



Intermediary Organisations – Profiles

Philanthropy Ecosystem in Africa: Proposals to strengthen localisation, identify intermediaries and transform funding systems

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interventions into communities
commonly yield results that
local people don’t want.”

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1. Introduction

There is growing recognition in the global philanthropy sector that it needs to think locally to reach more Africans, get more resources to Africans and promote local solutions that are effective and respect human rights. Many are considering the role intermediary organisations can play in this.

The philanthropy space in Africa is booming with new actors and new approaches. Amongst these are African organisations actively thinking about how to create shifts in existing power imbalances, localisation and local-led development. We engaged over 200 African organisations – that carry out intermediary functions, strengthen philanthropy and the civil society ecosystem, and design and deliver just social and environmental solutions – to understand this space and zoomed in on about 80 that are actively engaged in getting funds to Africans on the frontline of struggles for social and environment justice.

Many were cautious about the opportunities that intermediaries could bring, and warned that whether intermediary organisations are able to support alternative processes and solutions depends on how the relationship among funders, intermediaries and local actors is framed. They emphasised the need to confront power imbalances and the tradition of racism and coloniality in philanthropy. Organisations are keen that funders explore other ways of getting funds to Africa and emphasise that engagements should start from what Africans are already doing and what they are trying to achieve. Key here are the efforts of Africans to (1) build organisations that are promoting African Philanthropy, including civil society and community funds, and (2) collaborations to pool funds to address key challenges, such as the Agroecology Fund and Trust Africa initiative to support Africans address the complex challenges of food and climate change. African Philanthropy is viewed as critical to building effective and resilient philanthropy and civil society ecosystems in which Africans are able to engage as equals and with independence.

African Philanthropy

Africa has a rich culture of giving. Many different actors are actively engaged in African Philanthropy as givers of financial and other resources. Drawing on the [African Philanthropy Network](#), we understand Africa Philanthropy as the giving of African resource – natural, human, financial, social and intellectual that can be tapped into to address Africa's challenges – by Africans to Africans, and as philanthropy that:

- equates with citizens' agency – the capacity of individuals to act independently and make their own choices,
- includes foundations and funds; family and community based; individual giving and collective solidarity mechanisms – in cash, in kind, or in time; and social investments, and
- is generally characterised by all forms of vertical and horizontal dimensions of giving private resources for the common good; it cannot be refined by a single culture or model of giving.

Approach

Our multilingual, all women team worked in all African regions – central, east, southern, west, north and the Indian ocean islands – to identify and profile potential intermediary partner organisations. We used diverse methods including desk research, focal group meetings and questionnaires to systematically scan the philanthropy and intermediary landscape across all 55 African countries. We initially identified 175 organisations, using expert knowledge, snowballing techniques and internet research, that could serve as intermediary partners. Based on an assessment of their key attributes, including their ability to receive and disburse funding and support the agency of frontline actors, by strengthening voice and making them visible, this list was revised to about 80 potential intermediaries. The final list of 35 is of those who approved the inclusion and public display of their details in the final report. In Annex 1 we list other organisations that may be interested in engaging as intermediaries or in other collaborations that help get funding to organisations working to help create social and environmental change.

The main research was undertaken between June 2023 and May 2024, included. Our methodology focused on understanding the priorities, needs, values and visions of funders, potential intermediaries, and fund recipients to:

- identify and profile intermediaries that would contribute to strengthening the philanthropic ecosystem in Africa,
- understand how to frame the relationship among funders, intermediaries and fund recipients in ways that are reciprocal and mutually beneficial,
- guide funders on selecting an intermediary, and
- guide funders how they can contribute to strengthening the civil society ecosystem and African Philanthropy.

The methodology aims to create an in-depth and broad understanding of the philanthropic ecosystem in Africa and identify key routes for meaningful change that support transformative grantmaking that recognises local leadership and the imperative of increased funding to Africa. We focus on learning from practice, especially the experience of local actors including African CSOs and established intermediaries to deepen understanding and provide needed guidance to funders.

This includes the following:

Engaging Oak Foundation and other funders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions with Oak Foundation - Insights from Oak Foundation strategies - Engagement with other funders including the Climate Funders Table and Congo Basin Funders - Discussions with a focus group 	Reviewing relevant published materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funder publications - Publications from African and other organisations - Academic research - Websites of African organisations 	Engaging local actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveys of potential intermediaries - Interviews - Focal groups with Indigenous Peoples and local communities - Focal groups with other local actors - Sounding board for insights and recommendations
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This report is a supporting document to the main report, “Philanthropy in Africa: Proposals to strengthen localisation, identify intermediaries and transform funding systems.”

It provides:

A **synopsis**
of the ecosystem
of giving

Guidance
on selecting
an intermediary
partner

An **overview**
of a selection
of intermediary
organisations

Profiles
of the selection
of intermediary
organisations

A list
of other possible
intermediary and
collaborating
organisations

2. The ecosystem of giving in Africa

African Philanthropy is diverse, including many practices of giving and generosity dispersed across society, and incorporates both vertical and horizontal, or what has been called “*giving for community*” or the “*community of giving*”.¹ It denotes the giving of African resources by Africans, for Africans to address African challenges based on free and independent choice. African Philanthropy is embedded in the philosophy of Ubuntu – “*I am because you are*” – and the values of compassion, solidarity, and reciprocity.² While horizontal giving remains important, there is rapid growth in institutionalised philanthropy in Africa.

Five clusters of organisational givers

Professional Intermediaries	Purpose Supports funders, CSOs and builds CSO ecosystem		
	Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrants • Provides services • Enhances capacity, voice and agency 	Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African • Regional 	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Southern Africa Trust</i> • <i>Trust Africa</i> • <i>Foundation for Human Rights</i>
Civil Society Support Organisations	Purpose Supports funders, CSOs and builds philanthropy ecosystem		
	Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops resources • Builds philanthropic infrastructure 	Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African • Regional • National 	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>West Africa Civil Society Institute</i> • <i>PureTrust Foundation</i> • <i>EPIC Africa</i>
Civil society funds	Purpose Provides grants to CSOs and builds CSO ecosystems		
	Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools funds • Grants and regrants 	Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African • Regional • National 	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Africa Women’s Development Fund</i> • <i>Consortium of African Funds for the Environment</i>

¹ Bhengkosi Moyo. 2014. Trends, innovations and partnerships for development in African Philanthropy. In Giving to help, Helping to give. Trust Africa.

² Tade Akin Aina. 2014. The State, politics and philanthropy in Africa: Framing the Context. In Giving to help, Helping to give. Trust Africa.

Community funds and foundations	Purpose Provides funds and other resources to community and solves community challenges		
	Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools resources • Provides resources • Leads 	Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African • National • Sub-national 	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Panaretugri Fund</i> • <i>Kenya Community Development Fund</i>
Civil Society Organisations	Purpose Defines and delivers social, economic and environmental solutions and builds social movements		
	Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funds for common goals • Leads, advocates, solves 	Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African • Regional • National 	Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee</i> • <i>Associação Moçambicana para Desenvolvimento da Família</i>

We identified five clusters of African organisational actors engaged in “giving” – from resources raised in community, across the continent and from funders globally. These are: professional intermediary organisations, civil society support organisations, civil society funds, community funds and civil society organisations. In addition, many individuals are also active givers as volunteers and from personal wealth including in religious communities, from the African diaspora and from high net worth individuals (who may also have organisations through which they give). These clusters of individual givers are profiled in the main report.

These five clusters of organisations are engaged in giving in different ways and there are key differences in their focus and objectives, and consequently their relationships with Global North funders. Importantly across these clusters, organisations value funding relations based on equality, respect and reciprocity.

We mainly identify organisations that have regional and Pan-African reach but recognise that in numerous contexts national and community organisations are invaluable in getting funds and other resources to where they are needed. More so when countries are large or have weak communications and when organisations are superficially included in regional and Pan-African networks.

Professional intermediary organisations

The cluster of organisations engaged as professional intermediaries are actively engaged in regranting for global funders but may also host independent endowments or funds in which they determine how grantmaking should take place. We limited our selection to organisations that also support capacity enhancement, voice and agency in the civil

society ecosystem. We found that many of these organisations – such as the *Foundation for Human Rights*, *Trust Africa*, and *Southern Africa Trust* – are actively engaging in finding new ways to reach organisations on the frontline of driving change and are also developing participatory grantmaking systems.

Working with community foundations to reach frontline communities

The *Southern Africa Trust* is working with community foundations in Southern Africa. These are grantmaking organisations dedicated to improving the lives of people in defined local geographical areas. They play a vital role in identifying and solving community problems. In South Africa, these community funds include the *Community Development Foundation Western Cape (CDF-WC)*, *Initiative for Community Advancement (ICA)*, *Cederberg Social Development Foundation (CSDF)*, *Namakwa Ontwikkeling (NAMKO)* and *Uthungulu Community Foundation*.

Civil society support organisations

Civil society support organisations primarily focus on (1) strengthening the civil society ecosystem through capacity enhancement, voice and agency, and may also be engaged in grantmaking or regranting or (2) strengthening the philanthropy ecosystem. These include diverse types of organisations including philanthropy networks such as *African Philanthropy Network*, *East African Philanthropy Network*, *Independent Philanthropy Association of South Africa*, *Philanthropy Circuit*, research organisations such as the *Sivio Institute*, philanthropy infrastructure organisations such as *Epic Africa*, and capacity and network organisations such as the *West African Civil Society Institute*.

Civil society funds

Civil society funds have been established by civil society actors and activists to fill funding gaps to African organisations at multiple levels. Some funds focus on rights of specific groups, like the *African Women's Development Fund*, while others are thematic such as the *Consortium of African Funds for the Environment*. While funds may be sourced from different entities, they are self-directed with self-defined criteria for grantmaking.

The Nigeria Youth Futures Fund

The Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) aims to address the funding gap that youth organisations face in their work. Formed in 2021, the NYFF is an offshoot of the social movements and activism championed by young people. The MacArthur and Ford Foundations, in collaboration with LEAP Africa, came together to support the launch the Fund. The Fund identified regional hubs in the six geo-political zones in Nigeria to catalyse the activities of other grantees. The first grant cycle was launched in November 2022 where 130 grantees (individuals and organisations) were selected across the 36 states of Nigeria. The grantees address the major issues young people experience.

Source: Afolabi 2023

Community foundations and funds

Community foundations and funds are an expression of local philanthropy – which includes contributing money, goods, time, assets, resources and skills, to promote the well-being of others and of the community within which they live and work. They are community-developed and -led organisations with deep and broad local knowledge, strong local ties and relationships in communities. Many operate individually, while others are part of networks, such as the *Kenya Community Development Fund* or *The Foundation for Civil Society* in Tanzania.

Community funds are relatively well established in eastern and southern Africa but have only been more recently established in West Africa:

- In 2020, the initiative *Panaretugri pour le bien-être de la femme* in Burkina Faso launched the *Panaretugri Fund*. This is the first community fund in francophone West Africa. It mobilises resources for organisations of young women and girls in the region.
- Ghana has seen a rapid growth of community funds. This includes the *Kpedzeglo Community Foundation* in the Volta Region, which focuses on livelihoods, empowerment, education and other issues related to overall wellbeing. Multiple other community funds have since being initiated.

Many of these organisations have broadened their funding base beyond the communities in which they are situated, to include, among others, northern funders.

Civil Society Organisations

Civil Society Organisations are primarily focused on creating needed change. Many seek to enhance the agency, voice and capacity of national and local organisations and have significant impact, either at national, regional, Pan-African or global levels.

Further, these organisations have established relationships with Global North funders and already carry out some intermediary roles including regranting, making them important potential intermediaries for funding approaches that aim to unlock the power of people in advancing transformative change.³

Many are cautious about taking on roles as intermediaries

Many African organisations are keenly aware of the issues of power in the funder-recipient relationship and how taking on a role as an intermediary can change their relationship with funders and relationships within the broader civil society ecosystem.

On the one hand, experience with funders makes some wary of the power dynamics and how engaging as an intermediary could reinforce approaches that are funder driven. In particular, civil society and community funds are concerned that assuming intermediary roles could compromise their independence in advancing funding that helps address gaps. If funders want to engage African funds they will need to come to collaboration with these organisations with humility and a willingness to respect their leadership. As discussed below, this must be based on recognising the assets and needs of all partners and be based

³ See for example Oak Foundation. 2022, [“Advancing People’s Power and People Centred Approaches”](#)

on equality and mutual respect. Collaborative funds are one mechanism that funders can support to get financial and other resources to where they are needed.

In general, organisations engaged as professional intermediaries, civil society support organisations, and civil society organisations saw the opportunity to expand their intermediary role as having the potential to improve funding to African organisations and the overall resilience of the philanthropy and civil society ecosystems. They were also mindful of the need to strengthen African Philanthropy and diversify funding to bolster the resilience of the sector and civil society and to ensure that Africans are in the driving seat of Africa's future.

However, among civil society actors there are concerns that taking on intermediary roles could create new power dynamics and tensions as these organisations would have powerful and privileged roles in how and to whom funding goes. This could be disruptive for movement building and solidarity especially where governance is weak. For some organisations, taking on intermediary roles would only be feasible where all actors are able to engage in defining and structuring roles. Yet others are concerned about becoming part of the fiefdom of powerful African intermediaries that relish the funder role.

The core assets of these clusters form the foundation for the opportunities and value that funders can gain by partnering with them as intermediaries.

Professional Intermediaries

- Established grantmaking systems underpinned by well-developed financial systems
- Ability to act as a fiscal agent
- Extensive experience in intermediation and regranting, and frequent willingness to assume risk of granting to small organisations
- Deep and broad knowledge of socio-political-economic realities
- Pan-African or regional scope with strong networks including links into civil society and governments
- Skilled in supporting capacity and organisational development, agency and visibility of civil society actors
- Effective governance
- Committed to building African Philanthropy

Civil Society Support Organisations

- Provide knowledge, resources and learning opportunities for local actors to be more impactful and reshape relationship with funders
- Develop infrastructure for philanthropy
- African philanthropy
- Provide support information to funders
- Grantmaking experience underpinned by developed financial systems
- Work at different levels from sub-national to Pan-African, with far-reaching civil society networks
- Effective governance
- May house specific funds
- Committed to building African Philanthropy

Civil Society Funds

- Manage pooled funds
- Grantmaking systems underpinned by developed financial systems
- Enhance capacity, voice and agency of African civil society and partners
- Extensive and expert knowledge of sector or constituency
- Operating at different levels from national to Pan-African
- Effective governance
- May house specific funds
- Committed to building African Philanthropy

Community Funds

- Embedded in local communities
- Leadership and ability to organise communities
- Capacities in delivering solutions
- Significant local networks
- Thematic expertise and/or deep understanding of specific constituencies
- Some require support to strengthen financial, grantmaking, and management
- May require additional capacities to take on intermediary roles
- Some support capacity strengthening, agency and voice
- Committed to building African Philanthropy

Civil Society Organisations / Focus: Driving social change

- Strong local ties
- Leadership and ability to organise, build movements
- Capacities in delivering solutions
- Significant networks with other CSOs and partners including governments
- Works at all levels, including Pan-African, regional, and national networks and membership organisation
- Thematic expertise and/or deep understanding of specific constituencies
- Financial, grantmaking, and management systems that meet funder requirements
- Some regrant, ability to act as fiscal agent for consortiums, or manage special funds
- Some may require additional capacities to take on intermediary roles
- Some support capacity strengthening, agency and voice

3. Guidance on selecting an intermediary partner

To support funders to identify the right partner, this section prioritises the following:

- Establishing partnerships
- Agreeing to well-defined roles
- Identifying priority assets of potential intermediaries

Prioritise African organisations

We focus on identifying African organizations and African-led organisations as intermediaries given their proximity, local knowledge, relationships and experience in the CSO ecosystem, and their engagement with other stakeholders, for example government organisations.

