

Africans Rising

For Justice, Peace and Dignity



2017 - 2018

Movement Report



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We are very proud of this first movement report, our community is excited to share with you our milestones and stories!

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ABOUT US

Africans Rising is a pan-African movement of people and organisations who are tirelessly working for peace, justice and dignity. We are determined to foster an Africa-wide solidarity and unity of purpose of the peoples of Africa to build the future we want; a right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity.



As Africans Rising, we are building a movement for a second African Liberation. We share the common reality of being divided, subjected to serious political manipulation and facing a brutal economic exploitation. We share the untold stories of irreversible damage from the eras of slavery and colonisation. Today, most African nations are unable to freely choose their leaders and are systematically kept from defending their best interests.

But we do see the light; Africans Rising was born to support, connect and amplify grassroots struggles of people, organisations, and movements in Africa and the diaspora. We are committed to building solidarity within & amongst campaigns for social, economic, environmental and gender justice.

We believe that Africa is now; Africans are full of potential and deserve to shine regardless of the difficulties that they are braving all across the continent. Africans Rising is all about Africans celebrating their heritage and Faya!

"The reference in Africans Rising is not to Africa, the continent, but to Africans, the people. I love that! This is a network through which I can connect with people that understand, support and critique."



Ayak Chol Deng Alak | South Sudan
Founding Member of Anataban

August 2016

Validation Conference

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

272 delegates 40 African countries attended the conference in addition to an honourable representation by the African Diaspora. 51% of the delegates were women and 60% were under the age of 35. The conference deliberately positioned all its participants on an equal level; they drafted and unanimously adopted the **Kilimanjaro Declaration**; the founding charter of Africans Rising, confirming the earlier consensus that African unity reflected by greater social, political and economic integration is critical for Africa and its peoples.

"There were no protocols observed, no kings and queens, no gatekeepers. The mood was sober and colourful. The message was crystal clear. We are Men and Women of Africa who believed that we can no longer continue to be Beggars in our Own Home. the African Continent and all those who live in it deserve the very best."

Founding Member

HOW IT ALL STARTED

OCT 2015 - DEC 2016

May 2016

Rustlers Valley Free State

📍 South Africa

A Strategy Workshop with representatives from Eastern & Southern Africa where the Diaspora Call to Unite was released.

April 2016

Consultations

📍 Kenya

National consultation with trade unions, NGOs and faith-based groups

April 2016

International Civil Society Week

📍 Colombia

We attended an auxiliary session on the African civil society Initiative with representatives from 20 African countries.

February 2016

Consultations

📍 Ethiopia

We attended an auxiliary session on the Africa Civil Society Initiative and ran consultations with trade unions, faith-based groups, International NGOs with representatives from 50 African countries.



AFRICANS RISING VISION

Our vision, as outlined in the Kilimanjaro Declaration; is a decentralised, citizen-owned future that offers support to local struggles and immerses activists in the grassroots work of building bottom-up social movements beyond borders.

The movement was launched on May 25th, 2017 with over 300 decentralised actions & events. Since its launch, Africans Rising has geared-up to amplify the efforts and initiatives of African civil society organisations, local NGOs, international NGOs, trade unions, student unions, youth leaders, faith-based institutions, human rights defenders, minority rights activists, intellectuals, researchers, artists, athletes, environmental justice movements, anti-corruption campaigners, entrepreneurs, LGBTQ communities, tech innovators and many others across continent and in the diaspora.

It is with this army of supporters and partners that our work has been seeding major positive changes and echoing the true values of pan-Africanism in the pursuit of justice, peace and dignity for all the people of African descent.

Our organising approach would be best described as a "starfish" instead of a "spider" approach. Africans Rising as a movement and a community thrives if we continue exploring a decentralised change-making which empowers leaders on the ground to take initiative and act organically.

As a catalysing movement, Africans Rising supports and co-creates actions and events throughout the year, with the African Liberation Day (Africa Day) being the annual apex organising moment on the 25th of May. Beyond its first year anniversary, the movement continues to explore an untravelled path to revive pan-Africanism and connect all Africans who seek a prosperous continent.





WHAT WE DO

As a growing movement, with a broad pan-African remit, we are currently focussing on:

Improving Accountability & Ending Corruption

Improve the ability of people and organisations to hold their governments accountable to more open governance and ending the political impunity that drives corruption.



Defending Freedom of Expression

Ensure that people's inherent rights to express and engage in public discourse are respected.



Providing General Support to Activists

Take actions and launch projects that provide support and build the capacity of activists across the continent.



HOW IT'S DONE

As a pan-African community, we strive to learn from each other, explore new tactics of mobilising and expand the limits of our collective impact.



Strategic Convening

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

Lean & Agile Internal Governance

We aspire to implement accountable & transparent internal governance, engage our members and always achieve consensus.

Resource Mapping

We map resources and gather data within ethical frameworks to build, consolidate & crowdsource African activism.

Communicating Grassroots Milestones

We commit to using a myriad of media to share the stories of our members; the Africans who are actually rising.

Alliance Building

We establish a solidarity framework from grassroots to continental levels and push back against repressive laws through collective actions.

Solidarity Missions

We fulfil the promise of the Kilimanjaro Declaration by being the first to stand in solidarity with our fellow Africans in times of crises.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING CHAIR

While the political environment across the continent has proven to be repressive, we have seen our movement succeed in building safe spaces for our members. Together with our passionate coordinators, staff and the Interim Working Group (IWG), we have been fortunate to make a progress in our work towards achieving peace, justice and dignity for all Africans. The obstacles have also been many – from persistently shrinking civic spaces to discouraging political tendencies on the part of far too many of our political leaders, we have been able to manoeuvre these obstacles in the best way we knew how: through hard work and reliable alliances with those who share our vision of social, economic, political, gender and environmental justice on the African continent.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who played a colossal role in establishing our movement during and beyond its launch on #25May2017 through a myriad of initiatives, we came out of 2017 wiser and stronger. We are on track for a second positive mobilisation for the African Liberation Day; we have expanded our core team and recruited vibrant pan-Africanists as Africans Rising's mobilisation partners across countries and regions.

I have witnessed our small but dedicated team breaking new grounds through unprecedented access to high-level policymakers; this humble admission to important conversations has shifted the dynamics of interactions between civil society leaders and governmental entities. Africans Rising is proud to continue shaping certain conversations through Solidarity Missions, such as our previous delegations to the Gambia and Togo. The team was able to connect with leaders working on the ground and successfully influence the outcomes of civil movements that were raging at the time of their visit. I had the privilege of accompanying the co-coordinators to the Gambia for a mission where we met the then newly elected president Adama Barrow, government officials, civil society & NGO leaders and youth activists who are now highly valuable Africans Rising allies.

