

# KARIBU NEW REALITIES GRANT

*INFORMATION PACKET - CYCLE 1: 2022-2023*



## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION**

Learn about who is eligible to apply for grants, as well as how we will decide on grants

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Learn about our application guidelines, how to apply, and timelines for applications/processing



**Karibu Foundation**  
RESISTING AND REBUILDING

# The current crises we face.

Africa is in a particular stage of its history where it is confronted by massive **economic, socio-cultural, political, and ecological crises**. All of these crises are inter-connected and inter-sectional, but are based in an analysis that they are inherently linked to the crisis of capitalism. Marginalized groups such as women, indigenous groups, and youth often pay the highest costs.

These large crises manifest themselves into a number of major challenges that are sometimes African wide and sometimes very country-specific, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only caused the challenges to be more visible.

The new “Karibu New Realities Grant” (KNRG) program aims to address the inter-connectivity of these crises (economic-, socio-cultural-, political-, and ecological crises). We hope that the grant program can serve as a contribution to catalyze the struggles that African change agents are waging against unjust systems.



## Is your network or organization embarking on an imaginative initiative as part of the struggle for a more just and equitable continent and fairer world?

The project’s “Core Group” (made up of primarily African activists and civil society members) is looking to support **grassroot networks, formations and/or organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa who are undertaking imaginative initiatives that strengthen and add new dimensions to the collective struggle for systemic justice**.

We are aiming to support groups of change-agents in Sub-Saharan Africa who have **bold, innovative, forward-thinking, and “constructive troublemaking” ideas that disrupt the status quo of injustices** that the continent and our world are currently facing.



## We are particularly keen on supporting:

- Both new and existing networks, formations and/or organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa that are embarking on imaginative initiatives in a post COVID-19 reality
- Groups that utilize transformative and creative tactics (either offline or online)
- Groups that have a genuine grassroots anchoring
- Groups that have not already had significant access to grants
- Groups that have a collaborative orientation (openness and focus on knowledge sharing with other formations/groups for the wider struggle)
- Groups that have a pan-African orientation (encourages and strengthen bonds of solidarity between peoples of Africa)
- Groups that are led and/or have a majority of their members from peoples on the margins (youth, women, indigenous groups)

## Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for the KNRG, your network, formation and/or organization must:

- Be based in Sub-Saharan Africa and be African-led
- Have a systemic analysis (a focus on the root causes of injustice, and how systems are interconnected)
- Have a non-violent approach<sup>1</sup>
- Have a plan and provide a jointly-decided upon concept note (maximum 4 pages) or optional video application (maximum 10 minutes) describing your new initiative
- Provide a simple budget draft to help us understand how the funds are imagined to be used
- If your network, formation and/or organization is not registered, this is not a problem. We will just need a registered fiscal sponsor who can potentially receive the funds.

### **For practical purposes, applications must be sent in English.**

*We are aware, however, of the language barrier that English-only applications puts on movements in a multi-language continent with colonial histories. In an aim to ease these challenges somewhat, we will conduct the informational webinar in three languages (English, French, Portuguese). We are open to receiving less-traditional applications in the form of video applications and are open to processing short-listed concept notes over the telephone/internet in an effort to help ease written communication barriers.*

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<sup>1</sup> The “Core Group” of the KNRG acknowledges the continual violence waged on poor and marginalized people of the world. A non-violent approach refers to a commitment to utilizing nonviolent and creative means (e.g. acts of protest and persuasion, noncooperation, direct action, civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, and education) - and not taking up arms - in order to resist and encourage social change. It can be understood as an active form of resistance to injustice.

# Selection Criteria

Your **concept note** should give us a clear idea of your network, organization or formation, as well as the values that guide it.

Concept notes and/or videos will be read by the entirety of the KNRGs “Core Group”, who will identify a short-list of promising initiatives.

The short-list will in particular place emphasis on:

- Clarity of vision and purpose of applying group
- Clarity of the group’s own understand of how their initiative is bold, innovative, forward-thinking, and “constructive troublemaking” in their own context
- Various other considerations related to the qualities of what we are keen to support (see previous page), geographic spread, and range of thematic focus



# Practical Information

## Grant size



The KNRG provides small grants, ranging from **around 5,000 USD to maximum 15,000 USD**. We anticipate about 20 grants total in this cycle.

