

A YEAR AT A GLANCE 2024



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A WORD

FROM THE SECRETARIAT



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In the summer of 2024, the Karibu staff attended a week of political activism in Norway—an annual gathering of thousands, from the activist in the street to the prime minister. One overarching theme echoed across many seminars: **Is the world becoming unhinged?**

As discussions deepened, we began asking—are we witnessing a shift in global power dynamics? China's growing influence in the Global South, new BRICS members like Indonesia, a war on the European continent, and the impending return of a more experienced Trump in the U.S. are just a few examples of the changes reshaping the world in 2024. Meanwhile, far-right and authoritarian governments are gaining ground, economic instability is deepening, and AI-driven surveillance is expanding state control. Climate disasters are escalating, disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities, while major polluters continue to stall action.

According to *Civicus*, 7 in 10 people now live in countries where civic space is repressed or completely closed—an increase from 2023. Activists face threats, violence, arbitrary arrests, unlawful imprisonment, and even torture. Some pay with their lives for the struggles they lead. We are increasingly concerned about the militarization of how states respond to dissent.

These shifts have had massive consequences for movements, organizations, and human rights defenders on the ground.

At Karibu, we maintain close contact and solidarity with partners in the Global South who are taking on these challenges every day. Together, we listen, learn, and explore ways to creatively confront structural injustice. They share not only their struggles but also the strength found in alliances, collaboration, and collective action.

Though the fight for justice can seem overwhelming, ordinary people around the world continue to do extraordinary things. They challenge powerful oil companies, fight for women's rights, migrant rights, and the protection of nature. They are creative, courageous, and never silent.

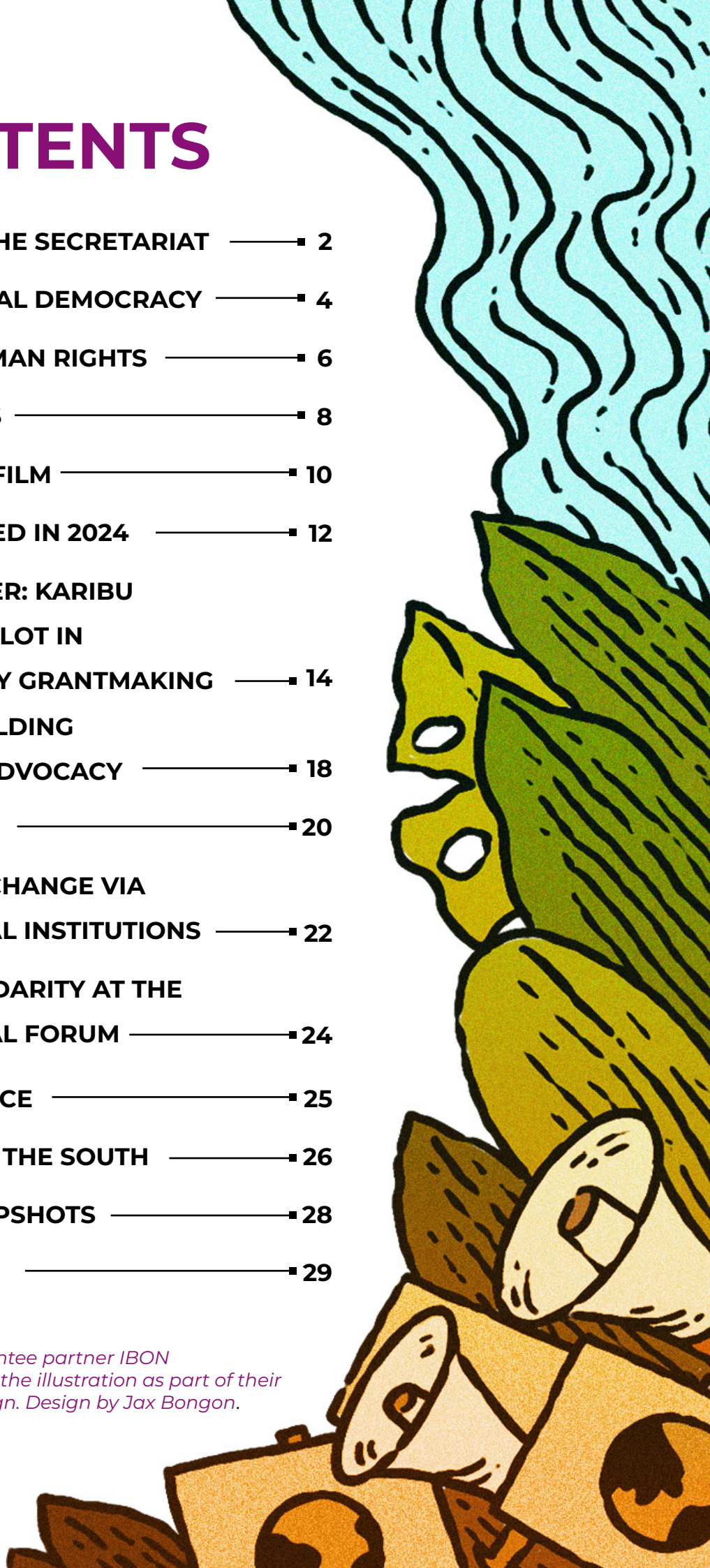
As we look toward 2025, we are inspired by their unwavering determination. Standing in solidarity with them is both an honor and a shared responsibility—one we approach with deep commitment.