Africans Rising has worked conscientiously with our member organisations to develop consensus around themes of mutual importance, such as movement support, accountability and transparency. Similarly, our team has worked tirelessly to amplify voices of African activists who often go unheard. Through our inaugural Activists in Residence program, we created a space for activists to galvanise their visions, grow through team building activities and re-energise their minds through a mental wellness platform that is otherwise scarce in their daily struggles.

*"As we move forward,
Africans Rising
remains an authentic
concept with
immeasurable
possibilities"*

I remain committed to helping the movement's cause in every possible capacity. The people of Africa are hurting at multiple levels; and so Africans Rising is challenged to be a source of hope by confirming the possibility of achieving a just, peaceful and sustainable Africa. If trade unions, religious organisations, NGOs, social movements, activists, and progressive business leaders come together to make an inclusive, diverse and vibrant community, WE Can, WE Must and WE WILL continue our efforts to work towards Justice, Peace and Dignity.

In the middle of August 2018, I have taken up the position of Amnesty International Secretary General. In some of our early missions to The Gambia, Cameroon and Togo, our colleagues at Amnesty worked closely with us in advancing the goals of those solidarity missions. I hope to be able to continue this partnership in my new role. I leave with the satisfaction that we have two capable joint movement coordinators Muhammed Lamin Saidykhan and Coumba Toure. Their leadership has already inspired those of us who initiated this process several years ago.



Our IWG is now led by two stalwarts of civil society on the continent; Marcia Thomas and Ezra Mbogori. The IWG will hand over the torch to the movement's first Coordinating Collective (CC) which was elected through a pan-African election process with the technical support of The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA).

Thank you to Africans Rising volunteers, members and partners for supporting our efforts to date; you are the backbone of this movement. To our small but dedicated staff team, thank you for your dedication and good luck with all that lies ahead of you. Thank you to all the IWG members for your hard work and commitment to lead our Core Team. It has been an honour and a privilege for me to be the chief volunteer in this initiative: first as Launch Director and then as a Chair of the Interim Working Group (IWG). It has been a learning experience and an inspirational journey working with you all. I will value this forever.

In solidarity,
Kumi Naidoo, Africans Rising Founding Chair



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COORDINATORS

We have witnessed two eventful years from organising solidarity missions to Cameroon, Togo and The Gambia to training African activists and eventually building partnerships with foundations, NGOs and CSOs across Africa and beyond.

With more than 6500 Kilimanjaro Declaration believers, we have been privileged to gain experience from our members and partners who are working on international and grassroots levels. Each encounter has added value to the growth of our movement. With common aspirations for the future of our dear Africa, our solidarity has pushed us to take major leaps of faith starting with our decentralised movement launch in 2017. One of the launch events took place in Goree Island, we had planned to start the festivities at 11:00 AM, but large numbers of attendees were too ecstatic to begin their visit to the Slavery Museum; they crossed over to the island as early as 8:00 AM! When we got to the pier, the whole place was blasting with young people in red T-shirts, the colour of our "Stop the Bleeding" campaign, making #25May2017 an unforgettable day that we both look back at it with a great sense of pride.

We are equally proud of our delegations who braved major physical and emotional obstacles during Solidarity Missions to countries like The Gambia shortly after Yaya Jammeh's refusal to leave power post the 2017 elections, Cameroon during a national internet shutdown and Togo amid an excessively violent crackdown on peaceful protests. 2017 was full of successful collaborations such as our partnership with ActionAid Denmark & MS TCDC to host the first cohort of Activists in Residence programme. In 2018, we have successfully devised sustainable internal structures, departmental strategies and launched National Engagement Platforms in countries like Mali, Mozambique and the Gambia. In addition, we officially registered Africans Rising as a movement in Banjul. We have begun the research phase of our unprecedented African Civil Society Index on the status of justice, peace and dignity and launched regional consultations to determine what our members expected from a pan-African movement such as Africans Rising.

However committed our efforts have been, they pale when compared to what is yet to be accomplished. Poverty, inequality, social injustices and marginalisation of entire African communities remain alarmingly present in our respective daily realities. It has undoubtedly become crucial to monitor laws and practices that concern all citizens of African descent. Undeniably, most decision making across the continent is rarely communicated to the public; when we do demand transparency and accountability, we get drowned in inefficient bureaucracy and lost in the corridors of power. However, this has never discouraged us, in fact, Africans Rising was built on the foundational hope that one day, all the peoples of Africa will gain a full autonomy and agency when it comes to building the Africa we want.

As Co-Coordiators, we would like to humbly thank our agile core team, our dedicated IWG and our ever-expanding network of members; your support was vital to every Africans Rising milestone. Our work has also been made possible by the enormous support of our partners including, ActionAid Denmark, MS TCDC, ActionAid International, Wallace Global Fund, Trust Africa, Ford Foundation, Oxfam Novib, Southern Africa Trust, and the Global Fund for Human Rights just to name a few.

Africans Rising will continue to amplify broad demands and connect struggles, in doing so, we strive to remain relevant in building solidarity & cooperation amongst African campaigns for social, economic, environmental and gender justice. In 2019, we hope that this committed support will reach new horizons for us to achieve the dream of a future in which human rights are upheld, the environment is protected and our Africa is truly prosperous.

In Rising,
Muhammed Lamin Saidykhani & Coumba Toure



PAN-AFRICANISM

AN IDEAL THAT REFUSES TO DIE

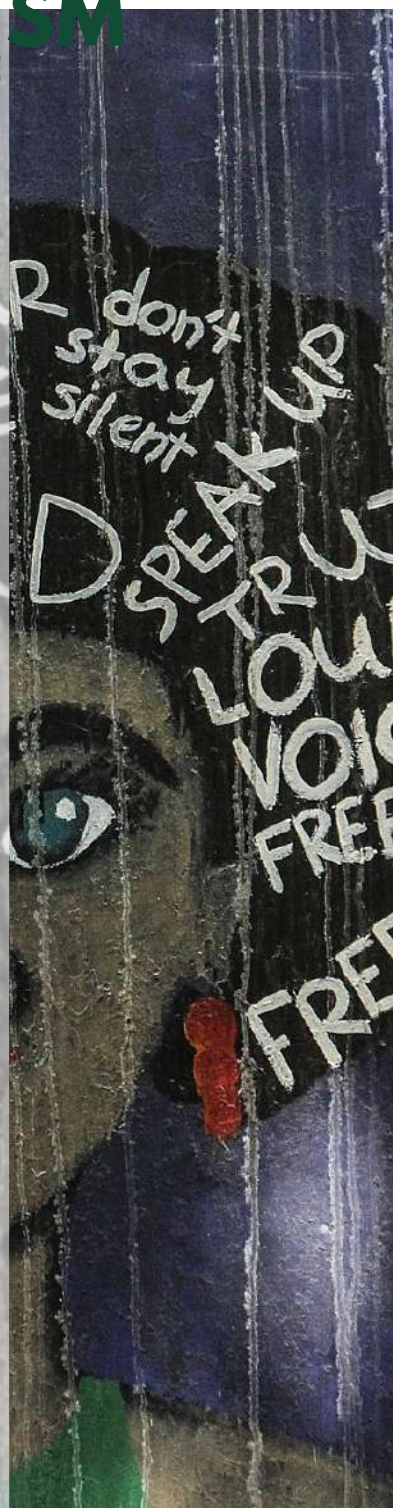
The people of the African continent have an opportunity, now more than ever, to integrate their struggles against rising inequality and climate change ramifications. They are standing shoulder to shoulder with their governments on global stages, while simultaneously being critical of certain power dynamics and holding their leaders accountable.

