



Karibu New Realities Grant

A PILOT PROJECT IN PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING



Meeting structure

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- ▶ Organizational nominations for “Core Group” members
- ▶ Role and mandate of “Core Group” members
- ▶ Time for questions



Introductions

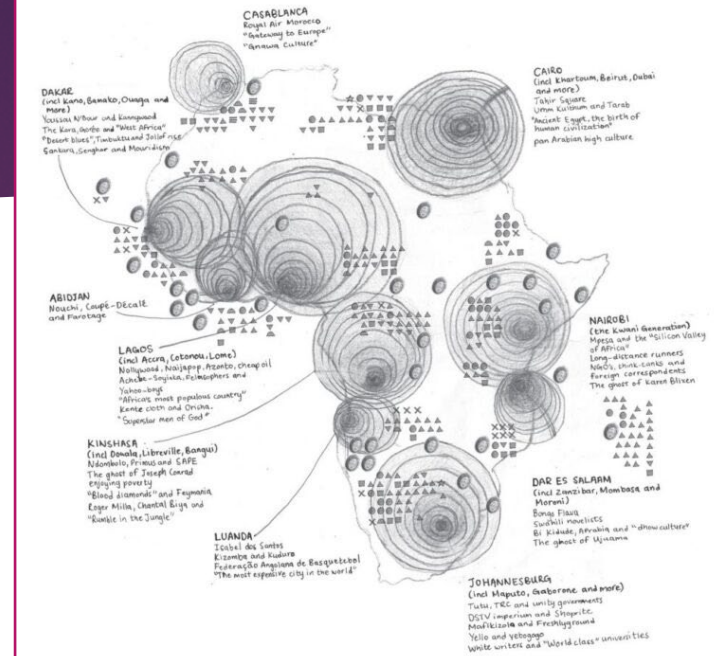
Short background

- ▶ Process begin several years back with Karibu's review of where we would be in 2025:
 - ▶ Karibu is involved with a networks to work with outstanding "change actors" (from both within and outside of the existing partner network)
 - ▶ Karibu is in the frontline of activism with a "new generation" of activist social movements
 - ▶ Karibu presents actions and movements that testifies to and are signs of actual systemic change to happen (stopping the bad / building the new).
 - ▶ Karibu attracts other transformative activists and grant makers for joining the efforts for systemic change
- ▶ 2020 → Covid-19 changed the way we can mobilize, resist, and collaborate around the globe
- ▶ 2020 → Started the process of building this pilot, especially related to a new approach to shifting power in how Karibu provides grants

Short background

- ▶ Focus on “Participatory Grantmaking”
 - ▶ **Emphasizes** “nothing about us without us.”
 - ▶ **Shifts power** about grantmaking decisions by involving—or giving all power to—the people most affected by the issues or problems.
 - ▶ **Gives agency** to people who benefit from funding to determine the priorities of their lives.
- ▶ Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa
 - ▶ Africa continues to be at the forefront of Neo-colonialism, Neo-imperialism, and extractivism in many forms, with a wide range of old and emerging powers playing active roles in this exploitation
 - ▶ Africa continues also to be hit hard by the new realities of the post COVID-19 world
 - ▶ Karibu (which means “welcome” in Swahili) also has its historic roots with close partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - ▶ There is also a clear generational shift occurring, with many of the previous generation of change actors now becoming the elders of movements.

THE PRODUCTION OF AFRICA RISING



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Short background

- ▶ The grant program (when it is fully built by Sub-Saharan African activists) will:
 - ▶ aim to support bold, innovative, forward thinking, "constructive troublemaking", and imaginative initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - ▶ The initiatives supported by the grants will add new dimensions and makes stronger the collective struggle for systemic justice.
 - ▶ Grants that eventually will be provided in this pilot will support creative, strategic, agenda-setting, and network-building groups in Sub-Saharan Africa that are able to connect the local / national struggle with regional / global realities.



NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

To express, also in the Karibu grantmaking, the practical consequence of systemic change, of reorganising of power, of concrete expression of the values of 'nothing about us without us'.



NEW MODELS OF ACTIVISM

To identify and provide resources for next generation / new models of activism, popular mobilisation and resistance, innovation and alternatives with the view of contributing to systemic and system change (stopping the bad & building the new).



PARTICIPATION

To test out contemporary ideas / models of Participatory Grant Making (PGM) as a pilot, across themes and national boundaries.

Organizational Call for nominations

- ▶ Your organization has been suggested by Karibu's existing partners as a creative, strategic, agenda-setting, and network-building group
 - ▶ That your organization is able to connect the local / national struggles with regional / global realities
- ▶ Your organization has been invited to **NOMINATE** a candidate to the pilot's new participatory grantmaking "CORE GROUP" who will then BUILD the grant program
- ▶ The **candidate** should be related to your organization in some way (volunteer, paid staff, elected leadership, etc).
- ▶ A participatory grantmaking "Reference Group" (made of primarily African activists) will make the **final selection of the six (6) African members** of the new "CORE GROUP," based the nominations that are received by 1. September

Organizational Call for nominations

► **We are currently looking for African candidates who:**

- demonstrated their ability to use analytic courage, strategic clarity, and moral courage in their struggle for a more just world
- clear ability to collaborate across thematic areas and across generations
- demonstrated eagerness and experience towards moving towards a new generation of activists
- ability to understand and communicate national or local challenges + their links with systemic or international challenges
- nominated by and anchored to already existing organizations, networks, or movements in Sub-Saharan Africa
- can communicate (written, orally) in English as a working language (for practical reasons)
- have access to internet (for practical reasons)
- specific emphasis on a high representation of women and young people, and we thus encourage the nomination of younger and women candidates

Role and mandate of the “Core Group”

- ▶ PGM Core Group will consist of:
 - ▶ 6 African activists
 - ▶ 1 Karibu representative
- ▶ PGM Core Group members commit to:
 - ▶ Participating in the pilot for the duration of 1-year cycle (possibility for 2 years)
 - ▶ **1 full day meeting each month**
 - ▶ **2 hours of independent/team work weekly**
 - ▶ **potentially other physical meetings during the period.**
- ▶ Members of the core group will be **remunerated** for their time and contributions
 - ▶ (will be clarified in agreement between Karibu and the organisation/movement that has nominated the individual participant)

Role and mandate of the “Core Group”

- ▶ Mandate of the PGM Core Group:
 - ▶ Define most of the criteria for the grants
 - ▶ Define most of the reporting requirements for the grants
 - ▶ Decide what initiatives receive grants within the bounds of this pilot project
 - ▶ Pass on their experiences and recommendations to the next cycle of “PGM Core Group Members”

Deadlines and other info

- ▶ Nominations must be received by 1. Sept 2021 via:
 - ▶ <https://www.karibu.no/nomination-form-karibu-new-realities-grant/>
- ▶ Decisions on the final composition of the PGM “Core Group” will be made by mid-September 2021
- ▶ A reminder that the organisations/movements that compose the final participatory grantmaking “Core Group” cannot receive grants from the pilot when they are participating in their “cycle”
 - ▶ Their organization is eligible again when they are no longer members of the core group (could be in cycle 2 of the pilot).
 - ▶ They are, however, eligible for normal Karibu grants programs and within common criteria set for receiving Karibu grant.



Looking forward to your
nominations for this new pilot
project with partners in Sub-
Saharan Africa!

Questions?