linkage to climate justice. With #LossAndDamage at centre stage of climate discussions currently especially following the landmark decision to establish a fund for #LossAndDamage at the COP27, Reparations are critical to ensuring that the people and corporations who destroy the earth for profit are made to pay, so that those affected the most can be supported to recover, adapt and sustain their lives.

What's Happening in Africa? Conversation Series



As part of our solidarity with Mali and Burkina Faso, which experienced coups d'état this year, Africans Rising organised conversations with members in both countries to advise on the various solidarity actions to take as citizens demand accountability and peace in their countries. Both conversations featured speakers and participants from the countries.

MOVEMENT SUPPORT

Local Youth Environment Assembly-Zambia



On 25 February, Powering Young Initiatives facilitated the Local Youth Environment Assembly in Livingstone, Zambia. The activity was the first Local Youth Environment Assembly event to be implemented and supported by UNEP Major Group of Children and Youth, Global Youth for Environment and Africans Rising.

Powering Young Initiatives steering committee, with active participation of other general membership and volunteers, was able to mobilise 30 youth from the local community and organisations, to participate in the assembly, as well

as some government officials from the Local Government Ministry and Ministry of Tourism and Arts. Among the topics discussed were: Youth Inclusion in Climate Change National Planning; Youth Involvement in National Planning and Issues Affecting the Environment; Youth Environmental Management; and Youth and Climate Action. You can read more about the Local Youth Environment Assembly in our [Success Stories booklet](#).

Utu Coalition - Stop the Killings of Women and Elders in Kenya

The Utu Coalition comprises over 35 civil society and human rights organisations and individuals in Kenya and other places who have come together to address the violence and killings that target older persons – especially women – following accusations of practising witchcraft. As a partner in the Utu Coalition, African Rising stands in solidarity with the victims and survivors of these crimes, and has shared financial and other resources to facilitate advocacy activities that include the national commemoration of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Kilifi County, and has activated its robust membership network at the grassroots, national, regional, and global levels. You can read more about the work of the Utu Coalition in our [Success Stories booklet](#).



Rapid Response Support to Africans Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

On 24 February, Russia waged a war with Ukraine, immediately creating a humanitarian situation and forcing African immigrants to escape the situation into neighbouring countries of Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Romania. For the thousands of people of African descent, the challenges of the war have created a peculiar situation where they struggle to secure accommodation, curtailed education, food and other basic necessities. Even in their attempts to flee and save their lives, they encounter serious discrimination in boarding evacuation buses and trains, passing through borders of neighbouring countries and settling. We received reports of how Africans had been forced out of buses and other means of transport leaving Ukraine. Part of our support program is Rapid Response for Africans in Crisis and this is what we deployed in this situation.

Working with strategic and credible partners such as Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation and Black Justice in Poland, Africans Rising launched a three-pronged approach to supporting Africans in Ukraine: 1. Support in evacuations; 2. Support in providing basic necessities for settling in neighbouring countries; 3. Campaign against racial discrimination. Africans Rising also made an effort to rally the African Union to provide a robust continental response to the crisis as opposed to the piecemeal, disjointed efforts by different African countries.

Our crisis response strategy was anchored on working with credible organisations giving humanitarian support and relief items to Africans affected by the Ukraine situation, with a priority on African women and children.

Formation of the Pan-African Movement on Climate and Development



From 11 to 16 May, Africans Rising Movement Coordinator Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan participated in the Pan-African Movement on Climate and Development Building Convening in Arusha, Tanzania. The convening was held to support the facilitation and co-development of a Pan-African movement on climate and development and convened 36 African CSO leaders to discuss the road map for African CSO coordination toward CoP 27 in Egypt.

Support for Displaced Activists

In 2022, Africans Rising was able to provide financial and psychosocial support to activists who were seeking asylum outside of their home country. Their work in human rights and journalism made them target their home country's political leadership, forcing them both to flee their homes in search of refuge.



March from Dakar-Bamako

In January 2022, ECOWAS heads of state and government imposed several sanctions on Mali on the grounds that the country's transitional authorities had failed to comply with an agreement reached with ECOWAS in September, which maps a return to civilian rule in line with the country's own Transition Charter. Following these sanctions, on 16 February, a group of Pan-African activists made the historic decision to walk 1,362 kilometres from Dakar, Senegal, to Bamako, Mali. The march was a tool to help Africans understand the issues that plague the continent and also participate directly or indirectly in the chain of solidarity. A total of 28 activists arrived in Bamako after 39 days of walking. Africans Rising provided support to facilitate the organisation and travel of the activists that took part in the march. You can read more about their accomplishments in our Success Stories booklet.