African organisations that:

- are registered, governed and working in Africa
- whose vision, key operational and policy decisions are made in Africa, by Africans and for Africans

African-led organisations that:

- are not registered in Africa, but work in Africa
- have key operational and policy decisions made in Africa, by Africans and for Africans

Establishing partnerships

For success, practice needs to move away from framing the funding relationship as one directional, focusing on moving resources from donors to grantees, towards recognising the mutually rewarding and reinforcing ways the different actors engage and what each brings to the collaboration – as values, visions, assets and needs.⁴ This is premised on defining the relationship as one in which each party brings value to common or aligned objectives.

Philanthropic Partner

- Technical expertise
- Flexible, unrestricted funding
- Accessibility
- Ability to mobilise resources

Intermediary Partner

- Ability to convene, facilitate and catalyse action
- Knowledgeable navigation of processes and regulations
- Effective grant management
- Fiscal sponsorship
- Risk absorption
- Ability to help strengthen capacity of fund recipient
- Solidarity
- Knowledge of field and ecosystem
- Trusted intermediation

Civil Society Partner

- Deep knowledge of issues, regions and local actors
- Ability to convene or organise people and organisations
- Trusted credible experience of community needs

⁴ Gibson C and Motala M. 2023. Working with intermediaries strategically. (Adapted from a report of the Robert Wood Johnston Foundation). Cynthesis Consulting.

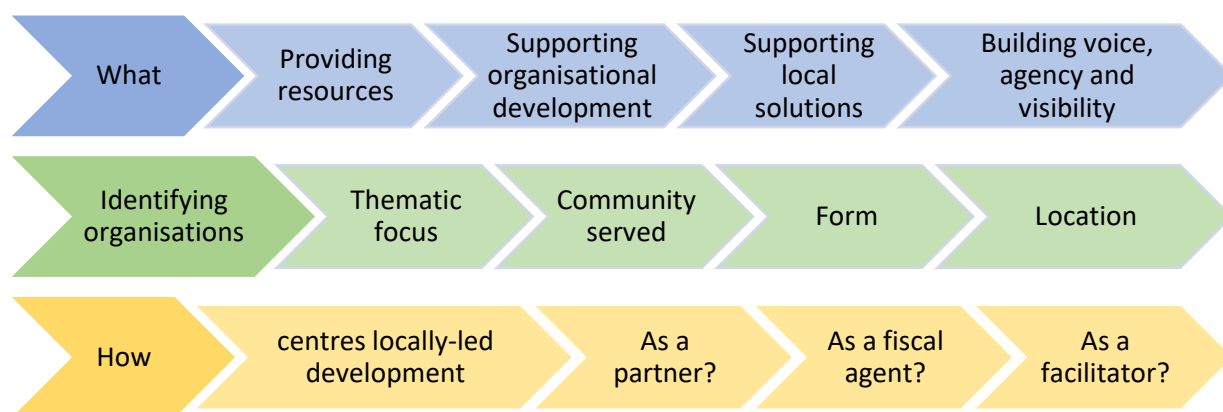
We urge foundations to take an approach that recognises that each actor has assets and resources as well as needs, and explore and affirm the reciprocal relationships that will lead to better processes for their mission-focused work.⁵ This requires working from the basis of equality and mutual respect. In this context, intermediaries can help illuminate and strengthen positive interactions, where they are not simply “go-betweens” or where the relationship is transactional.

Agreeing on well-defined roles

Identifying and selecting an intermediary organisation needs to be based on clear, mutual understanding of why it is necessary to engage an intermediary and what their role will be. This requires understanding:

- the context of recipients and intermediaries – what interests and priorities they have and how they fit in the overall ecosystem, and
- funder values, objectives and ways of working.

Roles may include the following elements:



Potential grantees are also likely to bring perspective to the kind of intermediaries needed.

Identifying priority assets of potential intermediaries

Funders need to focus on matching key characteristics to the overall role defined. This should consider any insights potential fund recipients may have into the value in engaging specific organisations. Our interviews reveal that potential fund recipients value respect and relationships based on equality, and sensitivity to the potential adverse impacts of interventions. Negative impacts may include, for example, privileging “funder favourites” over organisations with well-established track records.

We focus on identifying intermediaries that can support local solutions by building connections and facilitating action. This includes providing needed support, being a catalyst for change, and contributing to strengthening the overall civil society ecosystem.

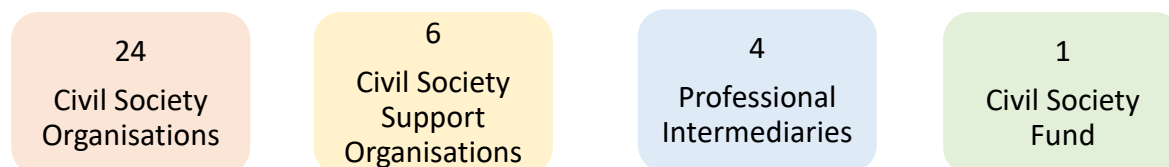
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To these ends, intermediaries should have this broad set of capabilities:
(as discussed in the main report)

Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-established, flexible and legally compliant financial management • Able to receive and disburse funds • Systems to monitor, evaluate and learn • Equitable and participatory grantmaking
Organisational development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment and experience in strengthening organisational capabilities, visibility and agency of local actors • Facilitating access to long-term flexible funding
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent, accountable and inclusive governance • Effective and innovative leadership
Human rights & ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for human rights • Ability to work in ways that protects rights
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledgeable and innovative • Open to learning • Relationship builder • Accountable and transparent
Knowledge & expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of development context • Understand civil society • Develops strategic approaches

4. An overview of the selection of intermediaries

Of the 175 organisations we studied, we identified more than 80 organisations that have the core skills to function effectively as an intermediary. Following consultations, 35 of these organisations expressed interest in engaging as intermediaries. These – professional intermediaries, civil society support organisations and civil society network or membership organisations – all have relationships with funders, including some intermediary functions. Only one civil society fund expressed interest in engaging as an intermediary.



These 35 organisations along with other potential intermediaries and collaborators in Annex 1 provide opportunities for funders to partner with African organisations, facilitating funding that is respectful of recipients and their organisations, solutions-focused, driven by local communities and organisations central to transformative systems change in the Global South, and committed to environmental, social justice, and human rights work.

In the 35 profiles, we provide the following information to support funders to select an intermediary:

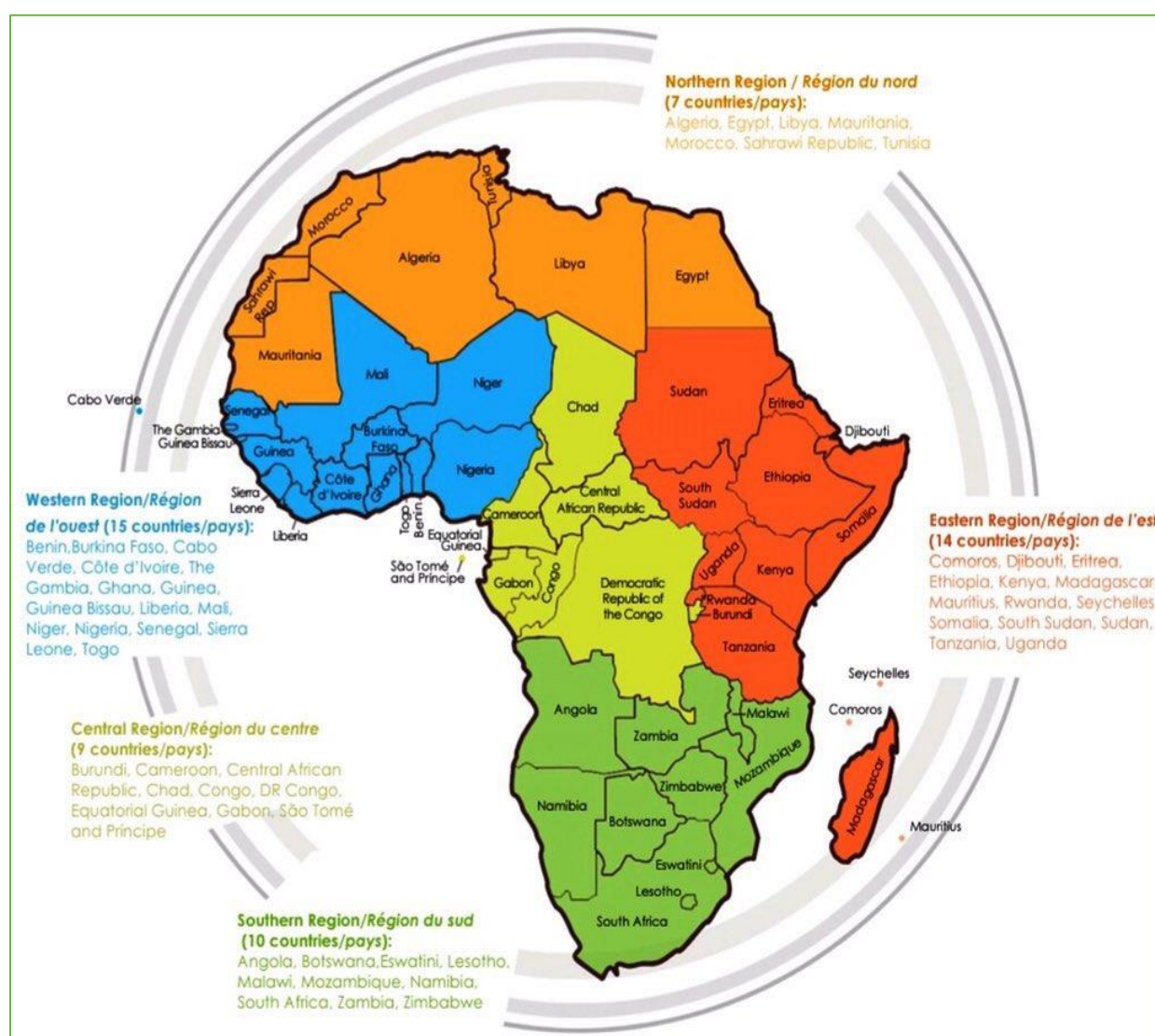
- Geographical reach
- Interest and priorities
- Ability to empower recipients
- Operational systems
- Required partnership support

Geographical reach

To be able to connect with the desired or appropriate recipients of funds, it is essential that the intermediary has presence and familiarity in the desired geographical space.

Of the 35 organisations profiled:

- Nearly half work at the Pan-African level (16 organisations), but the extent of their reach varies as reflected in the individual profiles.
- 11 have a regional focus. Naming regions in Africa is complex. We have used geographical regions as depicted in the Africa Union regions (see map); however, many organisations may work in the regions defined by other political organisations. For example, the Southern Africa Development Community, in addition to southern African countries, includes some from east Africa (e.g. Madagascar, Mauritius) and Central Africa (e.g. the Democratic Republic of Congo).
- Eight are national organisations. National intermediaries are particularly important in countries with expansive territory, weak infrastructure or weak communications technology. National organisations also have a key role in reaching community organisations.



Interests and priorities

Many of the proposed partners envision an intermediary role that falls squarely within their mission and vision and contributes to achieving their specific objectives, although some organisations, including professional intermediaries, support organisations and funds, are willing to grant in other areas and act as a fiscal agent where needed.

Nearly half of the organisations profiled in this report are associations or networks of specific communities:

- 3 Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- 4 Women
- 2 Youth
- 6 Food producers
- 1 Faith

Ability to empower recipients

Intermediary organisations that are catalysts for change need to be able to connect key change agents and facilitate change. Facilitating change may require supporting communities by amplifying voice, magnifying visibility and strengthening capacity.

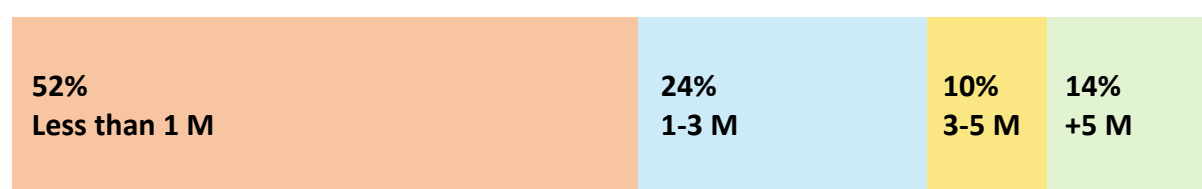
In the profiles we provide information about how these organisations connect civil society actors, among themselves and with others. In addition, some examples of the support that they provide to civil society actors and insights into the impact they have is provided.

Operational systems

Effective operations are dependent on responsible financial systems, effective funding systems and experience in regranting, along with accountable and transparent governance.

The size of current budgets may be a proxy for these capabilities but are more often a reflection of the space in which the organisation is working and the partners they have, and not a reflection of their capacity to move money. In many cases the smaller budgets reflect a lack of funder trust, based on assumptions that are culturally biased and not actual capacity. One organisation commented that they are frequently infantilised by funders.

