



A YEAR AT A GLANCE
2015

THE
KARIBU
FOUNDATION





Front cover: (r-l) Maisan Hamdan (Al-Marsad, Occupied Syrian Golan Heights), Marjorie Pamintuan (APRN, the Philippines), Demba Moussa Dembele (ARCADE, Senegal) and Ammal Djefal (Arab NGO Network for Development, Lebanon) speak at the Forum on Militarism and Democracy at the World Social Forum in Tunisia in March 2015. *Photo credit: T. Hauger*

Inside cover: (l-r) Yousef Daher (Jerusalem Interchurch Centre) and Bp. Bert Calang (Ecumenical Bishops Forum, the Philippines) participate in the Kairos for Global Justice meeting in South Africa in August 2015. *Photo credit: Sidney Luckett*

ABOUT KARIBU

The Karibu Foundation is an independent foundation that supports alternative voices from the Global South that provide alternatives to the dominant paradigms of power, distribution, and development.

Karibu has grown out a spirituality, a practical, faith-based commitment, and a critical and analytic understanding of power and domination in the world. The aims of Karibu are therefore to bring together and support agencies that use analytical insight, moral courage, and strategic clarity in their struggle to create a just world.

The name, KARIBU, is the Swahili word for WELCOME.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- to provide financial support to organizations and networks in the Global South working for a just world
- to strategically cooperate with these organizations and networks, support network building processes, and convey the thoughts and experiences of our partners to various arenas in the Global North

OUR PARTNERS

Karibu supports entities in Latin America, Asia, and Africa (and in rare occasions global networks) that aim to provide alternatives to dominance from Europe and North America

The foundation's partners come from both faith-based and secular environments.

The foundation supports information exchanges, mobilizing efforts, legislative and research efforts, bride-building, dialogue, and capacity building.



A WORD FROM THE SECRETARIAT



Dear friends,

As we look back to the year 2015, we can be overwhelmed by many of the very dramatic events of the year, as well as the critical issues that must be solved in order to bring more dignity and justice to the most marginalised and vulnerable people in our world. Wars are raging, the global economic and military system is getting more brutal, and refugees are fleeing their homes in a desperate attempt to find safety and security. Senseless violence is used as a tool for pushing agendas, and the stories of the struggles of vulnerable communities in the South are not told frequently enough by the media.

At the same time, 2015 included a number of large global events that aimed to build political consensus on programmes that

could bring hope to the future for all humanity.

The Sustainable Development Goals of the post-2015 agenda, the climate negotiations of COP21 in Paris, and major negotiations within the global trade system aimed to bring all nations on board in order to solve the large humanitarian, economic and political challenges so many people of the world face as their everyday reality. Yet, even these efforts have still not lifted up the necessary alternatives we need to reach more justice, more dignity for the poor, and more equality against the hegemonic control of economy, power and resources. They have even left communities in the South feeling more empty handed.

Yet, we still remain hopeful.

Through the 30 years of Karibu's existence, we have been fortunate to work with partners that continue to lift up transformative alternatives to the current dominant paradigms of power, distribution, and development.

Our partners strongly believe that

any change in the right direction must include the full participation and acknowledgement of those who are directly victimised by these global wrongs. They look for the root causes of problems, and they continue to struggle for just and sustainable solutions that put human beings, nature and equitable societies at the centre.

In this edition of "A Year at a Glance," we lift up a number of the alternatives and perspectives that our partner network has brought to the table in 2015. Additionally, we also look back at the 30-year history of the Karibu Foundation.

We enter a new year with great expectations, and a vision that our combined strengths and energies will lead to the change that our world urgently needs.

We hope you enjoy this edition of a "Year at a Glance," and wish you a good year ahead.

Eilert L. Rostrup

Tyler D. Hauger



Photo: Members of the Latin American and Caribbean Anti-Militarist Network (RAMALC) meet with local, indigenous activists in community of Xochicuautla, municipality of Lerma, Mexico, as part of their training on non-violent civil resistance in September 2015.