The process that started out as the **Africa Civil Society Centre** in October 2015, widened into the **Africa Civil Society Initiative** by May 2016, and since the 24th August 2016 has been known as **Africans Rising for Justice, Peace & Dignity**. Our movement is the result of a bottom-up series of online and offline consultations between and amongst peoples, popular social movements, NGOs, intellectuals, artists, athletes and others across the AU determined regions, including the Diaspora.

Several initiatives have been spawned over the years, as attempts at civil society unity across Africa, including the first pan-African Conference as early as 1900. A cursory assessment of these initiatives highlights some of the reasons for their limited success, such as the mere impetus for setting them up being external to the continent, the lack of adequate resourcing for such initiatives; from human and financial capital to ideological robustness, and the last major factor can be categorised as governance inadequacies and the competing interests of individuals.

It is against this backdrop that Africans Rising was inceptioned. Since our movement launch in May 2017, we have continuously developed a deep awareness of the need to restructure our movement against the norms of the conventional NGO frames of work. We are committed to dismantle the over-consumed scenario of an artificially divided continent, weak and often at war with itself. This was the prime impulse behind the idea of building a true pan-African movement with a cohesive civil society as the vanguard of such a movement for justice, peace and dignity.

The systematically dysfunctional political leadership across many African countries have rendered our youth cynical of any collaborative future. Hence, the confirmation of the consensus that Africans are rising but on their own terms. Africa's youth have a deep sense of detachment to any form of labels, it is, therefore, our duty to understand what Pan-Africanism means to millennials and how it can serve their interests. African unity is now more relevant than ever, and Africans Rising aspires to reflect and document efforts for social, political and economic integration as it is critical to the future of Africa and its peoples.





"Africans Rising is not just a mantra, nor a mere fashion statement. It is a genesis of a movement driven by a people who have a conviction that this beautiful continent is for all its citizens to enjoy and that its people have the capacity to manage its affairs."

**Hilma Mote | Namibia
Founding Member**



25
MAY
2017

#BringYourFaya

"We commit to mobilising our people in Africa as we launch this Movement on the 25th May 2017, when we deepen the meaning of African Liberation Day and call on all sectors of our society to mobilise and organise events in every African country that will build the momentum towards the genuine liberation of our beautiful continent."

THE KILIMANJARO DECLARATION



AFRICA DAY 2017 & MOVEMENT LAUNCH

#25May2017▶

♥ Everywhere, Anywhere!

Thursday, 25 May 2017 dawned like any other day everywhere on the African continent, with one exception; there were a considerable tension, anxiety and energy about fulfilling a promise of the Kilimanjaro Declaration to launch our movement, differently from what had been done in the past, as manifest to working together in solidarity with one another regardless of borders and limitations. Ever since we have kept moving forward together to achieve numerous milestones.

The Hashtags #AfricansRising, #25May2017 #StopTheBleeding and #BringYourFaya were mentioned in over 200 local, regional, national & international radio, print, television and online channels. Two thousand volunteers, partners, supporters and friends organised a total of 300 actions & events in 42 countries in Africa and in the Diaspora. We connected with over 10 Million online followers to mark the launch of a new pan-African movement for justice, peace & dignity.





Wisdom is like a baobab tree;

NO ONE INDIVIDUAL CAN
EMBRACE IT.

Akan & Ewe proverb



STRATEGIC CONVENING

August 2017

Activists in Residence ▶

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

This flagship event is hosted in partnership with **MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation - MS TCDC**. AiR was a month-long support programme, it gathered 12 activists from various CSO backgrounds and countries including Benin, Burundi, the DRC, Kenya, Liberia, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia and Uganda. AiR was created to offer activists the space to catch their breath, reflect on their work and return home re-energised with inspiration. The residency offered activists mental health & team building sessions, a media training, civic-mindedness lectures and ethical micro-leadership workshops.



February 2018

Movement Gathering

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

In collaboration with ActionAid Denmark and MS-TCDC, Africans Rising co-hosted a movement gathering of African activists and artists. The gathering restored faith in the destiny of our peoples' struggles and served as an opportunity for participants to map channels of support and inspiration beyond borders.



February 2018

The African Social Movements Baraza

📍 Harare, Zimbabwe

This movement gathering was organised by **Trust Africa, Wallace Global Fund** and **Omidyar Network**. The meeting was a renewed opportunity to build solidarity among social movements in Africa and bridge digital or physical divides that hinder pan-African co-learning and inter-movement networking. We shared Africans Rising's aspirations for an unstoppable pan-African solidarity which led to various collaborations throughout the year.

July 2018

Université Populaire de l'Engagement Citoyen (UPEC)

📍 Dakar, Senegal

Africans Rising supported the organising movements of the first Popular University for Civil Engagement which gathered hundreds of social and political movements under the theme **"Citizenship and the Right to Decide"**. We sponsored the participation of East African and Diaspora activists. The programme invited activists and engaged artists in order to connect their struggles. UPEC also convened intellectuals, researchers and journalists. UPEC was inspired by the first gathering of Citizens' Movements in Africa back in December 2016 when CSO and movement leaders from the Gambia, Ivory Coast, DRC, Congo Brazzaville, Chad, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Senegal met in Gorée Island for a historic convening. UPEC was a unique event with stunning performances by renowned engaged artists and thoughtful conversations on African movement building. By the end of UPEC, **Afrikki Mwindi**, a new pan-African alliance of movements was launched to build advocacy capacity through rapid response, shared tools and an independent financing engine with a common fund dedicated to support for activists at risk.

April 2018

AfrikaDag

📍 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

For many of us, every day is an Africa Day, it is in this spirit that **Foundation Max van der Stoel** organises its annual celebration of African culture and diaspora in the Netherlands in April. The event's theme was **"The power of activism and civic initiatives in Africa"**. We presented Africans Rising to an audience of over 1500 participants from 50 different organisations. We also met with members of the African diaspora in Amsterdam and learned more about their social & cultural emersion within their homes away from home.