Actual capacity is easily 3-5 times the size of existing budgets, particularly where organisations already have the financial and funding systems in place and extensive networks. The profiled organisations had the following budgets (in USD):

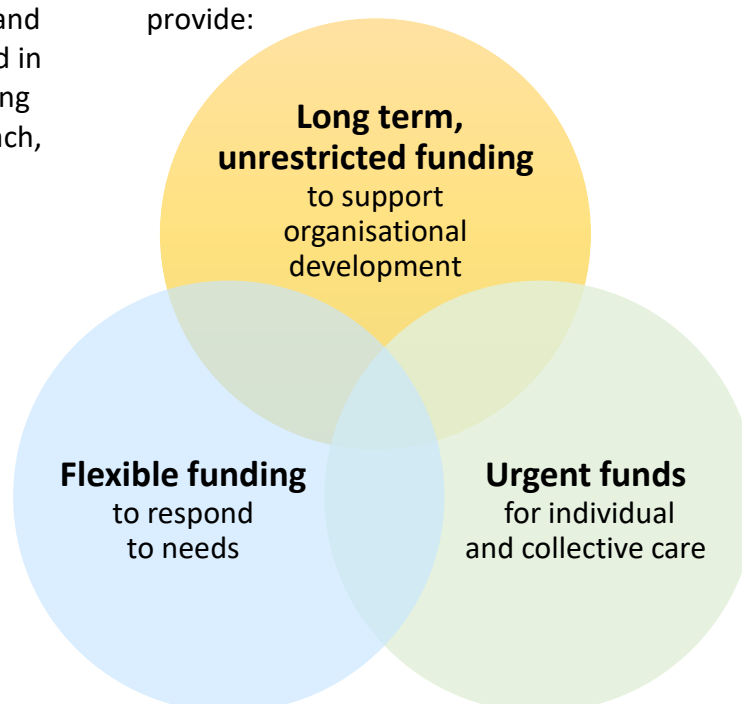


Required partnership support

True partnerships are based on the dignity, equality and mutual respect of all parties. Inevitably the wellbeing and resilience of all parties must be centred in the relationship – this entails recognising not only the assets and resources of each, but also their respective needs.

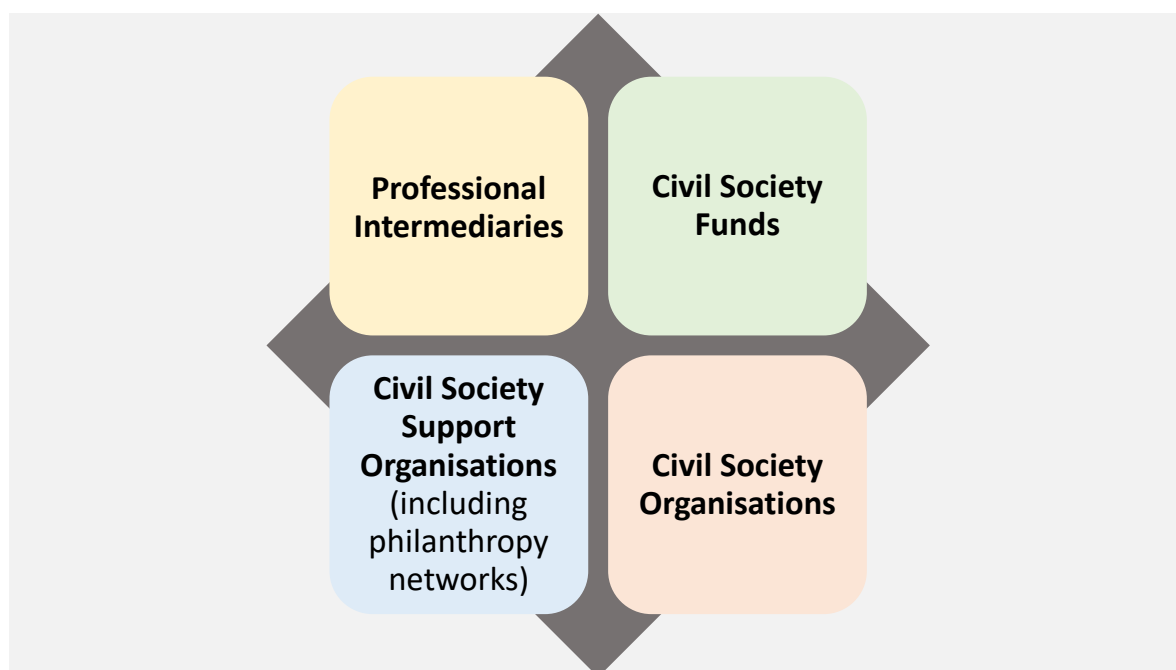
Funding has historically focused on project deliverables and are provided for a relatively short time. Framed this way, funding is failing to meet the organisational needs of recipients and contribute to building their resilience.

Potential intermediaries are keen to establish relationships that, in addition to programmatic and project objectives, provide:



5. Profiles of potential intermediary organisations

This section provides a summary table of the 35 potential intermediary organisations we interviewed and who consented to have their profiles published. It is intended to give potential funders insight into the diversity of the organisations we profile. This is followed by more detailed profiles of each of the organisations. The intermediary organisations we identify are from four broad clusters of organisations:



The summary table includes information about their geographical reach (where they work), their environmental and social justice interests, and whether they actively and deliberately engage in developing African Philanthropy. Africa Philanthropy is the giving of African resources – natural, human, financial, social and intellectual that can be tapped into to address Africa’s challenges – by Africans to Africans, and:⁶

- Equates with citizens’ agency - the capacity of individuals to act independently and make their own choices.
- Includes foundations and funds; family and community based; individual giving and collective solidarity mechanisms – in cash, in kind, or in time; and social investments.)
- Is generally characterized by all forms of vertical and horizontal dimensions of giving private resources for the common good; it cannot be defined by a single culture or model of giving.

At the end of this report, we include an Annex that names additional organisations that funders could explore engaging as intermediary or collaborating partner to get more funds to more African organisations and strengthen the civil society ecosystem.

⁶ [African Philanthropy Network](#)

Summary table of 35 potential intermediary organisations

Potential Intermediary	Geographical reach	Environmental and social justice interests	Engagement in advancing African Philanthropy
<i>African Biodiversity Network</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community agency - Community seeds - Indigenous knowledge - Food Security 	No
<i>African Climate Justice Collectives</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Just energy transition - Climate debt - Food sovereignty - African ecological hotspots 	No
<i>Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food sovereignty - Agroecology. Including territorial markets and agroecological entrepreneurship - Climate action - Food systems, with emphasis on policy - Land rights 	No
<i>Associação Moçambicana para o Desenvolvimento da Família</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reproductive and sexual justice 	No
<i>Association pour la Promotion de l'élevage au Sahel et en Savane</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	West Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security - Climate resilience 	No
<i>Centre for Environment and Development</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Congo Basin Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous Peoples and local community rights - Natural security 	No
<i>La Coalition Paysanne de Madagascar</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Madagascar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security - Climate resilience 	No
<i>Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community rights - Agroecology & food security 	Yes

Potential Intermediary	Geographical reach	Environmental and social justice interests	Engagement in advancing African Philanthropy
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural resource security - Sustainable peace 	
<i>Consortium of African Funds for the Environment</i> (Civil Society Fund)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protected areas including marine areas - The rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their inclusion - Climate change - Natural security - Regranting 	Yes
<i>East African Philanthropy Network</i> (Civil Society Support Organisation)	East Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African Philanthropy - Knowledge - Regranting 	Yes
<i>East and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	East and Southern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food sovereignty - Climate change - Agroecology 	No
<i>EPIC Africa</i> (Civil Society Support Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philanthropic infrastructure - African Philanthropy 	Yes
<i>FEMNET - - African Women's Development and Communications Network</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender justice - Climate change - Amplifying women's voices 	No
<i>Forêts et Développement Rural</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Central Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forests - Community rights - Natural security - Illegal wildlife trade 	No
<i>Foundation for Human Rights</i> (Professional intermediary)	South Africa (with interest to work in Southern Africa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human rights - Access to justice - Social violence e.g. gender-based violence, xenophobia - Food Security - Transitional justice 	Yes

Potential Intermediary	Geographical reach	Environmental and social justice interests	Engagement in advancing African Philanthropy
<i>Gender CC</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender - Climate justice - Adaptation - Food Systems 	No
<i>Inades Formation</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local communities - Women and youth - Climate resilience - Natural Security 	No
<i>Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous Peoples' Rights - Land - Climate change 	No
<i>Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change - Clean energy - Climate resilient agriculture - Gender empowerment 	No
<i>Natural Justice</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental law - Indigenous Peoples' Rights - Indigenous knowledge - Environmental conservation 	No
<i>PanAfrican Climate Justice Alliance</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate justice 	No
<i>Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Associations</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African (East, Central and Southern Africa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security - Natural security 	No
<i>Plateforme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Central Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food security - Natural security 	No
<i>PureTrust Foundation</i> (Civil Society Support Organisation)	Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community foundation support - Financial inclusion and economic empowerment 	Yes

Potential Intermediary	Geographical reach	Environmental and social justice interests	Engagement in advancing African Philanthropy
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender equality and inclusion - Water - Food security 	
<i>Le Réseau Femmes Africaines pour le Développement Durable</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Central Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender equality - Environment 	No
<i>Réseau des Populations Autochtones et Locales pour la gestion durable des écosystèmes forestiers de l'Afrique Central</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Central Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous Peoples Rights - Gender equality - Environment - Natural security 	No
<i>Resource Africa</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Southern Africa (and Central and East African countries of SADC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous People and local communities - Community-led conservation - Sustainable use - Natural security 	No
<i>Rindran'ny Olompirenena Hiarovana ny Iaraha-manana</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Madagascar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen civil society agency and voice 	No
<i>SGS Consulting</i> (Civil Society Support Organisation)	Pan-Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building - Strengthen civil society voice and agency - Regranting 	Yes
<i>Southern African Faith Communities Environmental institute</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	East and Southern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change - Food justice - Energy justice 	No
<i>Southern Africa Trust</i> (Professional Intermediary)	Southern Africa (and Central and East African countries of SADC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grantmaking - Fiscal hosting - Strengthening the civil society ecosystem - Economic justice - Climate justice - Care justice - Gender justice 	Yes

Potential Intermediary	Geographical reach	Environmental and social justice interests	Engagement in advancing African Philanthropy
<i>Trust Africa</i> (Professional Intermediary)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democratic governance - African social movements - African Philanthropy - Equitable development - Women's rights - Climate - Food security 	Yes
<i>Women Environmental Programme</i> (Civil Society Organisation)	Pan-African	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender - Climate change - Agroecology - Women's political participation - Improved water access, sanitation and hygiene 	No
<i>West Africa Civil Society Institute</i> (Civil Society Support Organisation)	West Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen civil society capacity, agency and voice 	Yes
<i>Wildlife Crime Prevention – Alinea regional programme</i> , (Intermediary programme of a civil society organisation)	East and Southern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Illegal wildlife trade - Natural security - Regranting 	No

African Biodiversity Network Trust

A network of like-minded individuals and organisations

- Community knowledge
- Community ecological governance
- Food sovereignty
- Culture & Biodiversity
- Gender Equality
- Youth & elderly

Pan-African

35 partners drawn from 18 African countries: Benin – Burkina Faso – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Democratic Republic of Congo – Egypt – Ethiopia – Gabon – Ghana – Kenya – Morocco – Rwanda – South Africa – Tanzania – Togo – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2010, Kenya (formed 2002). ABN is registered as a charitable trust.

Vision

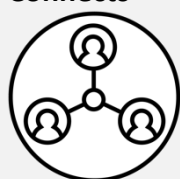
Resilient African communities living in harmony with Nature

Mission

To nurture an African network of individuals, communities and organisations increasingly rooted in their own biological, cultural and spiritual diversity, governing their own lives and livelihoods, with the ability to resist harmful developments and influence laws and practices that respect the rights of people and Nature.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Networks and collaborates to advocate for and catalyse actions to drive policy change
- Connects young people with self, nature and culture
- Engages elders in ecological governance
- Links partners and communities through learning and sharing exchanges
- Links subregional nodes, communities and stakeholders through partnership and dialogues

Supports



- Undertakes research and shares knowledge for advocacy and action
- Supports community governance to rebuild communities
- Invests in strengthening community knowledge and seed rights
- Revival of local community seeds and related knowledge
- Documentation of seasonal calendars, ecological maps, stories of origin
- Community research and multiple methodologies through co-creation of knowledge for community resilience

Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency of communities to resist harmful developments and strengthen respect for their rights • The revival of community and Indigenous Peoples' practices and knowledge, including local seeds and related knowledge • Community seed banks and learning centres • Gender equality • Protection of sacred natural sites and territories and critical ecosystems
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Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1.3 M (2023) • Selected funders: <i>SIDA, Bread for the World, Swede Bio</i> • Experienced finance team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrants 50% to partners or sub-regional hubs • Active support for capacity building and advocacy • Supports partners with managing funds
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Trustees provides oversight and is accountable to members that appoint it at a bi-annual meeting • Deliberate attention to ensure diversity, including of women, youth and the elderly • An executive committee guides the Secretariat

Capacity and partnership support

- Strengthen funding systems and monitoring, evaluation and learning systems.
- Require simple grant reporting systems for grantees given their capacities. Each funder has different systems making reporting for sub-grantees. Funders should consider streamlining this and due diligence requirements.
- Fluid funding flows that don't disrupt implementation. Some issues could be addressed through rapid response funds, e.g. floods and conflict situations.
- Improve access to internet and information communication technologies for members.
- Invest in server (The organisation currently uses cloud-based data back-up systems).

See [here](#) for more information.

African Climate Justice Collectives

A network of movements and allied and partner organisations, including of women, peasant communities, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and youth.

- Feminist, anti-racist, and anti-neocolonial approach
- Just energy transition, climate debt
- Food sovereignty
- African ecological hotspots

Pan-African

With 32 member organisations.

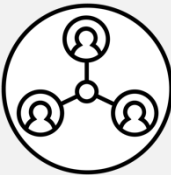
Registration

2020 (formed and not registered. Secretariat operates virtually. Members act as fiscal hosts depending on the specific project).

Mission

To build a powerful climate justice movement that enables common climate action narratives, enhance collective voices and strengthen regional solidarity to fight the effects of the climate crisis and extractivism in Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings together activists, movements and organisations and the communities they work with through multiple activities to impact climate policy, drive systemic change and develop real solutions. These include Peoples' Assemblies, African Peoples' Counter COP, Political Ecology School etc. • Actively engaged in movement building • Facilitates information sharing
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides knowledge and information for advocacy • Supports learning and dialogue, including on false solutions to climate change and development priorities, to drive real and just solutions • Works in solidarity to help build organisations • Holds African Peoples Counter COPs e.g. in 11 countries in 2022
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative development visions, including agroecology • Real and just solutions to the effects of climate change and effects of harmful extractivism to the people and the environment • Respect and fulfilment of human rights • Recognition, inclusion and roles for young people, women, Indigenous People and local communities.

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat raises funds and manages grants and reporting • Financial management is undertaken by members who receive the funding as fiscal hosts • Current fund is approximately USD 500,000 (2024) • Selected funders: 11th hour, <i>USA for Africa</i>, <i>Karibu Foundation</i>, <i>Medico International</i>
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective in channeling money to members that require it • Currently manages grants of USD 120,000 • Most funds go to members who host "Peoples Assemblies" and other events • Support to grantees to develop capacity in the core programmatic areas and operations.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating committee oversees work of secretariat • The convenors group, which comprises of all members, is the main decision-making body

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Funding to augment two-person secretariat, including for financial and funding management.
- Support to development financial, funding and management systems.
- Core support.