The local Mexican activists are coordinating a campaign to defend their habitat and traditional practices, which are being threatened by the Toluca-Naucalpan construction project.

Photo credit: Laboritoria de Paz, <http://laboratoriosdepaz.org/>

KARIBU: 30 YEARS - A BRIEF HISTORY



We are pleased to mark the Karibu Foundation's 30th Anniversary in 2015/2016.

The story of Karibu started in the 1980s, with a person committed to act and respond to the challenge of poverty and suffering affecting millions of people in the world; particularly for those living in what in that time was described as the "third world."

Through the advice of a close friend, journalist Mr. Einar Lunde, she connected with lawyer Mr. Øystein Tveter. Mr. Tveter brought with him many years of experience from studies and work in Asia and Africa, and he was known for knowledge, critical understanding and engagement in issues related to North-South relations, development assistance and human rights. He also brought with him a broad network of researchers, activists and politicians from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

These human resources, networks, and perspectives from the South, combined with financial resources

made available in Norway, led to the initiation of what was first called the "Karibu project" as a platform for giving space to 'The Voice of the Global South'. The foundation held its constituting Board meeting on December 19th, 1985, and had its formal registering as the Karibu Foundation on March 8th, 1986.

For many years, Karibu was institutionally connected to other Norwegian civil society organizations as its operational platform. It has been connected to the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), the Centre for Partnership in Development at the Diakonhemmet (Oslo), the consultancy group Institute for Global Networking, Information and Studies (IGNIS).

Karibu has had its own independent operational platform since 2007.

Continue to learn more about our history each time you see the clock symbol in this edition of "A Year at a Glance"!

GRANTS SHARED IN 2015

*The Karibu Foundation
has contributed to the
following partners and
projects in 2015:*

Alternative Tourism Group (ATG)
<http://www.atg.ps>
Bethlehem, Palestine

Support towards continuing efforts for alternative and transformative pilgrimage to the Holy Land, including documentation, research, and advocacy campaigns.

All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA)
<https://www.facebook.com/teeafrica>
Lukasa, Zambia

Support towards building of Pan-African theological network, as well as network building with counterparts in Asia.

Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN)
<http://www.aprnet.org>
Manila, the Philippines

Support for campaign and research connected to the top meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in the Philippines, including a hearing on the effects of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) on grassroots movements in Asia.

Bilaterals.org
<http://www.bilaterals.org>

Support to the broadening and enlargement of Bilaterals.org's information work related to free trade and investment deals outside of the WTO's mandate.

Chimurenga Trust
<http://www.chimurenga.co.za/>
Cape Town, South Africa

Support towards the Alternative Cartographies project, which consisted of the development of a number of alternative maps of Africa that highlighted the political, economic, and cultural realities on the ground on the continent.

Ecumenical Bishops Forum (EBF)
Manila, the Philippines

Support towards national and international advocacy and solidarity work for "People's Sovereignty," particularly for marginalized grassroots communities.

Eglise Luthérienne Malagasy
Antananarivo, Madagascar

Support towards the translation of book on diaconia in context into the Malagasy language.

International Peace Initiative for Syria
<http://www.peaceinsyria.org>

Support towards National Peace Assembly in Syria, as well as documentation of civil society peace efforts, and network building.

Joint Advocacy Initiative (JAI)
<http://www.jai-pal.org>
East Jerusalem, Palestine

Support for youth exchange, training, and advocacy.

Latin American and Caribbean Anti-Militarist Network (RAMALC)
<http://www.wri-irg.org/es/node/11776>
Mexico City, Mexico

Support towards a Latin American training in Nonviolent Action and Fear, held in Mexico City. The training lifted up best practices for non-violent civil resistance in areas marked by high levels of violence.

National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)
<http://www.nccphilippines.org>
Manila, the Philippines

Support for "Churches Witnessing with Migrants" consultation, held parallel to the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Istanbul, Turkey.

Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINF5)
<http://www.ourworldisnotforsale.org/>

Support for Global South participation at strategic trade-related activities, in particular the WTO Ministerial in Nairobi and mobilization against the in Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) in Latin America.



Kairos Southern Africa (KSA)
<https://kairossouthernafrica.wordpress.com/>
Cape Town, South Africa

Support towards Global South participation at the 30-year anniversary conference of the South Africa Kairos Document.
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Peace for Life
<http://www.peaceforlife.org>
Lukasa, Zambia

Support towards the conclusion of the internal transformation process.

South African Jews for a Free Palestine
Johannesburg, South Africa

Support towards exchange and solidarity with former residents of the Palestinian village of Lubyā.

Swaziland Concerned Church Leaders (SCCL)
Mbabane, Swaziland

Support towards the launching of the Swaziland Kairos Document, related to social, political and economic justice.



World Social Forum Participation

Support to Global South participants to attend the World Social Forum in Tunis, Tunisia – including participants from Zambia, Brazil, South Africa, Nicaragua, Syria, Iraq, and Egypt.
Photo credit: T. Hauger

World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)
<http://www.wscfglobal.org>

Support for Global South participation in WSCF transition process, including an inter-regional capacity building training and a meeting on advocacy and solidarity.



Photo: Members of the Our World is Not for Sale (OWINFS) network lift up the demands from civil society at the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Nairobi, Kenya in December 2015.

Part of OWINFS' advocacy work prior to the negotiations included the coordination of a joint letter from 460+ civil society organizations (including trade unions, environmentalists, farmers, development advocates, and public interest groups from over 150 countries) that detailed the demands of civil society for the WTO negotiations.

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NEO-LIBERAL GLOBALIZATION



In the 1980s and 1990s, an emerging global economic system came into force: neo-liberalism. Deregulation, privatization, economic liberalization, and diminished state-supported social provisions were lifted up as important traits that preserve the global expansion of capitalist interests. This system has become increasingly militarized, and has heavily favored powerful systems and multinational corporations of the Global North.

The struggle against the neo-liberal economic system is one thematic area that many of Karibu's partners have worked with over the years. In **1990**, Karibu supported a process coordinated by the Southern Networks for Development (SONAD) in Nairobi, Kenya that looked at the root causes of the environment and development crisis from a Southern perspective. In **1998**, Karibu provided support to the *International Conference on Alternatives to Globalization* via the IBON Foundation, which was held in the Philippines. The focus on the conference was to lay down conceptual points regarding the analysis of globalization, and to lift up alternatives from indigenous people, peasants, workers, women, and the environment. In **2004**, support was provided to Centro de Estudios Internacionales (CEI) in Nicaragua in order to coordinate grassroots, popular education on trade, debt and militarism in Central America.



Photo: South African Jessica Sherman and Palestinian Zahra Abd al-Rahman meet during a solidarity visit of South African Jews to the ruins of the Palestinian village of Lubyia in May 2015. During the visit, the South Africa delegation passed on over 200 pledges to the displaced Palestinians, from Jewish South African who offered apologies for their role in financing the forest that now covers the village. The trip was initiated by the South Africans after viewing the 2013 film "The Village Under The Forest," and the apology ceremony was covered by a number of international media outlets, such as CNN International. Photo credit: Sarah Levy

THE STORY OF A FILM



In **2013**, the South African documentary, "The Village Under the Forest," was released around the world. The film lifted up the connections between the remains of a destroyed Palestinian village and the financial support from Jewish communities living in South Africa.

This film was conceived during a long period of exchange between individuals in South Africa, Israel and Palestine.

In **2009**, Karibu supported a trip of South Africans to Palestine and Israel, where they (among other things) visited the remains of the Palestinian village of Lubyia. This trip provided the inspiration for creating a film about the hidden remains of the village, and a grant from Karibu in **2011** supported the development and release of the "Village Under the Forest" in 2013.