Pan-African Leaders Forum

The apolitical Mouvement Panafricain des Leaders (MPL) was born in Dakar in February 2017. Africans Rising collaborated with MPL to organise this forum which was attended by over 200 young Africans from 25 countries. During this gathering, many rich discussions unfolded and addressed concerns about the lack of appropriate economic opportunities for African youth. Our coordinators facilitated conversations about the role of women in safeguarding the values of pan-Africanism and launched a book club in tribute to Egyptian economist Samir Amin.



Partners for Review on the 2030 Agenda for SDGs

Coumba Toure joined government officials and stakeholders from civil society to reflect on their respective national review processes. The aim of this meeting was to reflect on issues of greed and inequality and look at our movement's work from a Sustainable Development Goals perspective. In Bochum, she met with the Association of German Foundation during GLS bank's Mission Investing Forum on Africa.





December 2018

Africans Rising Solidarity Residency (ARSR) on Togo ►

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

A collective of 15 African activists from 11 African countries came together to deliberate, mobilise and build solidarity for the democratic struggle of the Togolese people against the neocolonial and dynastic regime of Faure Gnassingbe. They recognised that the struggle in Togo is a struggle to be supported by the rest of the continent. This Solidarity Residency was organised in honour of this unique and historical struggle and to inspire many more Africans to continue the resistance against Gnassingbe and his likes.





November 2018

DR Congo Activists Solidarity Gathering ►

📍 Lusaka, Zambia

Prior to the country historic elections and first peaceful transition of power, DR Congo was experiencing a widespread turmoil; young people were killed for supporting opposition leaders, activists were arbitrarily arrested, the internet was shut down and the elections preparations were tinted with intentional inefficiencies. In order to better understand the crisis in DR Congo and provide support to our Congolese members, Africans Rising, with the support of Global Platforms Zambia, organised this DR Congo Pan African Activists Pan-African Solidarity Gathering and invited key youth movements, trade unions and NGO leaders to strategise ahead of the elections. Africans Rising deployed an observatory approach to this meeting with the aim that at the end of it the team will have a full assessment of the political, economic and civic crises in the country. Following this gathering, the participants designed a tailored support strategy based on their collective testimonies and suggestions. We are currently working to establish a framework for engagement and collaboration among the various formations in DR Congo and the Diaspora.





You cannot build a house

FOR LAST YEAR'S SUMMER.

Ethiopian Proverb



LEAN & AGILE INTERNAL GOVERNANCE

July 2018

Unlearning Workshop ▶

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

As a nascent movement, we are a learning organisation, this workshop was an opportunity for Africans Rising Interim Working Group (IWG) and Core Team to unpack our vision and revisit our goals. The gathering connected the two groups for the first time in the movement's history, thus allowing for collaboration and team building through unlearning ineffective methods of movement building and learning new organising tactics. The team interacted with experts on cybersecurity, fundraising and engendering social movements. We then embarked on multiple field trips across the town of Arusha to visit inspiring Africans including the United African Alliance Community Center (UAACC), which was co-founded by Charlotte Hill O'Neal a.k.a. Mama C, a visual and spoken word artist, activist and a legendary Panther in Africa.

August to November 2018

Coordinating Collective Election ▶

📍 Everywhere, Anywhere!

Africans Rising launched its first Coordinating Collective (CC) election with the support of the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA). Our members nominated 47 stellar pan-Africanists, 8137 voters registered to be on the electoral roll and we received a total of 1071 votes from over 45 countries. With the leadership of the Nomination Committee, the election results reflected a tremendous diversity and balance in terms of youth, gender, regional and skill representation. The eleven elect CC members joined four IWG members to ensure a measure of continuity. We are excited to see how our CC will serve social movements as we build a prosperous pan-African movement and walk the many untraveled paths to achieve justice, peace and dignity for all!





Sticks in a bundle
ARE UNBREAKABLE.
Bondai Proverb

June 2017

Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI)

📍 Africa

Tensions erupted over the European Commission's bypassing of social and environmental criteria for project approvals, which promoted a series of individual ventures and hijacked the much needed transformation of African renewable energy. Africans Rising joined over 200 African CSOs to condemn the European manipulation of the AREI.

February 2018

8th ITUC-Africa New Year School

📍 Lome, Togo

ITUC-Africa has 16 million declared members in 51 African countries. We were invited to this gathering of over 100 trade union leaders and researchers. Human rights defender, Dr Amadou Scattered Janneh spoke on behalf of Africans Rising on Democracy, Peace and Security in Africa. The plenary session drew from Africans Rising's involvement in the Gambia and Cameroon.

ALLIANCE BUILDING

January 2018

Fight Inequality Week of Action (FIWA)

📍 Senegal & The Gambia

Each year, members of the Fight Inequality Alliance mobilise across the world to highlight the global inequality crisis and demand an end to the age of greed simultaneously as the Davos World Economic Forum gathers world leaders behind closed doors. Africans Rising was the lead organiser of community-driven activities in Senegal and the Gambia. The activities included purchasing and distributing food and clothing items across marginalised communities in Senegal, as well as organising a local football match and a people's caravan in the Greater Banjul area specifically Kotu and Bakoteh.



July 2018

100th Mandela Birthday 100 Sparks of Hope

📍 Johannesburg - South Africa

The Elders Walk Together campaign reached nearly 70 million people around the world. Africans Rising was named as one of the 100 Sparks of Hope. On July 18th, the world celebrated 100 years since the birth of our beloved Madiba. The Elders chose Mandela Day to honour the Sparks of Hope by opening the 100 Sparks of Hope Peace Park where trees were planted as a glorious serenade of each initiative's impact. Africans Rising and The Elders including Kofi Annan, Graça Machel, Mary Robinson and Lakhdar Brahimi joined thousands in a symbolic walk through the streets of Johannesburg.



August 2018

Togo Solidarity Weekend ▶

📍 Africa

To mark the one-year anniversary of the beginning of popular uprisings in Togo, Africans Rising mobilised members to hold solidarity forums across the continent to engage all Africans on the current state of the political crisis and the struggle for democracy in Togo. The decentralised set of events were organised by Africans Rising members in various cities.





November 2018

Parliament of the World's Religions

📍 Toronto, Canada

Africans Rising Coordinator, Muhammed Lamin, was one of the panellists in the oldest, largest, most diverse and inclusive global interfaith event. This iconic meeting gathered renowned religious leaders, world leaders, CSO actors and movement organisers. Muhammad spoke about the role of religious institutions in amplifying injustices and challenging bad governance in Africa.



November 2018

Constitutional Review Process Conference

📍 Banjul, The Gambia

The 1997 Constitution of the Gambia was amended repeatedly which prompted the need to review it beyond the country's political shift in 2017. Africans Rising organised a two-day stakeholder's conference to bring together the Ministry of Justice, members of the Constitution Review Commission, CSOs and young activists to involve all parties and draft recommendations on the review process.