STRATEGIC CONVENING

Regional Consultations



North Africa. On 28 July, Africans Rising held a regional consultation in Rabat, Morocco, to hear from our members in North Africa about the issues important to them. While in Rabat, we met with activists, organisations and movements in the city, including Heinrich Böll Rabat, Mains Libre, Association Neama pour le Développement...



Central Africa. From 21 - 23 June, Africans Rising held field visits and a regional consultation with our members in Cameroon and across Central Africa. We discussed the importance of Pan-African organising and ways we can create a better, stronger movement in the years ahead.



West Africa. On 29 June, Africans Rising met with members in Freetown, Sierra Leone for our West Africa consultation. We met with member organisations to discuss ways the Africans Rising movement can be more responsive to the needs of activists and movements working at the grassroots.



Southern Africa. On 06 July, Africans Rising members met in Lusaka, Zambia and held meetings with the local organisations Girls Safeguarding Girls, Dzunka Cholinga Youth, Generation Lead, and Youth4Parliament.



East Africa. On 14 July, Africans Rising held its regional consultation in Nairobi, Kenya, and made field visits to Movement Kibera, Social Justice Centres, and to a feminist centre in Kibera Slums.

Members Meeting in Nairobi



On 11 March, more than 70 members and guests, members of the Africans Rising Core Team and Coordinating Collective gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, to hold a candid conversation on movement building, resource mobilisation, membership and sustainability of the Africans Rising movement in East and Central regions of Africa. Members

resoundingly called for sustained engagement and activities in universities, with partners and also in solidarity with individual members. There was also a clear emphasis on the upcoming Africa Liberation Week mobilisation in May and the All-African Movement Assembly in August as moments for continued movement building. One of the outcomes of the meeting was the start of a WhatsApp group to keep members informed and engaged on Africans Rising activities.

All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA)

The All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA) was a historic convening organised by Africans Rising as a gathering of African movements and activists to assess the progress towards the implementation of the Kilimanjaro Declaration. It was held from 29 - 31 August in Arusha, Tanzania, at MS TCDC. The Centre for Basic Research based in Kampala, Uganda,



was the lead consultant in the technical curation of the Assembly.

#AAMA2022



Africans Rising

For Justice, Peace & Dignity



All-African Movement Assembly

29 - 31 AUGUST 2022

A total of 632 delegates participated in the Assembly, 350 were present at the physical convening while 282 delegates participated virtually. Delegates came from 60 countries from all six (6) regions of the continent (North, South, Central, East, West, and the Diaspora). The assembly was preceded by five regional convenings, which informed the content of the program and the substance of discussions.

After the three-day convening, certain critical decisions were made and outcomes produced, including:



- Africans Rising For Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity. After thoughtful discussion, members presented a need to make sure the movement prioritises unity and collective action in our activism. To reinforce that idea, members adopted the word “Unity” into our movement name, emphasising the importance of the ways we are able to come together and advocate for change. Our name and logo have been updated to reflect this change, but we remain the same movement accountable to our members and the needs of Africa and her peoples across the globe.



- The Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0. Members provided thoughtful feedback on how the movement's founding document, the Kilimanjaro Declaration, could be updated to reflect the way forward in the movement to build the Africa we want. The Africans Rising Coordinating Collective then developed a revision team, made up of members from all regions of the continent and led by our Ambassadors Jay Naidoo and Her Excellency Fatoumata Tambajang-Jallow, to update the declaration taking into consideration the feedback from our members. [The Kilimanjaro Declaration 2.0](#) was presented and duly adopted by the All-African Movement Assembly on 31st August. You can read the new document on [our website](#).
- Africans Rising Post-AAMA campaigns. As a result of the vibrant and productive conversations at the Assembly, Africans Rising members decided to form working groups to further our progress in thematic areas that include a borderless Africa, single currency and reparations, and a continent-wide, action-oriented Pan-African solidarity network.

SUSTAINING THE MOVEMENT

Africans Rising is greatly disturbed by emerging global trends affecting The International Working Group responsible for the birthing of the Africans Rising for Justice Peace and Dignity Movement envisioned and committed themselves to a Movement that was self-sustaining and funded through African sourced finance. To kick-start operations of the Movement, AR solicited support from well wishers and funding partners that were aligned to the core mandate of the Movement. Through this significant support the Movement has grown and matured exponentially reaching over 30,000 members, 800 of them social movements on the continent. The beauty created is that the Movement is community based, a truly bottom up grassroots movement. At AAMA in August 2022, the original mandate was discussed and comrades were moved to kick start the \$1 dollar a month campaign, which was aptly renamed as the One Afro Campaign. This represents the urgent need for all to get on board, committing to donating the equivalent, in each country's currency, of US\$1 per month. If one million Africans and supporters contributed to the survival