## Project duration



Projects can last between **6-12 months**, with a start date of January 1st 2023. We recognize that transformation takes time, and thus this duration is understood as a contribution towards transformation.

## What we are unfortunately not funding



- For-profit and/or income-generating efforts
- Government programs
- Infrastructure (homes, buildings, etc)
- Humanitarian aid (food, water and sanitation, school kits, disaster relief, etc.)
- Capital investments (farm equipment, livestock, computers, etc.)
- Individual scholarships

***Application deadline: 15 August 2022***



# Concept Note / Guiding Questions



**Applicants must send a maximum 4-page concept note.\***

*Below are some questions to assist you to tell us what your imaginative, bold, and forward-thinking project/ action/intervention wants to achieve. Your concept note should cover these points, and should also give us a clear idea of your network/organization or formation and the values that guide it.*

***Please note all applications should be sent in English.***

## 1. Organization/Network

**Briefly tell us about your organisation (association / cooperative/ collective/ network or movement).**

Some important details to be included are:

Your organization's vision and profile, your leadership and those responsible for this initiative, information about how your organization is organized (structures, decision-making process, etc.), how you are well positioned to make change, and whether you are registered or not.

## 2. The initiative/Action

**Please describe the imaginative and bold project/ action/ intervention that you are requesting us to support.**

Outline of some the key activities or actions that will be included in this project (maximum 3 to 5), how this project/action/intervention brings about change or makes a difference, how this addresses the root causes and systems of injustice, the geographic scope of the project, your target groups, and how the project will be conducted practically, and when/how/why this initiative was started.

## 3. Gauging Success

**Please describe how you will gauge/evaluate the “success” of this project/ action/ intervention in disrupting the status quo of systemic injustice. How will you monitor and follow the progress of the project?**

## 4. Funds

**Please expand on the information provided in the budget (please fill out budget template provided), and tell us how the funds will be used.**



\* Are you planning on sending optional alternative video application (not written)? See additional guidelines here:

**<https://www.karibu.no/karibu-new-realities-grant/documents>**

# Budget Template



## Applicants must send a completed initial budget.

*Please use the budget template provided for the “Karibu New Realities Grant”. Include all line items related to income and expenditures. We understand this is a draft and things may change if a grant is given.*

*Please also include the conversation rate you have used from your local currency to USD.*

The budget template includes:

- Organizational details
- Currency Details
- Expected incomes
- Direct Project Costs
- Indirect Project Costs

The filled out budget template should be included with your application when you submit it.

The template can be found here:

<https://www.karibu.no/karibu-new-realities-grant/documents>

# Karibu’s Grant Management System



All applications must be received through Karibu’s “Grant Management System” which can be accessed on our website. You will first need to register for an account in “Induct” (the software we use) to apply. *N.B....! Applications must be sent via the “Karibu New Realities Grant: sub-Saharan Africa” button on the mainpage of the Grant Management System. See instructions below!*

**Step 1:** Go to <https://www.karibu.no/karibu-new-realities-grant/apply>, and click on the “Submit Application” button. Karibu’s “Grant Management System” will pop-up. Either sign in or click “Create an Account” if you do not have account in Karibu’s Grant Management System from before.

**Step 2:** New users: Fill in your email address, name, and password of choice. Click “Create Account”. An email will automatically be sent to you that you must confirm.

**Step 3:** Confirm your account through the link in your email, and enter your new account info.

**Step 4:** Be sure to click the proper button to begin the application process for the KNRG. You must click “Karibu New Realities Grant: sub-Saharan Africa” to apply.

**Step 5:** Fill out the questions on the registration page, answering each question carefully and concisely. The questions are found on the next page of this document.

**Step 6:** Click “Upload File” and attach your 4-page concept note and budget (or optional video application). Review the materials and click “Submit.” Your application is now complete and you will receive a confirmation email.