October - November 2018

National Engagement Platform (NEP) Launches ▶

📍 Mali, The Gambia, Mozambique

In order to unite African citizens and fulfil the pledges of the Kilimanjaro Declaration, Africans Rising embarked on a continent-wide endeavour to launch National Engagement Platforms (NEP). The main purpose behind setting up such decentralised hubs is to inspire collective actions for justice, peace and dignity. In 2018, we launched NEPs in Mali, Mozambique and the Gambia. Our coordinator, Coumba Toure, conducted group discussions about to inspire the process in Niger and Benin and to identify support to launch NEPs in those countries. Through these platforms, we gathered non-state actors in each African country to stitch a shared national platform for progressive change. Each NEP deploys a three-phase development process;

🔍 Goal Identification ≡ Drafting Shared Objectives ⏱ Action Implementation



A man in a red garment is shown holding a red cloth, surrounded by blue and white plastic bags. The image is mirrored vertically, creating a symmetrical composition. The man is positioned in the center, with his arms outstretched, holding the red cloth. The background is filled with crumpled blue and white plastic bags, suggesting a theme of environmental pollution or waste. The overall color palette is dominated by the red of the garment and cloth, the blue of the plastic bags, and the white of the other plastic bags. The text is overlaid in the center, providing a message about doing good deeds and throwing them into the sea.

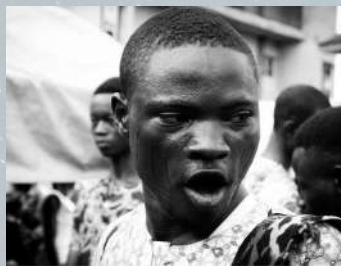
Do a good deed and
THROW IT INTO THE SEA.
Egyptian Proverb

February 2017 ▶

In an effort to support and amplify talents of young African photographers, Africans Rising called for submissions of photography work that illustrated the African identity and beauty while rising above the devastation and violent conflicts. That's the challenge that young Nigerian photographer **Kureng Dapel** overcame by creating his serene underwater scene in strife-torn Nigeria. We were stunned by the overwhelming response, submissions and voting.



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST





Cross the river in a crowd and
**THE CROCODILE WON'T
EAT YOU.**
African Proverb



RESOURCE MAPPING

March 2017

Global Festival of Ideas of Action for Sustainable Development

📍 Bonn, Germany

Our Launch Director Kumi Naidoo introduced Africans Rising's Launch campaign and explored with participants the role of a pan-African movement in advancing sustainable development across the continent.

July 2017

Boatcamp 2017

📍 The Mediterranean Sea

During this unique workshop by Enel Foundation, we were able to tap into a pool of social enterprises that are technologically savvy and ready to innovate in support of civil society.

January - March 2018

African Dignity Index Development Progress ▶

📍 Africa

With the support of activists and consultants, we documented the status of justice, peace and dignity in all five African regions with a specific focus on pioneering an African dignity index. The assessments were inspired by calls from Africans Rising's members to map resources for civil society.

October 2018

Fundraising Tour ▶

📍 Washington DC, New York, Chicago

Africans Rising has always considered the diaspora as a crucial ally for social movements in Africa; it is with this vision in mind that our coordinators organised this US tour. They met with Africans Rising supporters such as Ford Foundation, UNFP, RHIZE, Novo Foundation, Just Society (FJS), Trust Africa, the UN, Wallace Global Fund, the World Bank, OSF leaders and the Black Bird Movement. Coumba and Lamin set up a booth at the Women's Building Block Party in NYC to showcase the women's organisations which we work with. They also took part in Congo Week in Harlem and a lecture on development in Africa by Patrick Lumumba at Howard University.

October 2018

Diaspora Mobilisation Convening ▶

📍 Washington

With the support of our committed IWG members, our ambassador Nunu Kidane, and a core group of committed members in the Diaspora, we organised this insightful gathering at the Institute for Policy Studies in recognition of the integral role that the African Diaspora in the United States has played historically in advocating for the advancement of human rights in Africa. The attendees of the convening included key players in the U.S. diaspora specialising in areas such as arts & culture, U.S. militarism, economic justice, labour, migration, policy and human rights.



Birds sing not because they have answers but because
THEY HAVE SONGS.
African Proverb



COMMUNICATING GRASSROOTS MILESTONES

April 2018 to present

The Invisible Giants

📍 Dakar, Senegal

Our coordinator Coumba Toure has been supporting the organisation of monthly events to celebrate African women leaders. These gatherings are taking place in art galleries, museums, schools, saloons and many other unconventional venues to encourage communities across West Africa to celebrate the shining queens among us.

August 2018

Diaspora Briefing on Cameroon

📍 Washington DC, USA

As Cameroon's anglophone regions crisis unfolded, we witnessed horrendous attacks on civilians and entire villages being eradicated simply for speaking a different language. Our US based members took it upon themselves to raise awareness about the conflict. Mireille Tushiminina, the Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa (CHRNA) and Jocelyn Nana, a Cameroonian living in the US, shared their insights on the situation to share up-to-date information and inspire global actions.

November 2018

Media Breakfasts ▶

📍 Nairobi & Banjul

We organised two media breakfasts to launch a call against corruption and listen to insights from journalists who face major challenges when attempting to report on the issue. The two events were hosted by our ambassadors, Boniface Mwangi, and former Gambian Vice-President Aja Fatoumata C.M. Jallow-Tambajang.





A single bracelet
DOES NOT JINGLE.
Congolese proverb



Africans Rising's Solidarity Missions are premised on Africans Rising's consensus to undertake solidarity actions as a means of movement building from below and beyond borders to establish solidarity frameworks from a grassroots to a continental level.

SOLIDARITY MISSIONS

January 2017

The Gambia ▶

The mission started on January 14th; the anniversary date of the Arab Spring. The delegation included Rokhayatou Dieye, the Chairperson of LEAD Senegal, Ifeoma Charles-Monwuba, the Country Director of ActionAid Senegal, Kyle Naidu, a young human rights activist and the Head of Delegation, Kumi Naidoo, Africans Rising Launch Director. Prior to landing in Banjul, they met with Gambian exiles in Dakar to hear their views on the situation in the Gambia. In Banjul, the delegation met with ActionAid the Gambia, Activista, leaders from the National Youth Council and youth activists. The delegation also held a meeting with the leaders of over 30 civil society organisations, journalists, union representatives, religious leaders, aid organisations and NGOs.



February 2017

Cameroon ▶

In October 2016, associations representing teachers, educators and lawyers in Cameroon's anglophone South West and North West regions embarked on a strike and called for protests. They demanded the inclusion of English-speaking Cameroonians in the education and legal sectors as well as across government institutions. The government responded to protests with a massive security crackdown that led to human rights violations including killings, arbitrary arrests and torture of citizens. An internet blockade was instituted preventing millions from sharing such violations.