See [here](#) for more information.

Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

A continental platform of organisations and networks

- Food Sovereignty
- Agroecology
- Climate Action
- Land
- Seed

Pan-African

Continent-wide reach, working in 50 countries (excluding Libya, Somalia, Angola, Namibia and Western Sahara).

Registration

2014, Uganda. West Africa regional office 2024, Senegal (Launched in 2011, South Africa).

Vision


Africa developed in harmony with nature, harnessing its traditional knowledge and systems, and her people controlling natural and other resources and related decisions.

Mission

To influence policies which promote African solutions towards food sovereignty through campaign, advocacy, institutional development and research, through its partners and allies.

Core aspects of work:

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active in movement building. Currently, connects networks and organisations in 50 countries, impacting 200 million people • Undertakes collective action and campaigns with members and partners • Brings small-scale food producers together to influence, advocate for and implement transformational change in food systems • Promotes co-learning among members
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertakes research to support agroecology, including on local knowledge to identify solutions • Undertakes research to support advocacy and improve public knowledge • Advocates for policy change • Enhances visibility and inclusion of members in key fora • Strengthens analysis and understanding of all dimensions, including the political economy of food sovereignty • Shares the stories of small-scale food producers and strengthens their visibility and voice

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African driven solutions • Small-scale family farming and other food production systems • Local capacities for food production that is ecologically sustainable and socially equitable • Innovation and knowledge sharing among African communities • Rights of Indigenous People and local communities to their natural resources
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 5.9 M (2023) • Selected Funders: <i>Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, SDC, Bread for the World, 11th hour, Agroecology Fund, Swift Foundation</i> • Skilled finance and fund management team • Clean audits, with prompt response to address suggested improvements
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is regranting USD 8.5 M +4 years (2023-2026) • Support to grantees to develop capacity in the core programmatic areas • Training for members in financial management and accountability
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Board elected by the general assembly every three years • Annual reports published online • Incorporates human rights values in its operations

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Support for enhanced strategic planning, including to strengthen the inclusion of fisher communities.
- Support for movement building, especially in weaker regions, including funding for multi-lingual communications and strengthening communication with members.
- Support to strengthen financial and fund management systems.

See [here](#) for more information.

Associação Moçambicana para o Desenvolvimento da Família

A public utility institution

- Sexual health and reproductive justice
- Youth Movement Building
- LGBTQI+ rights

Mozambique

Nine-out-of-ten provinces

Reach into other African Lusophone countries

Registration

1989, Mozambique.

Vision

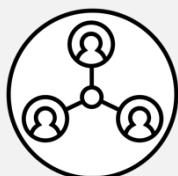
A society with a positive vision of human sexuality, without judgement or violence.

Mission

To ensure the improvement of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents, young people and people in situations of greater vulnerability, including immigrants and other key populations.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Connects more than 600 individuals across nine-out-of-ten provinces
- Links different actors in the health sector, including government
- Strengthens relationships between youth and adults for effective partnerships
- Builds connections between movements, recognising the interconnectivity of key global problems including Covid-19 recovery and climate change

Supports



- Provides information and education on key issues
- Provides health services
- Has a training facility for other African Lusophone countries
- Supports organisational development of organisations, including with capacity building of staff
- Has organised youth movement and network
- Provides opportunities and mechanisms for youth to participate in decision making

Promotes



- Stability of families, with cohesive relationship between members of family and them and society.

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 3-4 M per year • Selected Funders: <i>Diakonia</i>, <i>Afrikagrupperna</i>, <i>IPFF</i> (funding from gvt of Japan), <i>HIVOS</i>, <i>UFPA</i>, <i>Oxfam</i> (Canadian Funding) • Skilled finance and fund management team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediary for Foundation for Community Development (funded by <i>Global Fund</i>) • Has worked with unregistered organisations (LGBTQI) as fiscal agent and provide reporting to donor (HIVOS) • Training and other support to communities
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance board elected by the general assembly. Attention is given to gender diversity in board and includes a youth representative • Fiscal Council ensures compliance with legal and financial requirements • Has operational systems that protect rights and respects equality

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Human resources development. Face challenges in retaining staff who have gone through personal development.
- Strengthen financial and grantmaking systems.
- Strengthen resource mobilisation for civil society organisations.

See [here](#) for more information.

Association pour la Promotion de l'élevage au Sahel et en Savane

An association of breeders

- Rural development
- Food Security
- Local savings systems

West and Central Africa

Burkina Faso – Benin – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Chad – Côte d'Ivoire – Gambia – Ghana – Guinea Bissau – Mali – Mauritania – Niger – Nigeria – Senegal – Togo

Registration

1989, Burkina Faso.

Vision

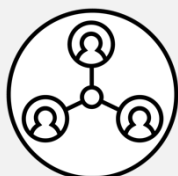
A high-performance family rearing system that benefits everyone and is safe in a peaceful society.

Mission

Promote livestock farming and food and nutritional security in sub-Saharan Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Connects communities to funding
- Connects breeders across West and Central Africa

Supports



- Literacy of agro-pastoral communities and recognition of local languages
- Advocacy to promote food production e.g. milk
- Mobilisation of regional support for food production
- Village savings groups
- Women and youth resilience strengthening

Promotes



- Enhanced capacities for food production
- Innovation and knowledge sharing among African communities
- Agro-pastoral value chains

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 410,000 • Selected funders: <i>Agence Française de Développement AFD, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, European Union, SNV, Care Denmark</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing several large, multi-country projects of about USD 1 M each • Provide capacity support to communities (50% of budget) through direct implementation
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership-based governance including national coordination units and a Board elected by the General Assembly every four years

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Capacity building on resource mobilisation.
- Recruiting and retaining needed expertise in key technical issues.

See [here](#) for more information.

Centre pour l'Environnement et le Développement

An independent non-governmental organisation

- Rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- Environmental justice
- Sustainable natural resource management

Central Africa

Cameroon – Republic of Congo – Central African Republic – Democratic Republic of Congo – Gabon

Registration

1995, Cameroon.

Vision

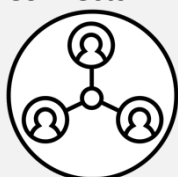
Ecologically sustainable logging, economically sustainable logging that contributes to local and national development, socially sustainable logging that reduces conflict by improving dialogue with local communities so that they can benefit from the income generated by forest exploitation.

Mission

To contribute to the protection of the rights, interests, culture and aspirations of local and Indigenous communities in the forests of Central Africa, through the promotion of environmental justice and sustainable management of natural resources in the region.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Mobilises allies
- Enhances cooperation among diverse actors in forest countries in Central Africa.
- Takes a collaborative approach to scientific research

Supports



- Advocating for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- Capacity building of local organisations, including women and youth organisations, and relied on by several donors and United Nations
- Building of positive relations by addressing local conflicts including over land, and between different users
- Supporting Congo Basin organisations
- Producing advocacy materials
- Monitoring of natural resource exploitation

Promotes



- Reform of legislation on natural resources
- Sustainable resource use
- Improvement of livelihoods by promoting traditional knowledge

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1.1 M/year • Selected funders: <i>European Union, United States Agency for International Development, Environmental Law Institute, International Development Research Centre</i> • Skilled finance team • Finance and grantmaking guides • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages large grants of USD 3-5.5 M, in which about 30-40% is regranted • Engaged in capacity building
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board is appointed every five years at the General Assembly • The Board is made up of seven members • The Board defines the organisation's vision and other policies • The Board evaluates the General Secretary, who manages the secretariat

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strengthen support to work as an 'incubation' centre for local organisations, including technical expertise development, through support for extended visits from international organisations.

See [here](#) for more information.

La Coalition Paysanne de Madagascar

A platform of food producers in the agricultural and fisheries sectors

- Participation
- Community well-being
- Food sovereignty
- Land tenure
- Climate resilience
- Sustainable development

Madagascar

2,413 grassroots farmers organisations members in 22 regions and 30,233 individual members.

Registration

2001, Madagascar.

Vision

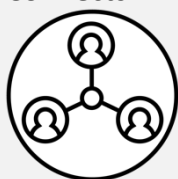
Sustainable agriculture promoting healthy ecosystems, while guaranteeing food sovereignty in Madagascar.

Mission

To contribute to rural development by applying agro-ecological principles and techniques, through consultation, dialogue and solidarity and to raise awareness amongst food producers so that they may gather to promote agriculture, fisheries and crafting.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Fosters movement building to include food producers in all sectors
- Enhances cooperation and knowledge sharing with technical and financial partners
- Engages in learning exchanges

Supports



- Represents members and defends their interests in social dialogue
- Develops capacity for food production, self-organisation, wellbeing and development
- Lobbies for Malabo commitments
- Successfully lobbied for land tenure reform

Promotes



- Rights of food producers
- Innovation and an efficient and dynamic space for development

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 216,000 • Selected funders: United States of America Embassy in Madagascar, <i>World Food Programme</i>, <i>Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions</i>, <i>International Fund for Agricultural Development</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest grant USD 350,000 • Regrants about 12 % of one grant • Proven capacity to build voice and agency • Support to grantees to develop capacity
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General assembly elects the Board • Human Rights incorporated into organisational policies • Published annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strategic planning support.
- Development of an integrated management system for all operations.
- Resource mobilisation.

See [here](#) for more information.

Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations

A secular network of organisations in Ethiopia

- Food security environment
- Water and sanitation
- Good governance
- Women, youth and children,
- Humanitarian assistance
- HIV Aids
- Health

Ethiopia

Network of over 469 national and international organisations.

Registration

1973, Ethiopia.

Vision

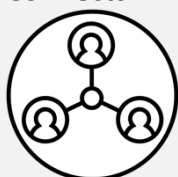
A poverty-free Ethiopia with vibrant CSO and assured social justice.

Mission

To strengthen members' efforts towards effective national and community development through evidenced-based advocacy, networking, partnerships, knowledge management and capacity strengthening.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Builds partnerships to address common issues
- Connects and coordinates civil society

Supports



- Facilitates creation of enabling conditions for environmental and emergency response to help CSOs operate at their full potential
- Strengthens member effectiveness by supporting leadership, organisational development and lobbying
- Shares experiences and creates opportunities for co-learning
- Amplifies voices of members

Promotes



- A poverty-free Ethiopia
- Creation of vibrant civil society to tackle poverty and ensure social justice

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 4.3M • <i>Selected funders: Bread for the World, Packard Foundation, Global Fund, DanChurchAid, World Vision USA, Save the Children, GAVI - The Vaccine Alliance, Johns Hopkins University, Drugs for Neglected Disease Initiative</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of grants go to regranting • Organisational development support to members
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly meets annually and appoints a representative Board every two years • The Board has only one term • Human rights framework in different policies for operations

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Support for community radio to improve information, learning, capacity building and advocacy
- Improved financial management system, including access to current software
- Support to strengthen thematic forums of member CSOs that promote experience sharing, partnership and advocacy on issues of common concerns

See [here](#) for more information.

Consortium of African Funds for the Environment

A membership-based network of African Environmental Funds
(also known as Conservation Trust Funds)

- Innovative finance mechanisms
- learning communities
- Protected Areas and Community Conservation
- Natural Security

Pan-African

19 Member Funds operating in 20 countries: Algeria – Benin – Burkina Faso – Central African Republic – Cameroon – Comoros – Cote d’Ivoire – Democratic Republic of Congo – Guinea Bissau – Kenya – Madagascar – Malawi – Mauritius – Morocco – Mozambique – Namibia – Niger – Mauritania – Seychelles – Tanzania – Tunisia – Uganda

Registration

2023, Malawi. Registered as private company limited by guarantee (Formed 2011, Tanzania).

Vision

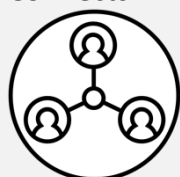
Build a learning community that shares best practices and pursues innovative finance mechanisms in order to foster conservation, environmental management and sustainable development in Africa.

Mission

To be a globally respected alliance for championing sustainable environmental financing in Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Strengthens intra-Africa collaboration in funding and supporting conservation
- Builds networks and partnerships for a learning community that fosters conservation, environmental management and sustainable development

Supports



- Supports member funds to share information, develop knowledge and joint learning
- Develops self-assessment tools for member funds
- Supports individual funds that are engaged in community conservation
- Supports many funds that work on Protected Areas capacity issues with parks authorities
- Supports over 90 parks and reserves, 125 communal conservancies and community forests, covering 270,000 square kilometres across 20 Countries
- Strengthens visibility of members and partners
- Addresses challenges faced by Africa Funds

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions for biodiversity conservation, environmental management and natural resources sustainability • The creation of new funds • Support for existing funds
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected funders: <i>KfW Development Bank, Mava Foundation, French Facility for the Global Environment</i> • Clean audits • Small central secretariat operations, with joint interest activities managed by individual members • Plans to expand Secretariat
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience through its member funds e.g. BIOFUND, Mozambique manages endowment capital of over USD 50 M • Manages (collectively) over USD 400 M in endowments • Manages (collectively) about USD 100 M in sinking funds in Africa • Secures funding for projects of members
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly is the highest decision-making body • Executive committee implements resolutions and develops annual workplans and budgets • Presidency is hosted by individual member funds • Committed to human rights • Transparency: Annual Reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Investments to build technical capacity in National Parks.

See [here](#) for more information.

East African Philanthropy Network

Network of foundations, trusts and other philanthropic organisations

- African Philanthropy
- Research
- Knowledge sharing
- Grantmaking

East African

110 regional and national philanthropy organisations from Ethiopia – Kenya – Rwanda – Tanzania – Uganda

Registration

2015, Kenya (formed in 2003).

Vision

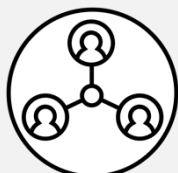
A vibrant philanthropy that contributes to sustainable communities in East Africa.

Mission

To provide a collaborative platform that champions, connects and co-creates innovative solutions to advance philanthropy in East Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Builds philanthropic communities of practices including for communities, health, climate change, education, leadership, women, youth, and equity, diversity and inclusion
- Connects trusts, foundations, grantmakers and non-grantmakers with the aim of promoting a culture of giving

Supports



- East African Data Policy to support use of data and information decisions about resource allocation and identify strategic partners
- Support to community foundations including Kenya Community Development Foundation and Tanzania Community Foundation

Promotes



- African Philanthropy
- Agency of Africans

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 8-10M per year • Selected funders: <i>Mott Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, Ford Foundation</i>, French Embassy • Financial management • Audited financials
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides capacity support to community foundations including Kenya Community Development Foundation and Tanzania Community Foundation • Grantmaking
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Members Assembly elects Board • Values that guide cooperation including reciprocity, transparency and accountability, integrity, inclusiveness, and boldness

Capacity and partnerships support needed

- Support for new strategic process to be undertaken for the 2025-2028 plan.