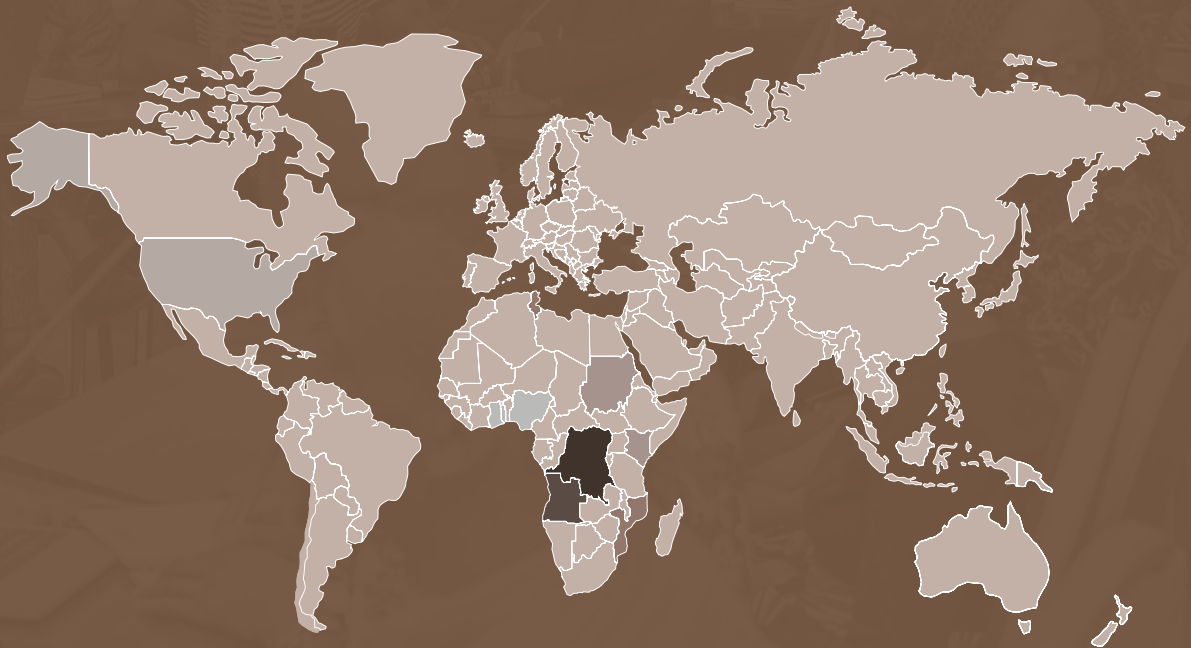
of the movement through this donation, Africans Rising can scale its work, members would have total ownership and leave a lasting legacy where Africans co-create their own responses to issues that we deem critical. The Individual Giving Initiative calls for African community Philanthropy to be strengthened, with the message that by contributing a minimal amount, by many, can have real positive impact on the ground, through its membership to make a difference. The vision of the Movement is local-to-global, with capability to build strong solidarity among all peoples of african descent. It is time for AR to position itself in the right spaces for advocacy and the changing of government policies to better serve their constituencies. On a Continent of 1,426,486,949 billion population (2022) and 34 million Africans in the diaspora, One Million is definitely an achievable target.

During 2022, the resource mobilisation unit set in motion several pilot fundraising initiatives, built an infrastructure to enable anyone anywhere in the world to donate with ease, particularly through local mobile money platforms.

Have you donated your One Afro yet?

OUR MEMBERS

At present, Africans Rising boasts a membership exceeding 30,000 individuals and comprises 300 organizational members hailing from more than 150 countries worldwide.



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Individuals Members

30,000

Organizational members

300

Countries

150



OUR TEAM

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STAFF AWARDS



Coumba Toure and Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan - Honored for their Service as Movement Coordinators

In honor of the service and legacy of Movement Coordinators Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan and Coumba Toure, Africans Rising held a commemorative ceremony to honour their contributions to the movement during the All-African Movement Assembly.

Coumba Toure - Frontline 40

Africans Rising Movement Co-Coordinator Coumba Toure was recognised among the Frontline 40, for her work in Mali, Senegal, and among the Pan-African community. The Frontline 40 is an honour hosted by The Frontline campaign, which recognises accomplished leaders organising for justice and liberation in the U.S and around the globe.

Coumba Toure - Leading Feminist Voice

Movement Coordinator Coumba Toure was also named among the leading feminist voices in Africa by the African Leadership Center.





Prince Akpah - Ghana's 25 Under 25 Awards

The Ghana's 25 Under 25 Awards are presented by Africa Dreams Factory. Prince Akpah was awarded in recognition of his contributions to Research, Ranking & Eventing in Ghana. The award ceremony was held on 19th March, 2022, in Accra.