After seeing the film, a group of South African Jews travelled to Lubyia in **2015** (see picture to the left) to offer an apology for their role in financing the forest that now covers the village.

A group of Palestinians from Lubyia and Israeli allies will travel to South Africa in **2016** to hold a series of exchanges and lectures.



STRUGGLING TOGETHER FOR A MORE JUST WORLD

KARIBU PARTNER MEETING
MARCH 25TH, 2015

In March 2015, civil society and activists from around the world -- including a broad representation of Karibu's partner organizations -- gathered at the World Social Forum that was held in Tunis, Tunisia. Here, Karibu held its very first partner meeting with partners from Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. The goal was to discuss what types of strategies, tactics and mechanisms are needed in the struggle for a more just world. And how can allies in the Global North stand in solidarity and struggle with comrades in the South working for a more just world?

For many in the Global South, the world today is regarded as an empire ruled by the North, with an increasingly complex structure of political, economic and military power. Present day political and economic structures have not furthered justice and equality, but have preserved and increased the oppression and suffering of many people in different parts of the world, particularly in the South.

In this context, the discussions at the Karibu partner meeting were intended

to serve as a "think tank" of ideas coming from our partners, specifically related to two thematic areas: 1.) concrete examples from our partners' experiences related to best practices on how one develops strategic, non-violent strategies to struggle against violence, domination, injustice and 2.) the challenges related to the "shrinking space" for progressive, system-critical networks and organizations in the South.

The first session on best practices for strategic, non-violent struggle was led by Prof. Stellan Vinthagen of Sweden, who gave a presentation on the field of civil resistance on a global level. Participants were given an introduction on the history, definitions and academic research related to civil resistance, as well as what research points to as best practices for successful people-led nonviolent struggles worldwide.

For our partners' experiences, important "success" factors included: emphasis on social empowerment as part of the struggle, diversity of tactics and strategies in their work, focus on popular participation of grassroots communities, and an aim at de-



veloping local and national coalitions in the struggle that bridge cleavages between various classes, genders, and backgrounds.

The second thematic question of why it is becoming increasingly more difficult for progressive, system-critical networks and organizations to find financial support was introduced by Ms. Omega Bula of Zambia, the co-moderator of Karibu partner *Peace for Life*.

In her introduction, she noted that international funding is increasingly being used as a tool of power by those that have the resources (mainly in Europe and North America).

System-critical movements in the South are being forced to choose whether they will critique and challenge this system of power, or soften their message in order to survive and receive funding. They are being forced to decide whether they will develop alternative models of transforma-

tion and struggle that don't always match the demands of the donors, or if they will mimic the system imposed on them in order to receive funds. They are consistently needing to adapt to the changing priorities of donors, while the system that they are fighting remains the same or becomes even more violent. And they are increasingly needing to describe their struggle for a just world in the form of a "project" rather than a long-term engagement.

In order to stand in solidarity, donors and recipients need to change their understanding of partnership; from a relationship between donor and recipient to one of being "allies" together in the struggle for justice. This can be understood as being based in genuine mutual trust, collaborative power, and a shared power and decision making related to resource sharing.

A collaborative power is one where the struggle for liberation consists of everyone brings what they have to the table in order to change the system. Some groups (primarily in the North) have more economic resources, while others have the human power and experiences to develop strategies, alternatives, and movements.

All of these factors need to be critically analyzed by all partners and allies, mutually, in order to bring forward the challenges and opportunities that this collaborative power can have in the joint struggle for systemic change.



WORLD SOCIAL FORUM



With a vision that "Another World Is Possible," the World Social Forum (WSF) is an open meeting place for social movements, networks, NGOs and other civil society organizations opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capital and imperialism. Since its establishment in 2001 in Brazil, Karibu has supported the participation of many activists from the Global South in the WSF.