See [here](#) for more information.

East and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum

A farmer initiated, led and owned network of grassroots membership-based organisations

- Farmer capacity, voice and visibility
- Agriculture
- Climate resilience
- Wealth creation
- An empowering policy environment

East and Southern Africa

Botswana – Burundi – Democratic Republic of Congo – Eswatini – Kenya – Lesotho – Madagascar – Malawi – Mozambique – Rwanda – South Africa – Tanzania – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2007, Tanzania.

Vision

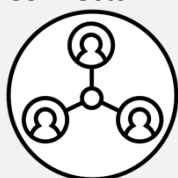
A strong effective forum of empowered Small Scale Farmers with united voices in the policy processes for ecological agriculture and poverty free Eastern and Southern Africa region.

Mission

To empower Small Scale Farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa to influence development policies and promote ecological agriculture through capacity strengthening, research and networking.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Engages in movement building
- Enhances cooperation among members and with others engaged in the sector

Supports



- Organisational development for ESAFF staff and members through training, mentoring, sub-granting, fundraising and monitoring, evaluation and learning support
- Capacity building for ecological agriculture
- Joint marketing with small scale farmers
- A farmer managed seed system
- Public Policy and agricultural budgets for the realisation of the 7 Malabo goals (CAADP)

Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming climate change adaptation • An empowering policy context • Gender equality and youth involvement • Wealth creation • Land Security
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Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 660,000 • Selected funders: <i>Bread for the World, Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, European Union, World Rural Forum and International Development Research Centre</i> • Skilled finance team • Finance and grantmaking guides • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regranted USD 400,000 over 5 years • Proven capacity to build voice and agency • Support to grantees to develop capacity
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triannual members meeting adopts strategic plan, elects Board and appoints auditor • Annual Members Meeting approves policies, workplans and budget • Regional Board (representative of each country) and Exco work with Secretariat • Human rights and values incorporated into organisational policies

Capacity and partnerships support needed

- Human resource to grow organisation (grants officer, capacity development – information officer, monitoring, evaluation and learning officer).
- Investment in grantmaking systems, including monitoring software and development of Grantees Manuals.
- Support for strategic planning.
- Strengthen operations including project and financial management.
- Development of sustainability and long-term resource mobilisation strategy.
- Improved strategic communication to share and build on successes.

See [here](#) for more information.

EPIC - AFRICA

A philanthropy support organisation providing spaces, services and tools to foster collaboration and learning among African CSOs and their funders

- Philanthropy infrastructure
- Empowering African CSOs
- Knowledge for improved grant management

Pan-African

Reaches CSOs in 47 Countries.

Registration

2017, Senegal and United States. Epic-Africa operates virtually.

Vision

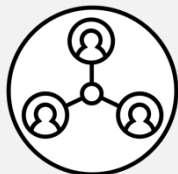
A vibrant philanthropic ecosystem with diverse, influential, sustainable African civil society groups at the centre.

Mission

To enhance philanthropic impact by filling critical data and capacity gaps in the civil society and philanthropic sector in Africa. We help to propel African civil society organizations to higher standards of performance, accountability, and transparency while inspiring greater local legitimacy and support.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Links civil society organisations to each other and creates space for them to learn and collaborate through the African CSO Platform
- Links civil society organisations and funders through the African CSO Platform, sharing information on grant opportunities and CSO profiles
- Collects and aggregates data about African CSOs to grow knowledge and visibility of their essential role and strengthen the sectors credibility, legitimacy and support by Africans

Supports



- Developed the African CSO Platform that shares CSO profiles making them more visible to funders
- The African CSO Platform creates space for CSOs to share content and access opportunities for grants and capacity enhancement
- Resources for CSOs to improve their performance, accountability, transparency, leadership and legitimacy
- Research, knowledge and learning to improve grant making and reduce barriers to funding
- Develop innovative and sustainable funding models
- Contributes to robust ecosystem for philanthropy

Promotes



- African Philanthropy
- Empowered and capable civil society

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1.2 M (2024) • Selected funders: <i>Hewlett Foundation, Hilton Foundation,</i> • Financial management outsourced, day-to-day accounting done in-house
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps funders assess and identify potential CSO partners • Provides advisory services to funders and publishes grant opportunities for CSOs • Makes CSOs visible to funders through the African CSO Platform with a growing database of close to 3000 CSOs
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust internal systems and policies • Board that provides oversight and supports strategic policy direction

Capacity and partnerships support needed

- Resources to strengthen human resource capacity component including recruiting adequate and highly skilled talent, and human resources manager (currently outsourced) and financial management.
- Core funding.
- Currently operates virtually.

See [here](#) for more information.

FEMNET - African Women's Development and Communications Network

Membership-based network

- Women's rights
- Transformative leadership
- Climate justice and natural resource governance
- Economic justice and rights
- Sexual and reproductive rights
- Institutional capacity

Pan-Africa

999 members in: Algeria – Angola – Benin – Botswana – Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Chad – Republic of the Congo – Cote d'Ivoire – Democratic Republic of the Congo – Djibouti – Egypt – Equatorial Guinea – Eswatini – Ethiopia – Gabon – Gambia – Ghana – Guinea – Kenya – Lesotho – Liberia – Libya – Madagascar – Malawi – Mali – Mauritius – Mauritania – Morocco – Mozambique – Niger – Nigeria – Rwanda – Sao Tome and Principe – Senegal – Seychelles – Sierra Leone – Somalia – South Africa – South Sudan – Sudan – Tanzania – Togo – Tunisia – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

1993, Kenya (Formed 1988).

Vision

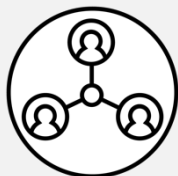
African women and girls thrive in dignity and well-being, free from patriarchal and neo-liberal oppression and injustices.

Mission



To mobilise African women for achievement of gender equality and the realisation of women's and girl's rights at all levels.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Engages in movement building
- Links members to member states of the African Union and the United Nations agencies and to multilateral processes
- Builds strategic alliances
- Convenes and facilitates knowledge sharing, learning and participation to influence policy and decisions, including at national, regional and global levels
- Brings organisations into consortiums for effective solutions

Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes and empowers women to actively contribute to policy debate and decision making by building knowledge, for example through the <i>African Feminist Macroeconomic Academy</i>, <i>Africa Feminist Academy for Climate Justice</i>, the <i>African Feminist Transformative Leadership Academy</i> and the <i>African Girls and Young Women Festival</i> and <i>Feminist Climate COP</i> • Builds feminist understanding of power to support members to disrupt oppressive realities; • Strengthening knowledge to hold decision makers accountable • Builds well-resourced, inclusive and people centred organisation • Ensures African women are included, their voices amplified and their needs, priorities and aspirations prioritised in key policy dialogues and decision-making, e.g. at <i>UNFCCC COP</i>, and <i>Africa Climate Week</i>
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Pan-African feminist analysis of development that prioritises the wellbeing of the most marginalised in society and puts people and planet first • Systems and structural change for gender equality • Evidence based and data driven advocacy to promote global Sustainable Development Goals and Continental Agenda 2063 and other feminist and gender equality policies • Rights of women and girls

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget USD 8.4 M • Selected Funders: <i>European Union, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation Development, Germany, Hewlett Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, United Nations Development Programme, Plan international, Christian Aid</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits • Integrated "enterprise resource planning" system
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% is regranted • Managing large grants totally USD 38 M over 5 years, with USD 10 M regranted • Managing large grants over USD 6 M • Proven capacity to build voice and agency • Over last six years has provided organisational development support to organisations.

Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse, representative Board elected by tri-annual members meeting including youth and diaspora • Human Rights values in operational policy • Other values: commitment to women's rights, feminist solidarity, integrity, professionalism, learning, diversity • Transparency: Annual reports
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Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strategic planning support.
- Strengthen framework for grants compliance, including monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- Core support to hire communication experts.
- Expertise for partnerships development, grants management and resource mobilisation.
- Support to develop strategy for financial sustainability and long-term resilience.

See [here](#) for more information.

Forêt et Développement Rural

A networking organisation

- Environment
- Rural enterprises
- Natural resource governance
- Natural security
- Climate resilience

Central Africa

Cameroon – Central African Republic – Republic of Congo – Côte d’Ivoire – Democratic Republic of Congo

Registration

2002, Cameroon.

Vision

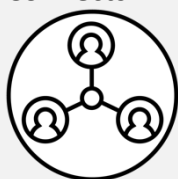
A fairer society, without marginalisation or discrimination, using its natural resources to promote sustainable development.

Mission

Create a framework conducive to sustainable development through actions aimed at guaranteeing justice and equity, rights and democracy, transparent, participatory and sustainable management of natural resources, preservation of biological diversity and improvement of the quality of life and the environment.

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Networking - connects organisations to organisations and experts
- Enhances cooperation with government
- Convenes and facilitates knowledge sharing and learning

Supports



- Support to improve livelihoods
- Capacity strengthening of partners
- Advocacy (e.g., successfully advocated for community rights to forest revenue and provided community with needed resources to raise their own voices)
- Capacity support for state partners in Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Contribution to policy and laws on natural resource management

Promotes



- Human rights of forest communities
- Non-discrimination in natural resource management
- Law and policy reform
- Conservation
- Resilient livelihoods, including climate resilient agriculture

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 800,000 • Funders: <i>European Union, Rainforest Foundation United Kingdom, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, Center for International Development and Training, International Union for the Conservation of Nature -Biopama, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund</i> • Sound financial management • Clean audits (every 2 years) and project audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages several large grants of between USD 0.9 M - 1.5 M with regranting • Commitment to strengthening visibility of members, including at global levels • Experience in capacity building
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors • Management policies that incorporate some human rights

Capacity and partner support needed

- Strengthen resource mobilisation including having a strategy and hiring a fundraising expert.

See [here](#) for more information.

Foundation for Human Rights

An African foundation

- Human rights
- Access to justice
- Accountability
- Gender justice
- Social violence

South Africa

(with commitment to southern and Pan-African collaboration).

Registration

1996, South Africa. Non-profit company.

Vision

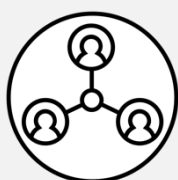
A just society for all.

Mission

We partner with civil society organisations in marginalised and vulnerable communities to realise constitutional and human rights.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Partners with civil society organisations in marginalised and vulnerable communities
- Works with institutions who support the vision of a just society for all
- Supports collaborative learning about transitional justice and socio-economic rights in South Africa and with other countries, including The Gambia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Somalia

Supports



- Supports civil society organisations and public institutions that promote and facilitate increased awareness, respect, protection and fulfilment of rights
- Establishes collaborative partnerships. e.g. gender-based violence
- Supports new and emerging initiatives, nurturing them to independence
- Undertakes research and supports community data collection and co-learning
- Facilitates access to justice including to address issues from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Promotes



- Transitional justice and socio-economic rights – by building a human rights culture to address the historical legacy of apartheid
- Access to justice – from community level to policy influencing
- An accountable state
- Rights claiming

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 2 M each year • Has managed large portfolios e.g. €17 M over 7 years • Selected funders: <i>European Union, Ford Foundation, Mott Foundation, Sigrid Rausing Trust</i> • Experienced financial management and well-established finance systems • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in regranting USD 250,000 – 300,000 per year • Experience in capacity strengthening • Established regranting systems with due diligence and capacity support
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Supervisory) Board of Directors • Management policies that incorporate targeted human rights

Capacity and partner support needed

- Human resource capacity strengthening for staff and community-based organisations.
- Psychosocial support to address individual care needs and collective care to reduce harm at community level e.g. Anti-xenophobia network, including support to inner city displaced people.
- Support for existing strategic processes.

See [here](#) for more information.

Gender CC Southern Africa (Women for Climate Justice)

A non-governmental organisation

- Gender equality
- Women's rights
- Women's voices
- Climate justice

Southern Africa

South Africa – Mozambique – Zimbabwe.

Registration

2010, South Africa.

Vision

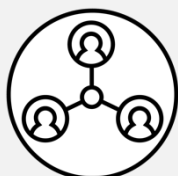
Achieving women's rights, gender justice and climate justice through fundamental changes in existing (and flawed) systems of power, politics and economics.

Mission

To build a platform for an informed and resilient movement of southern African women, to empower them to understand, make decisions, and influence policy regarding climate change for the benefit of broader society.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Movement building
- Connects women and experts, activists and organisations
- Enhances cooperation on gender and climate at all levels as part of a broad network of climate justice activists
- Convenes and facilitates knowledge sharing and learning

Supports



- Raises awareness and build capacity to contribute to climate policies
- Empowers women and men to actively contribute to mitigation and adaptation, including through improved land and water management
- Assists agricultural communities to transition to alternative livelihoods
- Builds knowledge for effective mitigation and adaptation options, including by documenting women's experience

Promotes



- Systems and structural change for climate-gender justice

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 250,000 • Selected funders: <i>European Union, Germany Ministry of Environment, Henrich Boll, Rosa Luxemburg, World Resources Institute</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% is regranting • Proven capacity to build voice and agency • Support to grantees to develop capacity
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board • Bound by South African human rights law • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Flexible, long-term funding.
- Core funding for operational development.
- Strategic planning support.
- Strengthen grantmaking framework, including monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- Hire communication experts.

See [here](#) for more information.

Inades - Formation

A network of African associations

- Food security
- Climate resilience
- Renewable energy
- Microfinancing
- Inclusive governance
- Biodiversity conservation

Pan-African

Associations in: Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cameroon – Chad – Côte d’Ivoire – Democratic Republic of Congo–Kenya – Rwanda – Tanzania – Togo

Registration

1975, Côte d’Ivoire (HQ). Each association is also registered.

Vision

A prosperous and influential rural world.