SPECIAL MESSAGE - TRANSITION IN LEADERSHIP / THANK YOU

Africans Rising Movement Co-coordinators Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan and Coumba Toure stepped down from their roles in September and November 2022, respectively. We are honoured by their dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the movement since its inception and for their expressed willingness to continue supporting the movement as it grows.

In order to properly manage the transition of the coordinators, the Coordinating Collective (Board) announced an interim period Hardi Yakubu, then Engagement and Collaboration Lead, was appointed by Africans Rising's Coordinating Collective to serve as Interim Coordinator from October 1, 2022 so as to ensure that the running of the secretariat was not interrupted. A decision of the Coordinating Collective also changed Africans Rising's leadership model from dual to mono-leadership. The leadership of the CC however remains the co-chairs.

Call for Applications for the positions of Movement Coordinator, and Transition Coach were launched. After a rigorous application, interview and scoring process, in which both internal and external candidates were assessed for the position of Africans Rising Movement Coordinator, Hardi Yakubu was selected as the new Africans Rising Movement Coordinator. The process of recruiting a Transition coach is still underway as we were unable to find a suitable candidate after the first round of interviews done for the position.

We are deeply grateful for all the support we have received and will continue to receive throughout the transition process and beyond. We would like to extend special thanks to our members, partners and allies for their understanding, support and guidance throughout the process so far. Together, we are building one of the most formidable Pan-African movements to carry forward the work of total liberation and unity of Africa and Africans.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

The Dignity of Africans and people of African descent is always in a perilous state. We know and are proud of the natural endowment of the continent's richness and diversity. A Motherland that has immense capacity to feed the world, and produce raw materials which cannot be found elsewhere. A continent filled with beauty and people, many of whom work tirelessly daily to survive, but what we need is to thrive and take our rightful place in global affairs, socio economic and political spheres. The reasons why we have not achieved our full potential are well known and documented. Africans Rising was created as a Movement that responds to the critical issues of our time, and together with members, the core team and the Coordinating Committee, as well as our esteemed Ambassadors we work towards building Unity, Solidarity so that together we can stand up to or work with Governments, civil society, private sector, the African Union and others for Justice and Peace across the Continent.

We hope that you connect with and find value in the work we have done in 2022. This year marked a significant milestone - five years in operation. We measure this success by the growing membership numbers, through the capacity building and connections facilitated among members. Activists and community based organisations reported that much of the value they receive in this space makes them stronger, more experienced and more motivated to continue the struggles for social justice because they are not alone, there are brothers and sisters going through the same. They have gained knowledge, strategies and meta approaches that have supported their work. They have leveraged contacts and resources and ideas, and stood in solidarity with each other when national, regional and global crises have occurred that alone we would falter. We shall continue to seek innovative, creative, technologically enabled solutions to support each other, and strive for a unified Africa. We want to thank the Africans Rising US team who have continued to support the work, expand the work, advocating for Africa through their networks and supporters. We value their commitment to building a better Africa.

We would not have been able to do this work without the continued support of all our funding partners, supporters, volunteers and members. Therefore we dedicate this year's annual report to you all; to thank you for believing in us, entrusting us with the vision of a liberated Africa that can hold its own and contribute to a more just society. We aim to, and give our commitment to be inclusive, to continue to bring more individuals and organisations together under one umbrella because this unity we strive for enables us to stand up to the many injustices that continue to plague the continent. We want to ensure that the groups that feel marginalized are brought into the fold, their particular circumstances come to light and their voices are heard.

It is therefore appropriate to not only thank our current funding partners as we celebrate our fifth anniversary, but to all those who began this journey with us, and to those who

received the baton and have stood with us. To all the core team that has worked tirelessly since 2017, to the Movement Coordinators, Muhammed Lamin Saidykhon and Coumba Toure who have also handed over the baton to the next generation of leadership, thank you for the inspiration, dedication and sheer hard work. The membership who have also joined the struggle, we want to recommit ourselves to serving. We thank the founders, the first international working group, and subsequent Coordinating Committee members. We thank the following funders who continue to believe in our work. We also say welcome to new funders.

Africans Rising is in full swing with a mandate to grow our African Giving portfolio. We thank the Individual and regular givers who donate to the growth of the Movement. We call on you to speak to your network so that they too can help fund the critical work. Working to promote African philanthropy is critical to the survival of the Movement. We believe that in supporting an organised social justice Movement we are making a bold statement to our political leaders that we need to be united in purpose to propel us forward.

Thank you to all for your tireless efforts for the Africans Rising for Unity, Justice, Peace & Dignity Movement!

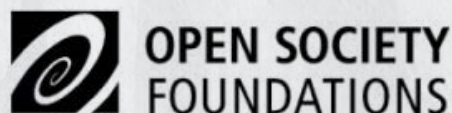
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