Concerned about these conditions, Africans Rising's delegation carried a fact-finding mission to Cameroon in hopes to understand the nature the conflict and mediate a peaceful dialogue. The delegation met discreetly with a range of stakeholders, many of whom requested anonymity for safety reasons. They shared eyewitness accounts of human rights violations and the impact of the crackdown on their communities.





October 2017

Togo ▶

Widespread pro-democracy protests erupted across Togo in August 2017. The protesters were demanding an end to the country's 50-year ruling dynasty. More than 100 Togolese were killed while many are still unjustifiably detained. The people of Togo called for constitutional reforms, including the introduction of two-term limits for the presidential office while Faure Gnassingbe has been in power since 2005. An African Rising delegation launched a fact-finding mission to Togo on October 9th, 2017, to understand the dynamics of these public protests and to play a constructive role in securing lasting resolutions to the political crisis in Togo. The delegation included Africans Rising Coordinator Muhammed Lamin Saïdykhan, activists Rohkaya Dieye from Senegal and Chantal Nare from Burkina Faso. With the local support of civil society advocate Kevin Soncy, they met with a wide variety of citizen groups in the northern cities of Sokode and Bafilo. The delegation met with CSOs including the Front Citoyen Togo Debout (Togo Stand Up Citizen Front). On the last day of the mission, the delegation members were arrested while their phones, laptops and passports were confiscated. After their release, they continued to urge the Togolese government to stop its violent suppression of peaceful protests and to engage in a sincere dialogue to find lasting solutions to the crisis.



August 2018

Buea, Cameroon ▶

Africans Rising organised a Women for Peace Forum in partnership with the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa (CHRDA). We brought together over a hundred women from North West and South West Cameroon to take part in discussions on women-led advocacy. The objective of this forum was to create a platform for women to establish a peace-building movement that works to restore peace in the region and pioneer solutions for the anglophone-francophone divide that has claimed hundreds of lives, 50,000 refugees, 800 detainees and over internally 200,000 displaced individuals.

Africans Rising's Co-coordinator Coumba Toure and Collaboration & Engagement Coordinator Farida Nabourema interviewed women who are fiercely leading humanitarian efforts in the region; some endured violence and still woke up every day to provide for their families and help others around them. The mission shed light on their challenges and grievances in order for Africans Rising to amplify their voices. Indeed upon her return to Dakar, Coumba shared testimonies based on the team's encounters in Buea during the Women For Peace Forum during a Press Conference. Africans Rising will continue to support activists & women who are working on the ground and following back with the Women for Peace participants.



25
MAY
2018

A single stick may smoke, but
IT WILL NOT BURN.
African proverb



AFRICA DAY 2018

#25May2018 ▶

📍 **Everywhere, Anywhere!**

On this day, millions of people all over the world reaffirmed their commitment to realising a pan-African unity. Thanks to our members' genuine strive to liberate our beautiful continent, 70 simultaneous activities were held across 52 countries in Africa and in the diaspora. Africans Rising for Justice, Peace & Dignity has marked its first-year anniversary with a proud launch-year.

Members, partners and volunteers organised multidisciplinary gatherings covering different thematic areas such as civil rights, environmental justice, women empowerment, justice, peace, dignity, fighting corruption and illicit capital flight. The campaign achieved a 15 million reach on Social Media and the events were physically attended by over 3000 people in all the countries. We are humbled by this overwhelming support and we remain committed to organic growth of Africans Rising. The day rekindled the spirit of organising in unity and solidarity which is highly crucial to building the #AfricaWeVwant.

Together, we have demonstrated that unity in actions is achievable and the scalable impact of such actions if we join hands regardless of our differences.





In the moment of crisis, the wise build bridges and
THE FOOLISH BUILD DAMS.
Nigerian Proverb





ACTIVIST SUPPORT

June 2017

Zimbabwe Solidarity Support

Africans Rising joined the calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Pastor Evans Mawarire. The prominent religious figure was arrested while leading a prayer during the student protests against university fee hikes.

May 2018

Gunjur Environmental Haijcking

Africans Rising joined hands with Gambian activists to condemn Golden Lead Fishmeal Factory, a Chinese fish company that caused serious environmental and health risks to the Gunjur's coast by releasing its effluent into the sea. The contamination provoked local activists to take action and express their frustration against the Gambian government's complacency. We supported their efforts by sharing their demands and rallying to free wrongfully arrested activists.

June 2017

DR Congo Solidarity Support

We joined several other social groups to condemn the arrest and detention without charge of Congolese activists Jean-Marie Kalonji & Sylva Kabanga Mbikayi. Africans Rising called for a stop of Joseph Kabila's regime violent crackdown on peaceful protest.





Rising early makes
THE ROAD SHORT.
African Proverb

April 2017

MS TCDC 50th Anniversary

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

Our long term ally and touchpoint **MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS TCDC)** is a non-profit organisation that was established under an agreement between the governments of Tanzania and Denmark. Over the years the institution has evolved into a state of the art development management training institution. During the MS TCDC 50 year anniversary, Africans Rising facilitated Multifaceted Conversations on Illicit Financial Flows highlighting our members' work and determination to Stop Bleeding of our dear continent. The celebratory program was extensive and united many civil society leaders.

July 2018

ACDEG Implementation

📍 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

In a continuous effort to implement the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), a delegation of CSO partners, under the leadership of the EC PANAf Project which was set up by ActionAid Denmark, called on the African Union Commission, Permanent Representatives Council (PRC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to facilitate the domestication, popularisation and the full implementation of the Charter by the Member States. The meeting gave Africans Rising the opportunity to explore our role in implementing this unprecedented African Governance Architecture.

ENDING CORRUPTION

July 2018

Media And Civil Society Combating IFFs

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

TrustAfrica has tirelessly explored innovative approaches to eradicating illicit financial flows in Africa. This meeting developed an up-to-date understanding of the state of the problem of IFFs and participants gained perspective on the collective African response to the challenge of IFFs since the High Level Panel Report with a focus on issues faced by journalists reporting on IFFs. We explored mechanisms to strengthen collaboration between media experts and civil society working to combat IFFs.

October 2018

Illicit Financial Flows Workshops ▶

📍 Bamako, Mali & Maputo, Mozambique

We organised IFF workshops in the presence of CSO leaders and youth activists. Participants shared testimonies on how IFFs affected their daily lives and their countries' economies at large. Together, we workshoped short term solutions and devised a common campaign against IFFs in hopes to advance the pan-African efforts to Stop the Bleeding.