We hope this year's annual report highlights their stories and efforts, reminding us of the resilience and hope that movements and our grantee partners bring every day. ■

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Illustration: Karibu grantee partner IBON International designed the illustration as part of their "Climate Hub" campaign. Design by Jax Bongon.



1. ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY

Activists work towards environmental justice

Progress in environmental protection and the strengthening of democracy are deeply intertwined. Across the Global South, many movements are working hard to build an empowered and engaged citizenry to achieve true environmental justice that benefits everyone.

Here are a few examples of Karibu partners who have contributed to this effort in 2024.

Photo Illustration: Ciudadanía Inteligente



Tracking the Escazú Agreement

Ciudadanía Inteligente (Smart Citizen) - Chile / Brazil

In 2018, Latin American countries adopted the “Escazú Agreement”, a landmark treaty that offers a critical framework to address environmental democracy and safeguarding the rights of environmental defenders.

Civil society organizations, like Karibu partner **Ciudadanía Inteligente (Smart Citizen Foundation – FCI)**, are stepping up to empower citizens and hold authorities accountable. They have among other things developed a website and civil society training to track the implementation of the agreement. Learn more: <http://eepurl.com/i6JS8Q>



International Rights of Nature Tribunal

Global Alliance on Rights of Nature (GARN)

In September, the **Global Alliance on the Rights of Nature (GARN)** co-organized the “International Rights of Nature Tribunal” that was held during the UN “Climate Week” in New York City. The Tribunal emphasized the urgency of moving away from fossil fuels and placing the Rights of Nature at the center of the response to the climate crisis. This effort underscored the importance of a just transition to sustainable energy sources, recognizing the inherent Rights of Nature as fundamental to effectively addressing today’s environmental challenges. Natalia Greene (Ecuador) spoke on behalf of the secretariat during a plenary session.

2. SECURING HUMAN RIGHTS

Activists work for fundamental rights

Protecting human rights and upholding human dignity is essential amid growing global challenges. Systemic inequalities, political oppression, and economic disparities continue to threaten fundamental freedoms. Civil society groups play a crucial role in exposing injustices, amplifying marginalized voices, and pressuring those in power—whether governments or corporations—to uphold human rights. Here are a few examples:



Making room for the voice of the most marginalized

The **Cry of the Xcluded (South Africa)**, along with trade unions and other social movements, united under the Anti-Austerity Forum, marched to the South African Parliament during the 2024 *Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS)* to demand an end to government budget cuts. The march was a powerful demonstration of collective discontent, highlighting the real-life impacts of budgetary decisions. It showcased the solidarity of diverse groups advocating for fair wages, better working conditions, and the preservation of essential services.

Photo: Busi Mtabane (AIDC)

Working for the solidarity with migrant communities

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants - Hong Kong

Migrant rights are human rights, and **Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)** continued to keep this on the international agenda. APMM organized a series of events at the Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (see right) in Thailand related to violence and discrimination in the workplace for migrant workers. They also organized a regional workshop for women migrant workers and advocates in Jakarta (see below), where participants designed calls and demands on t-shirts. The workshop became a social advocacy tool to use creative means to express their situations and calls.