In **2001**, Karibu supported the participation of "Maquiladoras" from Nicaragua, as well as a workshop on the GATS/WTO organized by the IBON Foundation in the Philippines, at the WSF held in Porte Alegre, Brazil. In **2003**, Karibu provided support to a number of Latin American participants to the WSF. In **2007**, Karibu supported Zambian woman's leaders' participation to the WSF held in Kenya. In **2013**, support was provided to Indian, South African, Palestinian, Iraqi, and Filipino participation at the WSF in Tunis, Tunisia. Support was also provided to activities from the South to attend the **2015** WSF in Tunisia, as described to the left.

THEOLOGY FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION



One focus area that Karibu's partners have worked with since our start is related to ecumenical and theological processes for social transformation.

In the late **1980s** and early **1990s**, Karibu supported the close cooperation and exchange of centres and movements in Latin America and Africa, on topics related to popular, grassroots Bible reading. Support was given for instance to Centro de Estudos Bíblicos (CEBI), a group working with base ecclesial communities in Brazil on liberation theology, to meet with colleagues in Africa. This exchange was an inspiration factor that led to the development of the African Theological Education by Extension (TEE) movement that is now found across the African continent.

In **1994**, Karibu was part of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the South African Kairos document, and became key partner for 10 years in supporting a group known as the Kairos Theological Reflection Group (KTRG), an initiative for continuing the critical role of the church vis-à-vis government in a post-apartheid reality. This group eventually became the foundational space for what today is known as Kairos Southern Africa.

In the mid **2000s**, Karibu supported the networking between South African theologians and other marginalized groups around the world. In **2007**, Karibu provided support to a joint process between South African and Palestinian theologians that led to the launch of the Palestinian Kairos document in 2009.

Since then, the Kairos movement continues to grow around the world, with the establishment of a global Kairos Network that also includes (among others) Kairos Nigeria that was started in **2014** and Kairos Swaziland that launched in **2015**.

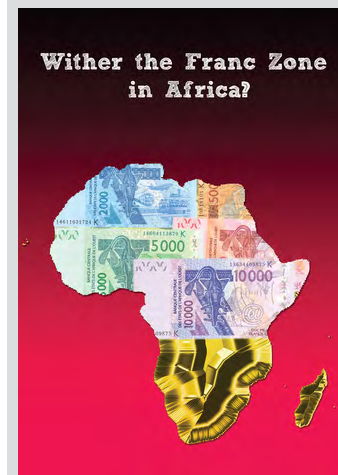


Photo: Adolfin Deslina Datang (General Secretary, Student Christian Movement (SCM) Indonesia), Necta Montes (Interim Coordinator, World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) and Sunita Suna (Regional Secretary, WSCF Asia Pacific) meet together at the WSCF General Assembly in Bogotá, Colombia in February 2015. The assembly focused on raising issues of just peace, where equity and justice form a fundamental base for our communities.

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PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES FROM OUR PARTNERS

The following publications and materials were developed by our partners in the past year, and are available at request.

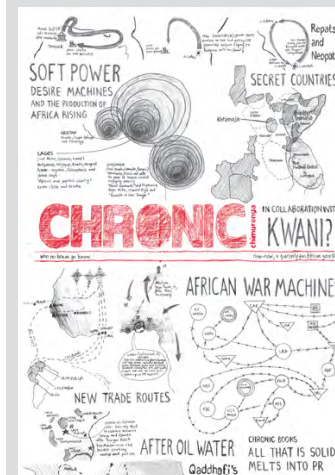


BOOK: WITHER THE FRANC ZONE IN AFRICA

Edited by Demba Dembele and Carlos Cardoso

Conference book on the question of monetary sovereignty in Western and Central Africa.

Purchase can be made via <https://www.createpace.com/5374157>



MAPS: ALTERNATIVE CARTOGRAPHY FOR AFRICA

Produced by Chimurenga and Kwanhi Trust

Alternative maps and texts created by cartographers and writers from across the African continent.