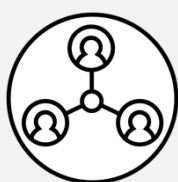
Mission

Working for the social and economic advancement of local communities, giving particular importance to their free and responsible participation in the transformation or their societies and:

- To promote food systems based on family farming
- To promote community microfinance systems
- To promote climate change resilience mechanisms
- To promote inclusive governance mechanisms

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Builds a social justice and environment movement for solidarity and action
- Develops networks for protecting genetic resources and combat piracy
- Hosts national and regional platforms for the promotion of agro-ecology, farmers’ seeds and climate change

Supports



- Farmers’ solutions and provides technical support, especially women
- Inclusive governance including citizen monitoring of public policy and decisions on climate change
- Advocacy for inclusion of local people
- Increased and strengthened visibility of farmers, women and youth
- Action research with communities and research institutes at national and regional level

Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upscaling positive governance and environmental experiences • Sustainable and inclusive management of natural resources, with the fair and equitable sharing of benefits • Agro-ecology and combating chemical pesticide
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Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget (all offices) USD 10 M; Budget for Cote d'Ivoire (HQ) USD 2 M • Selected funders: <i>Global Affairs Canada, Agence Basque de coopération au développement, Miserior, European Union, Agence Française de Développement</i> • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing multi-million USD projects for sub-Saharan Africa (USD 17 M for 6 years). • Regranting between 30% and 50% of USD 650,000 grant • Experience in capacity building and advocacy e.g. Feminist Climate Action in West Africa, which is focused on agro-ecology, energy, advocacy and inclusive governance.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly of members every three years • International Board of Governance

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Technical support for accreditation to international and United Nations organisations/ processes.
- Strengthen communications.
- Resource mobilisation.
- Strengthen organisational governance.
- Develop organisational policies.

See [here](#) for further information.

Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee

A network of Indigenous Peoples organisations

- Indigenous Peoples rights
- Traditional knowledge systems
- Climate justice
- Land rights
- Gender equality
- Genocide prevention

Pan-African

Network of 135 Indigenous Peoples organisations in 21 African countries. Algeria – Botswana – Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cameroon – Chad – Congo – Democratic Republic of Congo – Ethiopia – Gabon – Kenya – Mali – Mauritania – Mauritius – Morocco – Namibia – Niger – Nigeria – South Africa – Tanzania – Uganda

Registration

1997, South Africa.

Vision

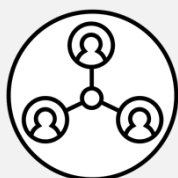
An Indigenous Peoples platform for Indigenous Peoples to support their voice and issues to facilitate linkages amongst Indigenous People and regional, continental and international platforms relevant to their concerns.

Mission

- To help member organisations to study and understand human rights, human rights treaties, special procedures
- To engage with their communities, national governments, regional bodies and the United Nations to protect and promote fundamental human rights and gender equality.

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Builds and sustains an Indigenous Peoples movement for solidarity and action
- Connects members with international mechanisms for human rights, justice, environment and climate change
- Engages with governments, regional bodies and the United Nations to advance the human rights of Indigenous People

Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports members to engage with international mechanisms through human rights capacity training and research • Supports member to share information, develop knowledge and engage in joint learning e.g. through participatory 3D mapping of lands and practice • Supports members to address gender inequality and justice in their organisations and communities • Provides leadership training • Strengthens visibility of members, partners and issues, including by providing support in global processes
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-determination • Human rights of Indigenous Peoples • Intellectual property rights to genetic resources • Gender equality in Indigenous organisations and communities • Inclusion of Indigenous knowledge in climate adaption and biodiversity management

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1.5 M (2024) • Selected funders: <i>Bread for the World, World Wildlife Fund, United States Agency for International Development, Foundation for a Justice Society</i> • Outsourced financial management • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing several large grants of between USD 1-3 M, with regranting including for safeguards for Indigenous Peoples in Central Africa • Committed to creating visibility of members, including in global processes • Experience in capacity building in technical and leadership aspects
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members elect three-person Executive Committee every 3 years, with regional representative and women's representatives • Legally registered trust oversees operations • Advisory Council of Elders • Clearly articulated human rights values, and principles

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Support IPACC to build its network in areas where IPACC has limited presence e.g. Turkana people, Ethiopia, and among the San people including in Zimbabwe and Angola.
- Support IPACC to improve governance in line with the governance review currently underway and develop in-house financial management system (currently outsourced).

See [here](#) for further information.

Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement

An international youth network

- Clean energy
- Biodiversity
- Climate resilient agriculture
- Food security
- Women's empowerment

Pan-Africa

Burundi – Burkina Faso – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Chad – Côte d'Ivoire – Democratic Republic of Congo – Djibouti – Ethiopia – Gabon – Gambia – Ghana – Guinea-Conakry – Kenya – Lesotho – Mali – Malawi – Morocco – Niger – Nigeria – Rwanda – Senegal – South Africa – Tanzania – Togo – Tunisia – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2004, Benin.

Vision

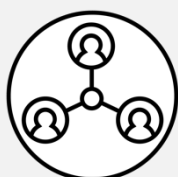
A protected living environment where all people, whatever their status, are self-sufficient, through education, innovation and technology, in order to benefit sustainably from natural resources without compromising the ability of future generations to make use of them.

Mission

To support and strengthen the capacities of stakeholders at various levels, in particular women and young people, in order to make them resilient and capable of playing an effective role in safeguarding their living environment.

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Builds and sustains a youth movement for the environment
- Facilitates dialogue mechanisms among members and partners on climate change action

Supports



- Advocates for youth positive policy
- Supports capacity building including for resilient agriculture
- Supports women's empowerment
- Strategises, acts and supports learning through events

Promotes



- Energy, climate-food security solutions
- Joint learning
- Voice of youth, especially young women

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget USD 41,500 • Selected funders: <i>Sage Foundation, United Nations Development Programme, Germanwatch, Ecosystem Alliance</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits.
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest grant USD 100,000 and regranting 40% of this • Supports capacity building of farmers and women • Advocacy and raising voice of members
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly appoints Board which oversees implementation of decisions • Has human rights values and principles that guide management and relationships

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Resource mobilisation and ability to attract long-term initiatives that support institutional development.
- Would like to invest in new accounting software.
- Capacity to develop secretariat in all countries, including addressing legal issues.
- Improve technical skills.

See [here](#) for more information.

Natural Justice

Lawyers for Communities and the Environment

- Indigenous Peoples
- Human rights
- Environmental and climate justice
- Strategic litigation

Pan-African

Regional hubs: South Africa, Kenya and Senegal

Programs: Botswana – Burkina Faso – Ethiopia – Madagascar – Namibia – Nigeria – Somalia – Uganda – Zimbabwe – Zambia

Registration

2007, Kenya.

Vision

Just and equitable societies on an ecologically diverse and healthy planet where the rights and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in Africa are secured.

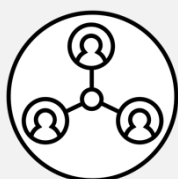
Mission

As a Pan-African organisation, our mission during this time of planetary crisis is to use legal empowerment, research, litigation, and advocacy to enable Indigenous Peoples and local communities to defend themselves and their ecosystems against environmental impacts and assert their rights as stewards and custodians of their lands, natural resources, and traditional knowledge.

Core aspects of work

Connects

- Standing with communities and connecting them to legal support



Supports

- Assists communities to have legal knowledge and access to legal capacity to defend their rights
- Supports legal empowerment and capacity of communities to participate in decision making from local to global levels
- Defends community rights against adverse social and environmental impacts through strategic litigation
- Affirms and secures rights to land, resources and knowledge (including Indigenous knowledge)
- Houses an African environmental defenders' fund
- Hosts a solidarity fund to support struggles of communities
- Defends rights against environmental and social impacts



Promotes

- Human rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in decision making from local to global
- Human rights against environmental and social impacts through strategic litigation
- Land and resource rights, and Indigenous knowledge

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget USD 31.5 M • Selected funders: <i>Netherlands Ministry of, Foreign Affairs, Rockefeller Foundation, United States Agency for International Development, Open Society Foundation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, Milky Wire</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits. Focused response on addressing management issues raised • Has three regional hubs, each with separate finance units
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD 2.5M is regranted annually • Regrants to about 20 small organisations. Large part of budget goes to legal costs • Has fiduciary responsibility for some collaborative projects • Supports rights, voice and agency of Indigenous Peoples and communities
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board • A key principle is respect and trust-building with communities • Other human rights values and principles, including Mutual respect, Rights based approach, Equity and Justice, Accountability, Transparency and Responsibility • Transparency: Annual reports published

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Investments to increase impact through improved strategic communications and advocacy.
- Donor support for pooling funds for its *African Environmental Defenders Fund, Solidarity Fund* and for strategic litigation, through long-term flexible funds.
- Core support, including for the cost of maintaining software licenses, lawyer's registration fees etc.
- Support to improve grant management and other operational system.
- Support to strengthen and improve efficiency of technology-based systems. Improved access to appropriate technologies for information management and knowledge retention.

See [here](#) for more information.

Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)

A consortium of grassroots organisations, community-based organisations, faith-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, trusts, foundations, Indigenous communities, and farmers and pastoralist groups.

- Climate justice
- Human rights
- Sustainable development
- Equity
- Environment
- Energy

Pan-African

More than 1,000 organisations from 51 African countries.

National platforms: Algeria – Angola – Benin – Botswana – Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cabo Verde – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Chad – Comoros – Republic of the Congo – Côte d'Ivoire – Democratic Republic of the Congo – Djibouti – Egypt – Eswatini – Ethiopia – Gabon – The Gambia – Ghana – Guinea – Guinea Bissau – Kenya – Lesotho – Liberia – Libya – Madagascar – Malawi – Mali – Mauritius – Mauritania – Morocco – Mozambique – Niger – Nigeria – Rwanda – Senegal – Seychelles – Sierra Leone – Somalia – South Africa – South Sudan – Sudan – Tanzania – Togo – Tunisia – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2008, Kenya.

Vision

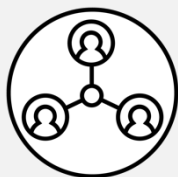
A global environment free from the threat of climate change with sustainable development, equity and justice for all.

Mission

To develop and promote pro-poor development and equity-based positions relevant for Africa in the international climate change dialogues, interventions and related processes.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Builds a bottom-up movement that amplifies voices in organisations on frontline of climate change
- Collaborates with governments and inter-governmental bodies (e.g. Africa Union, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa) to shape Africa positions on climate change
- Facilitates and catalyses coalitions and key processes to address key issues

Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds capacity of most vulnerable to amplify and unite their voices e.g. African Activists for climate Justice project • Supports members to develop and implement solutions for green livelihoods, livelihood security and social cohesion • Supports capacity building for energy transition • Supports civil society to hold government, business and others accountable for national and international environmental and climate responsibilities, including through monitoring and information sharing • Supports mentorship and training programme for the African youth on climate change delivered through transformational Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate justice and human rights, including by influencing regional parliaments and the Pan-African Parliament • Pro-poor development and green solutions • African Narratives by training and awarding Africa Journalists through the Africa Climate Change and Environmental Reporting Awards

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 13 M • Funders: <i>Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, World Bank, European Union, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK), Oxfam, Christian Aid, Open Society Foundation, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i> • Well-established financial management systems • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing a consortium grant of USD 47 M with 10 partners, regrants 85 % (over 5 years) • Regranted in REDD+ project in 10 countries • Managing several large grants up to USD 5 M, with regranting of on average 75 % • Commitment to visibility of members, including globally • Experience in capacity building e.g. renewable energy and for the youth

Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multilayered governance for accountability to members: General Congress elects a Continental Governance Council every 3 years, with responsibility for approving work plans, financials etc; The Continental Governance Council elects Continental Executive Board that appoints the secretariat• Articulated rights values and principles: inclusion, agency, transparency and accountability• Human Rights incorporated in organisational policies
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Capacity and partnership support needed

- Support to enhance existing finance and grantmaking capacity.
- Support for strengthening the Climate Justice Impact Fund for Africa (which can also serve as a regranting mechanism).

See [here](#) for more information.

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Associations

A regional network of small-scale farmers' associations

- Learning
- Advocacy
- Organisational development
- Ecological land use
- Right to food

Pan-African (East, Central and Southern Africa)

A network of 281 organisations in 14 country chapters: Botswana – Burundi – Democratic Republic of Congo – Ethiopia – Kenya – Lesotho – Malawi – Namibia – Rwanda – South Africa – Tanzania – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

1995, Zimbabwe. 2021, Uganda.

Vision

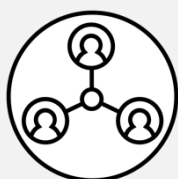
Empowered and self-organising farming communities in East and Southern Africa are able to make well-informed choices towards their improved quality of life that is socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable.

Mission

To promote participatory ecological land use management practices for improved livelihoods among small holder farmers and agro-pastoralists in East and Southern Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Links member organisations via website, cross-learning, and exchange visits
- Links farmers and policy makers
- Networks

Supports



- Supports organisational development of country chapters and secretariats (governance, financial management, operating systems, technical aspects such as MEL, and resource mobilisation)
- Identifies, documents and upscaling best practices
- Researches, sharing experience and joint learning
- Supports collective advocacy at multiple levels to create an enabling environment for ecological-socio and economic transformation of smallholder farming communities e.g. policy for farmer seed system

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological and climate resilient land management, e.g. agro-ecology • Justice and human rights • Farmer voices - Farmer solutions
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget USD 182,000 • Selected funders: <i>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, Bread for the World Marisla Foundation (Global Green Grant Fund)</i> • Skilled finance team • Clean audits. Focused response on addressing management issues
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged as intermediary, including managing CHF 800,000 grant (SDC), Euro 400,000 (Bread for the World) USD 50,000, Marisla Foundation (Global Green Grant) and Euro 250,000 (GIZ) • Supports voice and agency of small farmers • Supports capacity building of country chapters
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-annual General Assembly appoints a Board • Clearly articulated human rights values and principles, included in operational policies • Transparency: Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Support PELUM to strengthen network building.
- Support PELUM to strengthen the regional team capacities.
- Provide core resources for chapters to support organisational development.
- Help PELUM strengthen advocacy and strategic communications for policy development.

See [here](#) for more information.

Plateforme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale

Network of national farmers' organisations

- Land
- Family farming
- Small-scale farmers
- Food security
- Climate Change

Central Africa

Angola – Burundi – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Republic of Congo – Chad – Democratic Republic of Congo – Equatorial Guinea – Gabon – Sao Tomé and Príncipe

Registration

2005, Cameroon.

Vision

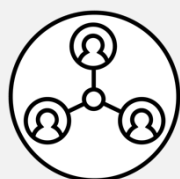
Enterprising, modernised and sustainable family farming that performs economic, social, cultural and ecological functions to ensure food security and sovereignty.

Mission

To help position farmers and their organisations as genuine partners in the development, implementation and evaluation of agricultural policies in Central Africa, by developing appropriate tools to support the farmers' movement so that it can play its role as an interface in the region's agricultural development strategies.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Connects farmers to needed support e.g. setting up a framework for consultation and organisation of farmers and research for producers in the sub-region.
- Links farmers and governments in the region through the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy of the Economic Community of Central African State

Supports



- Support for organic farming
- Advocacy for enabling policy
- Capacity building in climate resilience agricultural strategic
- Public participation in law and policy development

Promotes



- Land tenure
- Land rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Secure small-scale farming

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1 M/year • Funders: <i>European Union, International Fund for Agricultural Development, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, International Land Coalition, OXFAM</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean Audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages larger multi-year project for USD 5.2 M with regranting. Also, regrants in smaller projects • Support to communities and grantees to develop capacity in programmatic areas
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Board • Clearly articulated human rights values and principles including in operations and with grantees • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Capacity for improved project management including monitoring and evaluation, and core support to hire a monitoring and evaluation expert.
- Need to develop a system for regranting to small-scale farmers that takes account of their realities.