Pictured (l to r): Francia Balderama (migrant caretaker in Taiwan and an officer of National Domestic Workers Union), Gayatri Kandiah (TENAGANITA-Malaysia), Lorelei Covero (APMM coordinator for Southeast Asia), Jolovan Wham (HOME-Singapore), and Wiwin Warsiating (KABAR BUMI-Indonesia).



3. BOLD ACTION

Movements are creatively using non-violent means to challenge injustice

Global Palestine Solidarity Movement

Movements around the globe have risen up in 2024 in collective solidarity for fundamental human rights of the Palestinian people.

Stop the Wall has worked together with *Acción Global Feminista* and the *Pan-African Feminist Forum for Palestine* to strengthen internationalist feminist solidarity. They created a powerful **Global South Feminist Assembly** with over 300 participants. Together they mobilized, supported and promoted action on March 8th all across Asia, Africa and Latin America (see photo right from Buenos Aires).

Groups like **BRICS Policy Center** (Brazil) participated in a mass march held in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro in November in support of Palestine. The march was part of the “People’s Summit in Response to the G20” (see photo below).



Photo credit: Sandia - Feministx por Palestina



Photo credit: BRICS Policy Center

#ForwardOurFuture

RURAL PEOPLES' PACT FOR FOOD, LAND, AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Rural campaign

As part of the “Global Peoples’ Caravan for Food, Land, and Climate Justice” - co-organized by **PANAP (Pesticide Action Network - Asia Pacific)**, rural peoples movements launched a campaign to lift up the demands of rural peoples internationally. In the campaign, they aim to “forward our bright future” where there is hope for those who till the land and trawl the seas to feed the world, preserve biodiversity, and aspire for a truly just and liveable planet for all.

Photo illustration by: Andrei Venal of PCFS

Stop the pipeline

Green Foster Action (Uganda), together with the community members and human rights defenders in Kikuube, Uganda, marched peacefully to a Chinese-owned oil company in May. Their goal was to present a petition regarding the Kingfisher Oil Project and its impacts on climate change. The peaceful march drew attention to the environmental impact of the “East African Crude Oil Pipe Line” (EACOP) project, and called for community dialogues about the EACOP issues.



4. THE MAKING OF A FILM

New South African film, “The Return,” puts focus on identity, politics, and xenophobia



Photo: Eilert Rostrup (outgoing director of Karibu, Stiaan van der Merwe (South Africa), Heidi Grunebaum (South Africa), and Rifat Kassis (Palestine) in Oslo before the Norwegian showing of the film.

In 2024, a new documentary by South African filmmakers Mark Kaplan and Heidi Grunebaum premiered worldwide, including in Norway.

The Return is a follow-up to the 2012 film *The Village Under the Forest* and follows Jewish South African researcher and activist Heidi Grunebaum as she revisits the small German town her grandmother fled during Nazi rule. While uncovering her family’s past, she confronts ongoing xenophobia, antisemitism, and racism, exposing how white supremacy and “othering”—with ties to apartheid South Africa—persist in modern Germany.



Photo: Aurora Nereid (director of Karibu) welcomes the filmmakers at the Oslo launch, including Gabriella Kaplan (illustrator), Mark Kaplan (director), Prof. Tamar Garb (moderator of conversation), and Heidi Grunebaum (filmmaker).



The film explores themes of homecoming, memory, and the resurgence of dangerous ideologies worldwide. At a time when ethno-nationalist ideologies are gaining ground, with narratives of “otherness” often targeting Jews, Palestinians, migrants, and others, “The Return” links historical injustices to contemporary struggles, including migrant rights and the politics of Israel-Palestine, particularly in relation to Gaza.

Audiences have been struck by how trauma and loss intertwine different stories, re-humanizing those who have been “othered.” Through this vulnerability, audiences have connected with the film and its characters, confronting the politics of oppression through shared pain and humanity.

“The Return” is being shown at various festivals and cinemas globally. Visit <https://greymattermedia.capetown/the-return/> for more info!



5. GRANTS SHARED IN 2024

KARIBU HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS AND INITIATIVES IN 2024:

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información (ALAI)

Ecuador

Support towards Latin American net-
working for peoples' integration and
democratization of communication
and digital technologies.