Available for purchase at <http://www.chimurenga.co.za/product-category/shop-items/the-chronic>

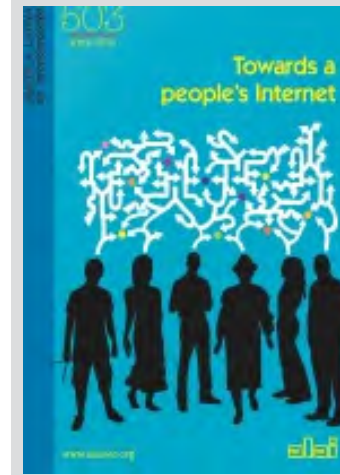


FILM: SYSTEM CHANGE NOT CLIMATE CHANGE

Produced by Norway Social Forum and Differ Media

Featuring Karibu partner Marjorie Pamintuan, Asia Pacific Research Network.

Available online at <http://www.globalisering.no/en/getinvolved>



MAGAZINE: TOWARDS A PEOPLE'S INTERNET

Edited by Latin American Information Network (ALAI)

Special edition magazine that asks 'Is another Internet Possible?'

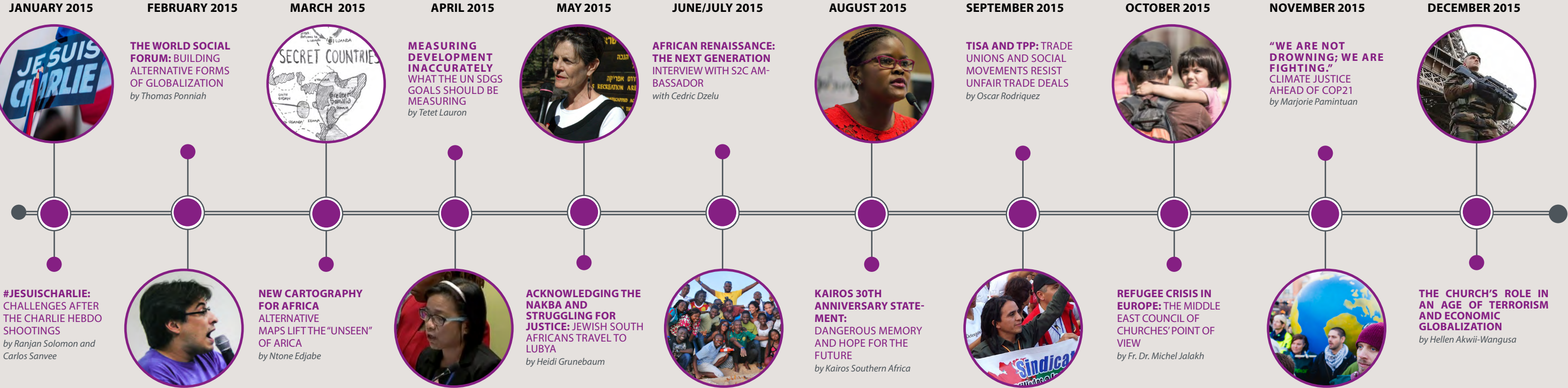
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VOICES FROM THE SOUTH
2015

The Karibu Foundation's monthly e-newsletter, "Voices from the South," highlights voices from our partners that provide alternatives to the dominant paradigms of power, distribution, and development.

Visit <http://voices.karibu.no> to subscribe, or visit <http://www.hashdoc.com/karibu> to search, sort, share and download all the articles.

In the digital edition of this document, click on the pictures to access the articles.



SOUTH-SOUTH SOLIDARITY AND ACTION



One of the major themes Karibu has supported over the years is related to South-South solidarity, analysis, exchange and action. Karibu has therefore supported the establishment of meeting points and joint approaches between groups in various regions of the South.

In **1994**, Karibu provided support to a meeting of the “South Group,” later known as the International South Group Network (ISGN), in South Africa. The group consisted of activists and thinkers from across the Global South, and the meeting aimed to explore how South countries could achieve genuine independence from its past colonial powers in the “new world order”.