August 2018

Anti-Corruption Champion Contest ▶

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

We launched this contest to celebrate African activists who are championing the fight against corruption. Gambian award-winning poet, singer **Lala Touray** was crowned as the winner through public voting. In 2017, Lala started **Gambia in-Depth**, a platform that raises awareness about corruption, unemployment and bad governance in the Gambia. The second runner-up, 25-year-old Nelson Komba from Kenya has an equally impressive track record as an anti-corruption champion; he wrote a book titled **24 Hours of Equality** which takes a critical look at corruption and how it can be tackled to ensure a more sustainable economic development in Africa.





The fool speaks,
THE WISE MAN LISTENS.
Ethiopian Proverb

November 2018

Activism in the Digital Era ▶

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

The Internet has revolutionised how we organise, however, we have been witnessing alarming government surveillance, absurd Social Media taxes, wide Internet shutdowns and arbitrary detention of cyber activists. This workshop aims to strengthen our members' digital resilience by offered a space for co-learning and collaboration on how to effectively use the Internet to advance human rights, democracy and accountability.



FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

November 2018

Workshop on the Shrinking Civic Space in East Africa

📍 Arusha, Tanzania

YouLead is East Africa's biggest youth gathering that was inspired by the 2016 EAC Youth Policy to build networks and platforms for youth engagement. The second edition of YouLead was organised by MS TCDC, the East African Community (EAC) and YMCA Africa Alliance. We organised this workshop to engage with youth leaders, listen to their unique theories on overcoming their government's tinkering with civic spaces and brainstorm solutions to enrich their freedom of speech and organising.


November to December 2018

Artistic Activism Consultations ▶

📍 Dakar, Senegal

In the face of the increasing youth apathy towards socio-political issues, we wanted to explore the effect of artistic activism on youth engagement. In collaboration with Global Platforms Ghana, we organised focus groups with youth, activists and artists. In 2019, Africans Rising will launch a series of artistic activism actions in an hopes to reverse this attitude and engage more youth to become socio-political change makers within their respective context with an initial focus on Senegal and Ghana.





I am not African because I was born in Africa, but because
AFRICA WAS BORN IN ME.
Kwame Nkrumah

Founding Chair

Kumi Naidoo

📍 South Africa

Kumi is the former Executive Director for Greenpeace International, a founding ambassador of the Campaign for a Just Energy Future, and a patron of Future SA. He has served as Secretary General of CIVICUS, President of the Global Call for Climate Action and Board member for 350.org. He is also an advisor to Transparency International and the Environmental Grantmakers Association. Kumi is currently the Secretary General of Amnesty International. Inspired by Martin Luther King Jr., he is setting up a new Institute for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment.



INTERIM WORKING GROUP 2017 - 2018

IWG Co-Chair

Marcia Thomas

📍 USA

Marcia has broad expertise in African development thanks to her work with organisations such as the U.S for Africa and Oxfam America. She has been associated with Hands Across America and the 1984 Olympic Games. Marcia served as a consultant on the Jubilee 2000 Debt Relief by providing networking leads to the campaign's UK office.



IWG Co-Chair

Ezra Mbogori

📍 Kenya

Ezra is the Principal at MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation. He was the Executive Director of MWENGO; a development centre for NGOs in eastern and southern Africa. Ezra was the Executive Director of Akiba Uhaki and the UNDUGU Society. He has previously served on the board of the Kenya NGO Council, Resource Alliance, Oxfam and CIVICUS.



IWG Member

Aya Chebbi

📍 Tunisia

Aya is an award-winning pan-African feminist and a renowned blogger. Amid her prominent online presence, Aya is the co-founder of the feminist collective, Voice of Women Initiative, and the Founding Chair of the African Youth Movement; one of Africa's largest movements fighting for peace and social justice. Aya is currently serving as the first AU Youth Envoy.



IWG Member

Cidia Chissungu

📍 Mozambique

Cidia was one of the earliest leaders of Activista Mozambique; thanks to her diligent work, Cidia mobilised activists in Maputo, Marracuene, Manhiça and other provinces, making Activista the largest youth advocacy network in Mozambique. Cidia launched the Black Civilization in August 2018; a movement pledging to promote solidarity among African people through concrete actions. She is a motivational speaker and runs professional development workshops for young university students.



IWG Member

Emira Woods

📍 USA & Liberia

Emira Woods specialises in social impact through innovation. She led ThoughtWorks' efforts to bring robust tech solutions to the Ebola crisis in West Africa. She is a member of the National Summit of Africa and serves on the advisory board on UCLA's James S. Coleman African Studies Center. She is an Associate Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Trustee of the Wallace Global Fund, a board member and ActionAid International.



IWG Member

Dr. Francis Kuria Kagema

📍 Kenya

Dr. Kuria is the Secretary-General of the African Council of Religious Leaders and the Executive Director of Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK). He previously served as the head of the IRCK-RFP secretariat and worked as the National Coordinator for the Small Business Network. He also worked as a Financial Analyst at the Nairobi Stock Exchange, and as a volunteer with St. John Ambulance Brigade. Dr Kuria holds a degree in veterinary medicine and surgery and is a father of four.



IWG Member

Dudzile Nyirongo

📍 Zimbabwe

Dudu is the Co-founder and trustee of CitizensZW; a civic organization which promotes civic participation. She advocates for the Citizens Manifesto; a team that works to build a non-partisan national convergence platform for Zimbabwean citizens. Dudu is a chartered accountant, she worked with Ernst & Young and amassed numerous entrepreneurship awards. Dudu is currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration at the Africa Leadership University School of Business.



IWG Member

Ibrahim Ceesay

📍 The Gambia

Ibrahim is a social justice activist, UNESCO Youth Ambassador and an independent filmmaker. He serves as the Executive Coordinator of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC); the biggest youth climate movement in Africa with 42 country chapters. He is also a chairperson of the African Youth Panel Advisory to the Danish African Commission.



IWG Member

Messie Komlan

📍 Togo

Messie is the General Secretary of the West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF). He is an expert in strategy, management and business transformation. He is the Co-founder of Réseau des Entrepreneurs et Professionnels Africains; a young chamber of commerce of African business professionals. He served as Vice-President of the Project Management Institute and continue to be passionate about creating a dynamic civil society through entrepreneurship and innovation.



IWG Member

Mithika Mwenda

📍 Kenya

Mithika is the Co-founder and current Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA). He has worked extensively in climate change policy advocacy and served as the Climate Change Officer with the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Climate Network Africa. He honed his leadership skills at Moi University where he was the Vice-Chairman of the Student Union.



IWG Member

Ngunga Tepani

📍 Tanzania

Ngunga is a development practitioner & open government researcher. He is the Executive Director of the Tanzania Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (TANGO). He has worked as a researcher, reporter and translator. He holds a master's degree of Community Economic Development from the Open University of Tanzania.