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)

Hong Kong

Support towards enabling a grass-
roots migrant response to challenges
of movement building amidst and
post-pandemic Asia Pacific.

Brain Builders Youth Develop- ment Initiative (BBYDI)

Nigeria

Support towards training and cam-
paigns related to digital participation
and advocacy for gender justice.

Centre for Media Literacy and Community Development (CEMCOD)

Uganda

Support towards strengthening com-
munity mechanisms for youth-led
climate and environmental action.

Grey Matter Media

South Africa

Support towards the documentary
film "The Return" about identity, poli-
tics, and ethno-nationalism.

Kairos Palestine

Palestine

Support towards participation at the
global "Anti-Apartheid Conference on
Palestine" held in South Africa, togeth-
er with civil society actors from around
the world.

OnEstEnsemble (O2E)

Cameroon

Support towards the continued build-
ing of a pan-African eco-unions net-
work, in order to join strengths, share
tools, and to address climate crisis.

Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS)

Global

Support for Global South participation
in strategic WTO and trade processes.

Possible Futures

Global

Support towards training of indig-
enous and peasant rights actors in
self-organisation and outreach in
Southeast Asia.

Street Project Foundation (SPF)

Nigeria

Support towards co-creation initiative
on artistic activism as a means to drive
political participation in Nigeria.

Stop the Wall

Global

Support towards “World Without Walls” initiative, aimed at building alliances in Africa, Latin America, and Asia - and to build solidarity with Palestine.

Rural Women’s Assembly Zimbabwe (RWA Zim)

Zimbabwe

Support towards raising political consciousness of rural women / transformative leadership training.

Yes to Life, No to Mining

Global

Support for grassroots organizations and frontline communities in the global South facing critical challenges from extractive industries.

OUR INVESTMENTS

To support movements in the Global South, Karibu maintains an endowment (invested in stocks, bonds, and banks) that funds grant-making and administration.

However, we have critically reflected: How can we support organizations fighting injustice when some of our revenues come from industries complicit in these issues?

Beyond concerns about fossil fuels, weapons, and other industries, we deepened our efforts by conducting a full analysis of our investments for links to the occupation of Palestinian territories. This led to divesting from certain companies and pressuring two major Norwegian banks to address these concerns. Karibu also joined a civil society alliance advocating a bill to ban Norwegian financial activity in any unlawfully occupied or annexed areas.

These efforts provided valuable insight into the rapidly shifting investment landscape and reinforced the importance of keeping ethical investing high on Karibu’s agenda.

Movement Building

Social movement activists gathered in Mauritius for the “School of Political Ecology” to reflect on the ecological crisis and militarism threatening livelihoods in the Indian Ocean. Taking a regional perspective, they connected these crises to capitalism and a shared history of colonialism and slavery.

Participants worked to strengthen the Indian Ocean People’s Movement—uniting activists from Madagascar, Comoros, Rodrigues, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, and Mozambique—while advancing demands for ecological reparations and the recognition of the region as a Zone of Peace. The event was organized by the **Centre for Alternative Studies and Research (CARES)**.



Moving Power in Grantmaking: Where We Are and Where We're Headed.



PGM Pilot Project – Final Evaluation Report

6. KARIBU CONCLUDES ITS PILOT IN PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING



By: Core Group of the Karibu New Realities Grant

What does it take to shift power in North-South grantmaking while also getting funds to bold African groups fighting for justice?

This question guided us – the ‘Core Group’ of African activists and civil society members from seven countries – as we co-created the Karibu New Realities Grant (KNRG) pilot project. Launched

by the Karibu Foundation (Norway), the KNRG aimed to put decision-making power about grants in the hands of African activists, ensuring that funding decisions were made closer to the movements on the ground.

Over 2.5 years, we built a new fund from the ground up, and we’re excited to share the evaluation report that documents this journey.

A new vision for grantmaking

Through our experiences within movements – and often being on the receiving end of grants – we’ve seen how traditional funding structures in Africa create unnecessary barriers for grassroots movements. Civil society groups often face complex, donor-driven applications that don’t reflect the realities they’re working in. Activists fighting climate change, inequality, land rights,

and more often find it difficult to secure funding, as donor priorities tend to overshadow local strategies.