# Register and Send Application



Please be prepared to respond to the following **application registration questions** when logging into Karibu’s “Grant Management System”. You will need to answer these questions online when submitting your concept note + budget template:

<p><b>Project Title:</b> N.B. Please start the title of your proposal with the letters “KNRG”.  <i>Example: “KNRG: Name of Your Initiative”</i></p>	
<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will this initiative take place in Sub-Saharan Africa? Yes/No</li> <li>• Is this initiative African-led? Yes/No</li> <li>• Does this initiative and group take a non-violent approach? Yes/No</li> </ul> <p><i>A non-violent approach refers to a commitment to utilizing non-violent and creative means (e.g. acts of protest and persuasion, noncooperation, direct action, civil disobedience, boycotts, strikes, and education) - and not taking up arms - in order to resist and encourage social change.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you read our guidelines and can confirm that your initiative does NOT cover these points:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For-profit and/or income-generating efforts</li> <li>• Government programs</li> <li>• Infrastructure (homes, buildings, etc.)</li> <li>• Humanitarian aid (food, water and sanitation, school kits, disaster relief, etc.)</li> <li>• Capital investments (farm equipment, livestock, computers, etc.)</li> <li>• Individual scholarships</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Yes, I confirm / No</p> <p>If you answered “No” to any of these questions, please describe why</p>	<p><b>Short summary of the initiative</b></p> <p>Please provide a very brief summary of the initiative (max 100 words)*</p> <p>Which Region of Sub-Saharan Africa will this initiative take place? *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Africa</li> <li>• Southern Africa</li> <li>• Central Africa</li> <li>• Eastern Africa</li> <li>• Pan-African (two or more countries and/or Regions of Africa)</li> </ul> <p>Which country/countries will the initiative take place?</p> <p>Which crises does your initiative primarily aim to confront: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic crises</li> <li>• Socio-cultural crises</li> <li>• Political crises</li> <li>• Ecological crises</li> <li>• Multiple crises</li> </ul> <p>Time period of the project:*</p> <p>Projects can last between 6-12 months</p> <p>Amount requested in USD:*</p>
<p><b>Contact Info</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of network</li> <li>• Address</li> <li>• Country</li> <li>• Telephone</li> <li>• Leadership information</li> <li>• Main contact email</li> <li>• Website or social media (optional)</li> <li>• Is your network/organization/formation formally registered? Yes/No</li> <li>• If you are NOT formally registered, do you have an idea of which registered group can serve as a “fiscal sponsor” for the project? Please provide detail.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Info</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell us about what other movements you collaborate/cooperate with, who is in your social movement “eco-system”, and/or other larger movements or struggles you see yourself as part of:</li> <li>• Has your organization received grants from other funders before? If so, who and when?</li> <li>• How did you hear about the “Karibu New Realities Grant”?</li> <li>• Anything else you would like to tell us?</li> </ul>

# Application Timeline and Processing



## **28 JULY 2022 (12:00 CAT: UTC+2): Informational Webinar**

Join us for a 90- minute informational webinar to learn more about the eligibility and application process on **28 July 2022**.

You can also specifically ask your questions about the process.

The webinar will be simultaneously translated into English, French, and Portuguese. *The link for registration is found on Karibu's website.*

## **15 AUGUST 2022 (23:59 CAT: UTC+2): Application Deadline**

Send in your application by 23:59 Central African Time (CAT) on **15 August 2022**. Applications submitted past this date will not be considered.

All applications **MUST** be submitted through Karibu's "Grant Management System".

## **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022: Processing Time**

After applying, applicants will receive a link where you can get general updates on application processing, with short updates from the "Core Group".

*This link will be shared with applicants via email.*

Please note that there will not be updates on your application in particular, but where we are in the entirety of the process.

## **SEPTEMBER 2022: "Core Group" Meetings to Short-list**

The "Core Group" will meet to make decisions on the shortlist of applications.

## **OCTOBER 2022: Shortlisted Groups Contacted**

We will contact shortlisted candidates to learn more about their work and get a better impression of the project.

## **1 DECEMBER 2022: Applicants Informed**

Applicants can expect to be informed of the news of their application by 1 December 2022.

All applicants who have applied shortlisted but not selected will receive brief feedback on why their application was not considered.

We unfortunately, however, cannot provide feedback on all applications.



# Questions and Contact



We encourage you to carefully read our “**Frequently Asked Questions**” and read carefully this “Information Packet”.



You can attend our **Informational Webinar** on Thursday, July 28th at 12:00 Central African Time (UTC+2), where we will respond to general questions. The registration link is on our website (link below).



For general questions, you can send us an **email** at: [KNRG@karibu.no](mailto:KNRG@karibu.no).



You can also send a short “**WhatsApp**” message to: +47 906 35 204.

Given the large amount of emails and messages that Karibu receives, however, we cannot guarantee that we can respond to all inquires about individual projects.

## Application Materials

All links, documents, information, and application materials are found on our website here:

<https://www.karibu.no/karibu-new-realities-grant/apply/>