IWG Member

Patricia Lokwa Servant

📍 DR Congo & USA

Patricia is a radio host of "CongoLive!"; she is currently majoring in Elementary School Education with a focus on Special Education. She is a member of the United Partners of Hope (UPH) which supports first-generation African immigrants in their transition into the American education system. In 2015, she founded by Congo Love; a movement that supports Congolese activists working on the ground. Patricia is a Development Consultant with the Friends of the Congo, she organises Congo Week in Harlem, Congo Love Soccer Tournament in Kinshasa and played a key role in launching "KONGO: Power & Majesty" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



IWG Member

Rhoda Boateng

📍 Ghana & Togo

Rhoda is the Program Coordinator at ITUC-Africa; she has a tremendous work record in the political sphere and is highly skilled in strategic planning, administration and public policy research. Rhoda is a social service professional with a master's degree in Labor Policies & Globalization from The Berlin School of Economics and Law.



IWG Member

Sodfa Daaji

📍 Tunisia & Italy

Sodfa is a women's rights activist based in Italy. She is a public speaker in Europe and Africa and her work focuses on migration, human trafficking, freedom of expression and religion. She is currently the Hubs Coordinator at Afrika Youth Movement, and she collaborates with the European Network of Migrant Women. Sodfa is also serving as a consultant on gender equality for the Youth Department of Council of Europe.



AMBASSADORS 2017 - 2018

Ambassador

Jay Naidoo

📍 South Africa

Jay is the Chairperson of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). In 2007, he set up the J&J Development Trust and has since dedicated his time to social activism on a global scale. He serves in an advisory capacity on the Broadband Commission of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), UNESCO, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the African Development Bank.



Ambassador

Nunu Kidane

📍 Ethiopia & USA

Nunu is the Director of Priority Africa Network and Editor at Africa Moves; a Pan African Migration Platform which hosts regular consultations on migration policy in Africa and the diaspora. She is the Founder of the Pan-African Network in Defense of Migrants' Rights (PANiDMR) and the Black Immigration Network (BIN). In 2012, Nunu received the White House award for "Champion of Change" in recognition of her work with African diaspora communities.



Ambassador

Aja Fatoumata C.M. Jallow-Tambajang

📍 The Gambia

Ms. Tambajang is a politician and activist, she served as Vice-President of the Gambia and Minister of Women's Affairs. She served as the Chair of the Gambia National Women's Council and an Advisor to Dawda Jawara, the first President of the Gambia after independence. Ms. Tambajang held the post of Secretary of State for Health and Social Welfare from 1994 to 1995. She was recently awarded the Women and Girls Rights Champion by All Media Network.



Ambassador

Boniface Mwangi

📍 Kenya

Boniface is a renowned photographer-cum-activist. After witnessing the brutality the wake of the Post- Election Violence in 2008, he founded PichaMtaani, a photography exhibition showcasing images of the violence in hopes to offer a platform for healing and honest dialogue. In 2012 Boniface founded PAWA254, a hub for creatives in Kenya. He is a senior TED Fellow, he was named the "CNN Multichoice Africa Photojournalist of the Year" in 2014 and the Time Magazine "Next Generation Leader" in 2015. Boniface is the author of Unbounded; a riveting memoir that captures his incredible journey.





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FORWARD, TOGETHER

The unity of our people is our fuel to create the #AfricaWeWant and build a true pan-African movement of the people of African descent. We will never cease to advocate for justice, peace & dignity, work with our members and partners in order to collectively achieve the true liberation of our dear continent and amplify the value of pan-African unity even through the hardest of times.

Our community has been growing purposefully; with over 6500 members from across the continent and in the diaspora, our movement continues to experiment with inclusive and user-friendly engagement platforms. We will share our joy and our sadness and we will not stop learning from one another as we attempt to engage a million people! We are inviting you to be one of a million; one who will support the African solidarity and embody the Ubuntu spirit!

We need your support to sustain this movement of movements, you may help us in various ways; you may become an Individual Giver, become a partner, fundraise with us, organise an event in your county, join one of our National Engagement Platforms or simply volunteer your time and expertise!

In 2019, we look forward to better times for our people as we continue to respond to Africans in crisis. Finally, we shall name and shame our people's oppressors and celebrate those among us who stand up for justice despite the possibly dire consequences of their bravery!

You are our light, you are our leaders and you are the truth.

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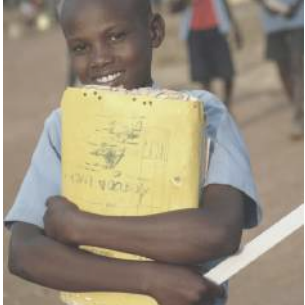
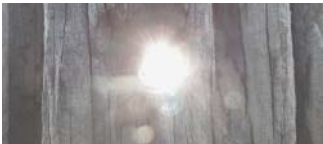
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1. Africa is a rich continent. That wealth belongs to all our People, not to a narrow political and economic elite. We need to fight for economic development that is just and embraces social inclusion and environmental care. We have a right to the 'better life' our governments have promised.

2. Africans have a diverse, rich and powerful heritage that is important to heal ourselves and repair the damage done by neoliberalism to our humanity and environment. Being African, embracing the philosophy of Ubuntu should be a source of our pride.

3. African Youth are a critical foundation of building the success in our continent and must play a central role in building Africans Rising.

4. Africa's Diaspora whether displaced through slavery and colonialism or part of modern day migration are part of Africa's history and future. They are a reservoir of skills, resources and passion that must be harnessed and integrated into our movement.

5. We are committed to a decentralised, citizen-owned future that will build support and solidarity for local struggles, empower local leadership and immerse our activists in grassroots work of building social movements from below and beyond borders.

5. We are committed to building a citizens movement that is accountable to the constituencies we represent and enforcing the highest standards of ethical behaviour.

Kilimanjaro Declaration

We, the citizens and descendants of Africa, as part of the Africans Rising Movement, are outraged by the centuries of oppression; we condemn the plunder of our natural and mineral resources and the suppression of our fundamental human rights.

We are determined to foster an Africa-wide solidarity and unity of purpose of the Peoples of Africa to build the Future we want – a right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity.

Therefore, We Resolve That our Work should Build a Local, National, Continental and Global Campaign that is:

1. Expanding space for civic and political action

2. Fighting for women's rights and freedoms across society

3. Focussing our struggles on the right to Equity and Dignity

4. Demanding good governance as we fight corruption and impunity

5. Demanding climate and environmental justice

Join Africans Rising and mobilise our people around this shared vision; organise and connect local struggles under this umbrella; galvanise solidarity with all African struggles. This movement is committed to peace and non-violent action. We assert our inherent rights as Africans and invite our governments, leaders, other stakeholders and institutions to join us in pursuing the Future We Want to leave our future generations. We commit to mobilising our people on the African Liberation Day to deepen the meaning of African Liberation Day and call on all sectors of our society to organise events in every African country which will build the momentum towards the genuine liberation of our beautiful continent.