See [here](#) for more information.

PureTrust Foundation

A community foundation support organisation

- Economic empowerment
- Financial inclusion
- Gender equality and inclusion
- Climate responsive livelihoods
- African Philanthropy

Ghana

Registration

2014, Ghana. Company, Limited by Guarantee, Ghana.




Vision

To promote community action for the cause of equitable inclusive society in Ghana.

Mission

To promote economic security and social inclusion of disadvantaged people in Ghana through cooperation.

Core aspects of work

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connects residents and friends of Ghana with communities in strategic interventions for capacity development, and integrated and inclusive development
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates with communities for rights of marginalised groups and gender equality and inclusion • Builds skills, knowledge and resources to empower communities to act and participate actively in economic and social spaces for economic security and wellbeing • Provides technical support to farmers, including women, for financial inclusion • Engages communities in strengthening local philanthropy
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local entrepreneurship and cooperative enterprises including for women • Strong community foundations • African Philanthropy

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 260,000 per year • Funders: <i>Mott Foundation, German Embassy (Accra), United Nations Development Programme, BSR Sustainable Business Network and Consultancy, Vibrant Village Foundation, Star Ghana Foundation</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits, with prompt response to address material/systems improvements
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently regrants about 30 % of grants and provides direct services to communities • Support to grantees to develop capacity in the core programmatic areas
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Board • Clearly articulated human rights values and principles including that shape operations and respect and retrocognitions of grantees as self-organising entities that drive change • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Investment to strengthen resource mobilisation.
- Support to improve information and communication technology and communications strategy.
- Investment in organisational development of *PureTrust Foundation* and of fund recipients.
- Support to strengthen the overall community foundation movement.

See [here](#) for more information.

Le Réseau Femmes Africaines pour le Développement Durable

An African women's network of mainly feminist organisations

- Gender
- Biodiversity
- Climate change

Central and East Africa (Congo Basin countries)

Burundi – Cameroon – Chad – Central African Republic – Republic of Congo – Democratic Republic of Congo – Equatorial Guinea – Gabon – Rwanda

Registration

1988, Republic of Congo.

Vision

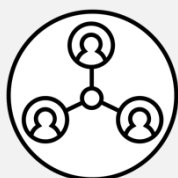
Equal participation in the sustainable management of natural resources contributes to the effective improvement of living conditions for all Central African populations.

Mission

To promote the effective participation of African women in sustainable development through their involvement in programmes for the sustainable management of natural resources and the conservation of biodiversity in Central Africa.

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Builds a women and environment movement
- Partners with other regional initiatives working in the sustainable management of our natural resources

Supports



- Positions women as key actors and decision makers and has had success in ensuring that gender is widely considered in central Africa
- Lobbies and advocates for law enforcement and good governance in natural resource management, which include women
- Supports micro-projects for poverty alleviation, conservation and rural development

Promotes



- Local communities' rights in natural resource governance
- Rights of women to participate in governance
- Gender equality

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 70,000//year • Selected funders: <i>International union for the Conservation of Nature, SNV, Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale, University of Cape Town (Climate Resilience)</i> • Compliant with donor systems and audited • Financial management capacity
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regranting in only one project (USD 30,000) • Enjoys credibility throughout the region
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly of members is main decision making and policy body. • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strengthen leadership in facilitating and bringing different actors together in conversations.
- Improved networking and communications.
- Resource mobilisation skills and strategy.
- Long-term, flexible funding and core funding; all current funding is project focused.

See [here](#) for more information.

Réseau des Populations Autochtones et Locales pour la gestion durable des écosystèmes forestiers de l'Afrique Central

A membership network of networks of Indigenous Peoples in Central Africa

- Indigenous Peoples rights
- Climate change in context of biodiversity
- Forests
- Land and territory of Indigenous Peoples
- Natural security

Central Africa

With eight national networks of more than 300 grassroots member organisations in: Burundi – Chad – Cameroon – Central African Republic – Republic of Congo – Democratic Republic of Congo – Equatorial Guinea – Gabon – Rwanda

Registration

2003, Cameroon.

Vision

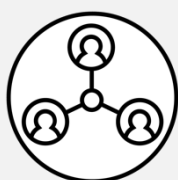
A Central Africa that values and conserves nature sustainably, with the contribution and participation.

Mission

- To effectively involve the Indigenous Peoples and local communities of Central Africa in the governance and sustainable management of land, territories and natural resources in accordance with their traditional knowledge, to improve their living conditions while respecting their rights and freedoms
- To take action to defend the rights of the groups and guarantee the sustainability of the ecosystems to which they are intimately linked and on which their survival depends

Core aspects of work

Connects



- Builds Indigenous Peoples movement with partners
- Connects Indigenous Peoples to global processes and decision making
- Links Indigenous Peoples to national government and regional bodies

Supports



- Amplifies voices of Indigenous Peoples women e.g. launching the *First Forum of Indigenous and Local Women of Central Africa on Biodiversity and Climate Change*. This also serves as a platform for engaging partners and fund raising
- Mobilises financial resources for Indigenous Peoples

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures representation of Indigenous Peoples in key decision-making forums, including the <i>Convention on Biodiversity Conference of the Parties</i>. • Facilitates dialogue among Indigenous Peoples e.g. in the <i>International Forum of Indigenous Peoples of Central Africa</i> • Actively engages in developing national and international law that addresses IP rights, including for their recognition and dignity
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples Rights • People-Nature relationship

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 1 M per year • Selected funders: <i>United Nations Environment Agency, Rights and Resources Initiative, Bezos Fund, Rainforest Alliance, World Bank, Packard Foundation, Christensen Foundation</i> • Skilled Finance • Clean Audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently regrants about 40% of grants and provides direct services to communities • Support to grantees to develop capacity • Commitment to increasing visibility and voice • Unique role as representative of Indigenous Peoples in Central Africa
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly is highest decision making and policy setting organ • Run by a regional office with representatives from each country (overseen by a coordinating unit) • Human rights and Indigenous Peoples rights are basis of operations

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Further strengthen resource mobilisation capacity.
- Improve financial management systems, teams and operations.
- Need improved monitoring and evaluation and a manager for this.
- Would value having capacity building officer to support members.

See [here](#) for more information.

Resource Africa

A non-governmental organisation

- Community based natural resource management and rights
- Poverty reduction
- Good governance
- Livelihoods
- Land

Southern Africa (including SADC members from East and Central Africa). Angola – Botswana – Democratic Republic of Congo – Eswatini – Lesotho – Madagascar – Malawi – Mozambique – Namibia – South Africa – Tanzania – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2005, South Africa (formed in 1980s).

Vision

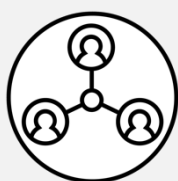
Empowered and motivated communities effectively exercising their rights to sustainably manage, benefit from, and conserve their natural resources.

Mission

To support southern African communities' efforts to exercise their rights and enjoy thriving livelihoods by promoting global, regional, and national commitments and actions towards policy, market and legal reforms that secure local people's rights to own, control and benefit from natural resources, especially land, wildlife, forests and water.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Connects local communities engaged in conservation to each other
- Links local community organisations to experts and researchers
- Links local communities to governments and relevant agencies
- Supports creation of national platforms

Supports



- Ensures communities (through community-based organisations) have a place at the table in deciding on the use of natural resources,
- Facilitates fair access to the wildlife economy and conservation finance, include e.g. through research on community experience in existing deals
- Expands knowledge and communication of community strategies e.g. for climate change adaptation
- Amplifies voice and capacity of community leaders to inform and influence policy at national and international levels e.g. with Agence Française de Développement

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community rights to natural resources • Community conservation • Improved links between nature, conservation and local livelihoods
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 700,000 • Funding portfolio of USD 1.4 M • Funders: <i>Jamma International, Agence Française de Développement, International Union for the Conservation of Nature / Biopama</i> • Skilled finance • Clean audits
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant portfolio of USD 1.4 M • Currently regrants about 50% of grants and provides direct services to communities • Support to grantees to develop capacity in the core programmatic areas
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Board. • Clearly articulated human rights values and principles in operational policy

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Team building. Currently operates virtually.
- Core support. Investment in key portfolios e.g. CEO (this function is currently carried out by the programme manager), financial manager.
- Further strengthen financial teams and monitoring, evaluation and learning systems and practices.

See [here](#) for more information.

Rindran'ny Olompirenena Hiarovana ny Iaraha-manana (ROHY)

A civil society movement

- A strong civil society
- Accountable and transparent governance
- Environment
- Human rights defenders and whistle blowers

Madagascar

Active in 23 regions of Madagascar, with over 1500 CSOs members

Registration

2015, Madagascar.

(ROHY is a movement and executive management is provided by MSIS-Tatao.)

Vision

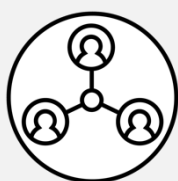
A strong, independent, well-structured civil society that is supportive, representative, listens, and a key player in grassroots communities, both nationally and internationally.

Mission

- To create and operationalise a space enabling Malagasy CSOs to unite their voices and act together
- To defend the interests of citizens and the nation
- To organise CSOs to better participate in the establishment, the implementation and the monitoring of the public policy.

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Movement building
- Connects national CSO working in various sectors
- Organises and ensures representation of CSOs in state/ public institutions

Supports



- Strengthens organisational and technical capacities of members
- Advocates against corruption, with success in setting up Anti-corruption Unit that has recovered illicit resources
- Advocates for public transparency

Promotes



- Involvement of CSOs and participation in public life

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROHY is a movement, executive management is provided by <i>MSIS-Tatao</i>, a national organisation specialising in promoting governance and CSO capacity building • Selected funders: <i>Oxfam, European Union, United Nations Development Programme/United States Agency for International Development, French Embassy, Consulate of Monaco, Peace Building Fund, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH</i> • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing large projects totaling approximately USD 1 M • Regranting between 10% and 50% • Experience in capacity building in technical and advocacy
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Assembly held twice a year • Respect for human rights • Grantees are partners • Has offices across Madagascar

Capacity development and partnership support needed

- Technical and organisational support for offices in the regions.
- Support for communications (radio and television) with members.
- Need develop a learning mechanism.
- Core, long-term and flexible funding for growth, as current funding makes it difficult to retain staff.

See [here](#) for more information.

SGS Consulting

A social enterprise

- Community philanthropy
- Organisational development
- Learning transformation
- Regranting

Southern Africa (and SADC countries from Central and East Africa) Angola – Botswana – Democratic Republic of Congo – Eswatini – Lesotho – Malawi – Mauritius – Mozambique – Namibia – Seychelles – South Africa – Tanzania – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2002, South Africa. Registered as a closed corporation and functions as a social enterprise.

Vision

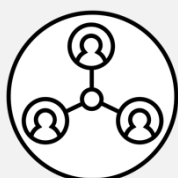
Catalyse transformative change in Africa, fostering a just, equitable and sustainable society for all.

Mission

To promote social justice, community empowerment through philanthropy, school improvement and organisational development to create a more equitable and inclusive society.

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Builds a movement of community foundations in Africa
- Links different actors in learning to improve interventions in grantmaking
- Builds a network of infrastructure organisations to deepen community philanthropy and establish, nurture, support and connect a movement of community foundations in each of the SADC countries

Supports



- Hosts a resource hub to capacitate CSOs, and support organisational development and financial resilience
- Provides organisational development services including strategic planning, MEL and succession planning for grassroots organisations that work in the social justice space in Southern Africa

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community foundations to help unlock community assets (not only financial) and leverage external resources for community led and managed development • Co-learning for transformative change • A vibrant social justice space in which grassroots organisations are key actors • African Philanthropy
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 700,000 per year • Selected funders: <i>Ford Foundation, Mott Foundation, Open Society Foundation</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed South Africa's USD 25 M Joint Fund to Promote and Advance Constitutionalism funded by the <i>Atlantic Philanthropies</i>, the <i>Ford Foundation</i> and the <i>Open Society Foundation</i> for six years • Grantmaking • Capacity and organisational development experience
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project advisory committees.

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Investment in continuous and collaborative peer learning to improve interventions for empowering civil society actors, transformative grantmaking, strengthening African Philanthropy etc.

See [here](#) for more information.

Southern African Faith Communities Environmental Institute

A multi-faith organisation

- Eco-justice
- Sustainable living
- Climate justice
- Food justice
- Energy justice

Southern and East Africa

(with growing engagement in West Africa) Botswana – Eswatini – Kenya –Lesotho- Malawi – Mozambique – Namibia – South Africa – Tanzania– Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe – Cameroon – Nigeria

Registration

2005, South Africa.

Vision

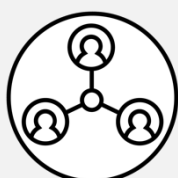
People of faith caring for the living Earth.

Mission

As an Institute of many faiths, we are united in our diversity through our shared commitment to caring for living Earth.

Core aspects of work

Connects




- Connects with communities and builds solidarity
- Develops networks
- Holds learning platforms and shares science-based information, and linking this to action
- Collaborates with civil society organisations

Supports



- Encourages and empowers people of faith to become agents of change. In 2022 trained more than 400 faith leaders in environmental responsibility and worked in more than 80 faith communities
- Facilitates and supports environmental advocacy
- Runs small grants programmes with seed funding to faith leaders
- Runs farmers' forums in Southern Africa
- Provides science-based information for learning and decision-making

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental responsibility and action • Ecological and socio-economic justice
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total projects of USD 900,000 • Selected funders: <i>Bread for the World, Food Foundation, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, ACT Church of Sweden, Energy Transition Fund, DG Murray Trust, Hans Hoheisen, International Climate Initiative</i> • Well established financial management • Clean Audits
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regranting experience including in a Rockefeller Foundation emergency relief fund for Covid-19 • Commitment in supporting members • Experience in capacity building in technical issues • Provides small 'seed' grants
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multifaith board • Transparency: annual reports published online • Compassion Charter • Respect for human rights in operational policies • Inclusive decision making with members

Capacity building and partnership support needed

- Support to hire monitoring, evaluation and learning specialist.
- Support to upscale fundraising to support communities.
- Organisational development. SAFCEI recently undertook a comprehensive organisation development review, which is available to potential partners to identify areas of institutional development being prioritised.

See [here](#) for more information.