In **1998**, Karibu provided support to the establishment of the Jubilee South network, with a focus on ending the “chain of debt” that the North held on the South. Jubilee South held its secretariats in Manila (the Philippines), Dakar (Senegal), and in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

In **2008**, Karibu provided support to the Americas Social Forum / Hemispheric Gathering against Militarization that was held in Guatemala. The gathering aimed to bring together voices from across Latin American and the Caribbean that challenged the increase of military funding and foreign military bases in the region.



Photo: In March 2015, a joint project of Chimurenga (South Africa) and Kwani Trust (Kenya) was launched in several African cities. The “Alternative Cartography” project explored the links between contemporary Africa, the maps we use to show it, and how these maps don’t always reflect what is actually happening on the ground for Africans. The project consisted of several new, alternative African maps, created by African writers and cartographers from across the continent. Pictured here are a number of the editors, writers and contributors of the project at the launch in Nairobi in spring 2015. Pictured are (l-r) Angela Wacuka, Billy Kahora, Yvonne Awour, Ngala Chome, Ntone Edjabe, Velma Kiome, and Wanjeri Gakuru. *Photo credit: Chimurenga*

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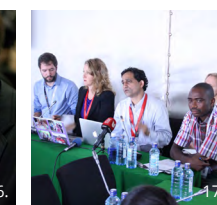
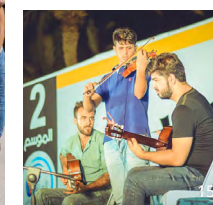
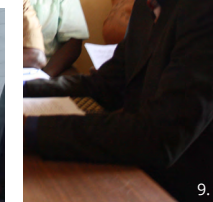
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1.) Participants of the International Festival for People's Rights and Struggles gather in Manila, the Philippines in November 2015 in conjunction with the APEC meetings. 2.) Sally Burch of Latin American Information Agency (ALAI) speaks at a forum on the "People's Internet" held at the World Social Forum in March 2015. 3.) Participants gather at the Churches Witnessing with Migrants (CWWM) meetings in Istanbul, Turkey in October 2015, held in conjunction with the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

5.) Kim Yong-Bok of Peace for Life (Korea), Bp. Bert Calang of the Ecumenical Bishops Forum (Philippines), and Bp. P.J. Lawrence (Mauritius) share a meal at the Kairos South Africa 30-year anniversary in Johannesburg. 6. Inbaraj Jeyakumar, General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in India, participates at the General Assembly of the World Student Christian Movement (WSCM) in Colombia in February 2015. 7.) A local Kenya soldier reads the demands from civil society and Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS) at the ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization in Nairobi.

8.) Members of the Karibu Board meet with Rev. Frank Chikane and Stiaan van der Merwe during a Board visit to South Africa in August 2015. 9.) Eugene Mbee from Cameroun YMCA speaks with Senegalese parliamentarians about economic and monetary sovereignty at the training of the "Subject 2 Citizen" (S2C) program in Dakar, Senegal in May 2015. 10.) Palestinian descendants of the village of Lubyā 11.) Marjorie Pamintuan of Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN) gives an appeal at the People's Climate March in Oslo in December 2015. 12.) Participants of the African Alliance of YMCAs (AAYMCA) S2C trainings in Dakar. 13.) Representatives from the Iraqi Social Forum (ISF), Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI), and WSCF Middle East brainstorm during the Karibu partner meeting in Tunis.

14.) Members of the Forum on Communication for the Integration of Our America, coordinated by ALAI in Ecuador, meet with the General Secretary of UNASUR. 15.) Musicians preform at the second Iraqi Social Forum which was held in Baghdad, Iraq in October 2015. 16.) Karibu vice-chair Cecilie Nustad speaks with the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mpho Parks Tau, at the Kairos South Africa 30-year anniversary. 17.) Members of OWINFS speak at the opening press conference of the WTO Ministerial in Nairobi in December 2015.



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KARIBU FOUNDATION: **30 YEARS**

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Each time you see the clock symbol, you can learn a little more about Karibu's history, our partners, and the various themes that Karibu has supported over the past three decades.