Southern Africa Trust

An African foundation

- Grantmaking
- Fiscal hosting
- Strengthening the civil society ecosystem
- Economic justice
- Care justice
- Gender justice
- Climate

Southern Africa (Including countries in East and Central Africa)

Active in 16 SADC Countries: Angola – Botswana – Comoros– Democratic Republic of Congo – Eswatini – Lesotho – Madagascar – Malawi – Mauritius – Mozambique – Namibia – Seychelles – South Africa – Tanzania – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

2005, South Africa.

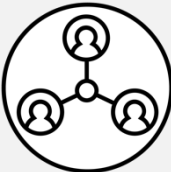

Vision


An integrated southern Africa where all people live fulfilled and empowered lives.

Mission

To amplify the voice and influence of impoverished and excluded people in Southern Africa by supporting them to access their full rights.

Core aspects of work:

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes governments, regional political organs and CSOs to solve problems • Connects rural communities, NGOs, and human rights defenders to protect land rights and promote sustainable natural resource management • Strengthens the civil society ecosystem in Southern Africa
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports community foundations • Supports programming that actively enhances the capacity of marginalised communities, including organisations impacted by Covid-19 pandemic, women and youth • Creates network opportunities for CSOs and works to engage citizens, including youth, in national and regional policy dialogues • Builds and strengthens alliances particularly in gender justice, economic justice, care justice, and climate justice and natural resource governance • Ensures that its initiatives don't disempower citizens due to power • Manages a knowledge hub with resources for grantees and others • Support citizen advocacy initiatives

<p>Promotes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An empowered civil society ecosystem • Human Rights • Citizen solutions
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Operations

<p>Financial systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 3.5 M/year • Selected Funders: <i>Ford Foundation, Oak Foundation, Mott Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits
<p>Intermediary experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently regrants 50-70% of grants • Has managed grants of between USD 5-7 M, 5 years • Has disbursed USD 17 M to 197 organisations • Provides fiscal hosting services • Experienced in building voice, agency, and capacity of grantees to develop capacity in the core programmatic areas
<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional governance Board • Clearly articulated human rights values and principles including respect for grantees • Recognition of CSO as self-organising entities that drive change, non-discrimination, including gender equality • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strategic and operational support to strengthen grantmaking and impact across all countries in Southern Africa.
- Technical backstopping in support of grantees and partners.
- Organisational development of the Trust and of grantees, including in forecasting so that responses of civil society organisations are more considered and less reactive.
- Development of a comprehensive learning framework and results and outcomes framework, based on monitoring and evaluation that maps outcomes and learning, decolonises knowledge and develops narratives that helps support civil society achieve desired impacts.

See [here](#) for more information.

Trust Africa

An African foundation

- Democratic governance
- African social movements
- African Philanthropy
- Equitable development
- Women's rights
- Climate
- Food security
- Environmental justice and natural resource management
- Land

Pan-African

Active in 34 countries, with continent-wide reach.

Registration

2006, Washington, D.C. (United States), as a public charitable organisation exempt from tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Tax Code. Dakar, Senegal (HQ). Harare, Zimbabwe (Regional Hub).

Vision

African citizens living with dignity in a sovereign, just, integrated and prosperous Africa with strong and effective institutions.

Mission

To promote responsible citizenship and accountable leadership in addressing Africa's most pressing challenges.

Core aspects of work:

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenes governments, regional organisations, and CSOs together including previously marginalised voices
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts the African Civil Society Support Initiative and the African Youth Initiative • Provides urgent support to human rights activists and provides grants in environmental justice, natural resource governance, land rights and to small-scale farmers. Engaged in some collaborative funds e.g. with the Agroecology Fund on hunger and climate change

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports organisational development and capacity building of grantees • Provides women's rights and Gender-based violence training • Supports African Philanthropy for resilience of Africa actors e.g. The Harambee-Ubuntu Pan-African and Feminist philanthropies (in partnership with Urgent Action Fund reframes African Philanthropy narratives and builds a locally owned and driven Pan-African resource infrastructure. • Generates knowledge and hosts a database • Hosts African Social Movements dialogues and engagement • Supports a concerted advocacy initiative to stop illicit financial flows from Africa
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African solutions and collaboration among diverse actors in resolving Africa's most difficult problems • African Philanthropy through transforming narratives, building partnerships and development resource infrastructure • Empowered civil society • Equitable development • Democratic governance

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Grants: USD 5 M (2021-2022) • Selected funders: <i>Gates Foundation, Kissii Trust Fund, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hewlett Foundation</i> • Managing multiple grants of USD 3-7 M (5 years) • Skilled finance and funding team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USD 2 M regranted annually • Since inception, has regranted over USD 60 M to over 600 organisations • Fiscal Agent • Leads in participatory grantmaking systems in specific projects, e.g. in Nigeria's oil belt • Capacity to build voice and agency, e.g. of agricultural small holders • Support to grantees to develop capacity • Record of seeding and nurturing new organisations and movement building
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board • Prioritises trust building, participation and accountability, including in grantmaking • Values transparency, and is part of <i>GuideStar</i> • Published grants data base

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Further streamline Trust Africa's well developed, trusted and reliable financial and grantmaking systems. Support to undertake regular audits of these systems.
- Support and investment in enhancing its reflective learning approach.
- Investment in the convener role, through support for a specialised office or human resource development.

See [here](#) for more information.

Women Environmental Programme (WEP)

An international organisation

- Gender
- Climate change
- Agroecology
- Women's political participation
- Improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene

Pan-Africa

Burkina Faso – Niger – Nigeria – Sierra Leone – Togo – Tunisia

Registration

2003, Nigeria (Founded 1997).



Vision

Envisions a world where the lives of women and youth are positively transformed.

Mission

To ensure the rights of women and youth through sustainable environmental, socio-political and economic development.

Core aspects of work:

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings women and youth together to influence key policies, particularly in the UN system • Supports change and connection on a global level – WEP has United Nations Economic and Social Council special status, and it is also an observer organisation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowers women and youth to participate effectively in decision making for e.g. for climate change negotiations • Provides diverse training programmes including for youth. For example, the volunteer and mentorship programme to assist and empower community members address development issues • Promotes collection and use of gender and environmental data. WEP trains members to gather and use gender and environmental data for advocacy to advance gender-just environmental actions
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights • Gender justice in environmental management and decision making

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 700,000 in 2023 • Selected funders: <i>European Union, United Nations Environment Agency, Urgent Action Fund Africa, Government of Netherlands, Africa Women's Development Fund</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regranting up to 50% of grants • Proven capacity to build voice and agency, particularly of women • Support to grantees to develop capacity
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board • Clearly articulated human rights. Core values include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transparency - Accountability - Equity, fairness and inclusion - Gender justice - Annual reports and financial statements are available online

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Financial accounting software.
- Grant manager and capacity building in grant management.
- Access to flexible long-term funds.

See [here](#) for more information.

West Africa Civil Society Institute

A civil society knowledge sharing hub and centre of learning

- Strengthen civil society
- Enabling CSO ecosystem
- Knowledge and learning
- Grantmaking

West Africa (in addition Cameroon, Chad and Mauritania)

Benin – Burkina Faso – Cameroon – Cape Verde – Chad – Cote d'Ivoire –The Gambia – Ghana – Guinea – Guinea Bissau – Liberia – Mali – Mauritania – Niger – Nigeria – Senegal – Sierra Leone –Togo

Registration

2005, Ghana (Operational since 2007).

Vision


A peaceful and prosperous West Africa where development is driven by its people.

Mission

To strengthen civil society in West Africa to be responsive, collaborative, representative, resilient and influential through knowledge sharing, learning, connecting and influencing.

Core aspects of work

Connects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connects and convenes civil society organisations with each other • Connects civil society to the media • Connects civil society to government, regional institutions, private sector and facilitates dialogue.
Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports members access knowledge and creates opportunities for learning • Builds operational and institutional capacities of civil society organisations e.g. training of CSOs in resource mobilisation and organisational sustainability • Advocates for needed change in policies and practices of governments, regional institutions, and the private sector

Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Philanthropy to strengthen sector • An empowered civil society engaged in advocacy, governance, and problem solving
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Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: USD 6.3 M • Selected funders: include <i>CARE France Reimaging INGOs (RINGO)</i>, <i>Robert Bosch Stiftung</i>, <i>Open Society Foundation</i>, <i>Ford Foundation</i>, <i>Hewlett Foundation</i>, <i>Comic Relief</i> • Manages large, multi-year grants of USD 2- 10 M • Skilled finance and funding team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrants 30-70% of grants • Fiscal Agent • Proven capacity to build voice and agency • Support to grantees to develop capacity
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, nominated from ECOWAS member countries, accounts for multiple diversities • Clearly articulated human rights inform governance. Core values include being people-centered, diversity, collaboration, non-discrimination, accountability, transparency, mutual respect • Annual reports

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Strengthen the capacity of WACSI as facilitators and enablers.
- Enhance skills to manage partnerships and consortiums more effectively.

See [here](#) for more information.

Wildlife Crime Prevention – Alinea regional programme

Professional intermediary

- Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Natural security
- Regranting and technical support

Southern Africa (and parts of Central and East Africa)

Angola – Botswana – Comoros – Democratic Republic of Congo – Eswatini – Kenya – Lesotho – Madagascar – Malawi – Mauritius – Mozambique – Namibia – Seychelles – Somalia (in Somaliland) – South Africa – Tanzania – Uganda – Zambia – Zimbabwe

Registration

ALINEA is a regional programme of Wildlife Crime Prevention, initiated in 2022. 2016, Zambia (Wildlife Crime Prevention is a registered Public Benefit Organisation).

Vision

A safe and sustainable world.

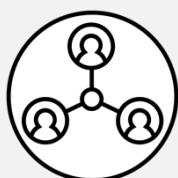
Mission

Safeguarding nature through collaborative partnerships



- Build the capacity of organisations working towards natural security while delivering the urgently needed funding to grassroot NGOs and at a sustainable and appropriate scale
- Complement funding assistance with technical capabilities to reach a broader network of partners
- Align organisations to a common purpose in natural security and safeguarding the vulnerable
- Support and develop partners and approaches to counter and disrupt the exploitation of wildlife, the environment, and people

Core aspects of work:

Connects



- Align law enforcement, community and development agencies at landscape level

Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports and strengthens affiliates in Africa and beyond that share common goals • Enables learning networks and platforms through peer exchange • Supports new perspectives, pilots and prototypes to inform and influence operating models • Encourages the creation and adoption of new models where appropriate
Promotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of new operating models • Non-traditional experts to inform and adapt models • Advocates for and encourages government champions

Operations

Financial systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alinea Budget: USD 4.3 M (2023) • Funders: <i>Oak Foundation, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, Swedish international Development Cooperation Agency, Wildlife Conservation Network, United States State Department</i> • Skilled finance and grantmaking team • Clean audits
Intermediary experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support and regranting to 13 partners in 11 countries • Regranted USD 7.5 M since established
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual board oversight • Support from external strategic advisors. • Transparency: external audits and evaluations

Capacity and partnership support needed

- Expand capacity of the Alinea regional programme to provide financial support to partners.
- Assist Alinea regional programme to strengthen the focus on landscape level projects and cross border collaboration to ensure the security of key areas of biodiversity and natural heritage.
- Provide resources to attract and develop diverse skill sets, investment and approaches into the natural security sector.
- Support Alinea to build the capacity of grassroots organisations, cultivate niche expertise and harness local knowledge to ensure counter exploitation efforts fit within local contexts.

See [here](#) for more information.

6. Annexes

Additional Possible Intermediary Organisations:

Organisation name	Website address
<i>African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation</i>	ANEWS.AFRICA
<i>African Climate Alliance</i>	africanclimatealliance.org
<i>African CS Fund (African NGO Council)</i>	africanngocouncil.org
<i>African CSO Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA)</i>	africancba.org
<i>Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD International)</i>	acord international
<i>Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA)</i>	akinamamawaafrika.org
<i>Centre Régionale Songhaï</i>	songhai.org
<i>Climate Change Africa Opportunities (CCOA)</i>	climatechangeafricaopportunities.org
<i>Enda Tiers Monde (Enda TM)</i>	endatiersmonde.org
<i>Global Biodiversity Youth Network Africa (GBYN Africa)</i>	gybn.org
<i>Health of Mother Earth Foundation</i>	homef.org
<i>Jesuits Justice and Ecology Network Africa</i>	jenafrica.org
<i>Maghrebien and North African Farmers Union (UMNAGRI)</i>	umnagri.net
<i>North African Food Sovereignty Network. Siyada Network (NAFSN)</i>	siyada.org
<i>Pan-African Farmers Organisation (PAFO)</i>	pafo-africa.org
<i>Réseau Africain pour la promotion d'entrepreneuriat agricole (RAPEA)</i>	rapea.africa
<i>Réseau Africain pour le développement intégré (RADI)</i>	radi-afrique.com
<i>Réseau Billital Maroobé (RBM)</i>	maroobe.com
<i>Réseau des femmes Africaines pour la gestion Communautaire des Forêts (REFACOF)</i>	refacof.net
<i>Réseau international formation agricole et rurale (Réseau-FAR)</i>	reseau-far.com
<i>Réseau des Jeunes des Forêts d'Afrique Central (REJEFAC)</i>	REJEFAC
<i>Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs agricoles d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPFA)</i>	roppa-afrique.org
<i>SOS Sahel</i>	sossahel.org
<i>Sustainable Sea Trust</i>	sst.org.za
<i>West African Association for the Development of Artisanal Fisheries (ADEPA)</i>	Adepa-WADAF
<i>Wild Oceans (WildTrust)</i>	wildtrust.co.za

<i>Women in Informal Employment: Globalising and organising (WIEGO)</i>	wiego.org/fr/dakar
<i>Women in Law and development in Africa West Africa (WILDAF-AO)</i>	wildaf-ao.org/en
<i>World Forum of Fisher Peoples</i>	worldfishers.org

Potential Collaborators: Civil Society And Community Funds:

Organisation name	Website address
<i>African CS Fund (African NGO Council)</i>	africanngocouncil.org
<i>African Women's Development Fund</i>	awdf.org
<i>Bulsho Fund, Somalia</i>	https://www.bulshokaab.com
<i>Community Development Fund, Western Cape, South Africa</i>	https://cdfwcape.org.za
<i>Grassroots Development Initiative Foundation, Kenya</i>	https://www.gradifkenya.org
<i>Kenya Community Development Fund, Kenya</i>	https://kcdf.or.ke
<i>Pananaturgi Fund, Burkina Faso</i>	https://ongipbf.org/en/
<i>Tanzania Community Foundation Network, Tanzani</i>	https://tcfn.or.tz
<i>Urgent Action Fund Africa (UAF-Africa)</i>	uaf-africa.org
<i>Ulutu Community Foundation, Zimbabwe</i>	https://uluntufoundation.org