KNRG was designed to support bold, forward-thinking groups tackling structural inequalities. These movements grow when people connect around a shared vision for justice, built on inclusivity, solidarity, and diversity. They aren't always tied to protests or reacting to specific events. Often, they're about sustained organising, political education, and pushing for deeper systemic change. Most start without any external funding, driven purely by community energy and commitment.

Recognising this, we focused on movement building and supporting the ecosystems that help movements thrive. Flexible and adaptable resources were key in such fast-changing environments.

Streamlining the process and reducing barriers

Simplifying the application process was a top priority. We cut down on administrative hurdles, offered low-tech options like WhatsApp for communication, and streamlined reporting to focus on the essentials. We also introduced more conversation-based approaches, like



video submissions and “Sharing and Learning” conversations with grantees.

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To truly support movement ecosystems, we needed to include both formal and informal groups. This required a lot of flexibility, creativity, and trust. Language was another challenge, so we made sure to open applications in English, French, and Portuguese, making it easier for diverse groups across the continent to participate.

Embracing ‘build the road as we go

Participatory grantmaking is messy and experimental, but that messiness was essential to our success. Adopting a ‘build the road as we go’ approach allowed us to learn and refine the process through multiple cycles. The process itself – building trust and ensuring no one was left out – became just as important as the outcomes.

KNRG Grantees and “Core Group” members gathered in Nairobi, Kenya for a “Learning, Sharing, and Solidarity Gathering” in May 2024. The event concluded the pilot phase of the grantmaking program. Photos: Prossy Kawala (CEMCOD, Uganda).





To handle the complexities of working as a diverse group, we developed a 'Communication, Expectations, Responsibilities' document to help us navigate the interpersonal, cultural, and political dynamics.

Challenges still remained. We had to make adjustments to our process and structures along the way, and moments of uncertainty demanded both creativity and patience. Face-to-face meetings were crucial for maintaining momentum, and we brought in expertise from new Core Group members rooted in social movements to fill knowledge gaps.

Navigating power dynamics and privilege

Throughout the process, we worked to 'de-donorfy' our applications and avoid contributing to turning movements into just another set of NGOs. This required deep reflection on our own power and privilege. As Core Group members, we found ourselves in new positions of influence. Balancing our vision with practical realities (like resource scarcity, our own role in movements, and time restraints) was difficult, especially when sensitive political and social questions arose. Our diversity enriched the discussions, but also made them more complex. Yet we always aimed for consensus.

Future groups like ours should continue to critically examine their own power to avoid replicating the same old power structures.



The ongoing journey of moving power

As we wrap up the KNRG pilot, we hope future groups can learn from our experiences. We don't claim to have found the perfect solution. In fact, we expect our views to keep evolving as we learn and unlearn. But all of this work is part of building something new.

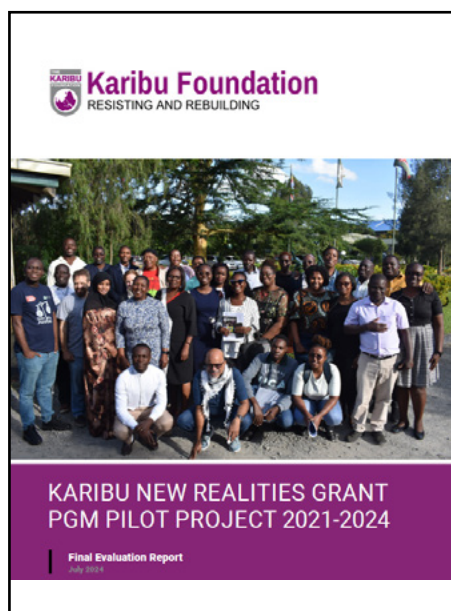
Participatory grantmaking is a learning-by-doing process. It demands flexibility, trust, and continuous reflection. The KNRG pilot revealed both the strengths and the challenges of this approach, showing that while power can be moved, new complexities will always emerge. Deep participation takes time and trust, and finding the balance between efficiency and inclusivity remains a challenge.

Even so, the pilot proved that this approach is not only possible but necessary. As we continue this journey, we call on other donors to reflect on their own power, hand decision-making authority to grassroots movements, and avoid repeating the bureaucratic and technocratic models of the past.

The world's challenges are growing more complex, and we need to support the movements leading the fight for justice.

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Read the original article here: <https://www.alliancemagazine.org/blog/building-the-new-supporting-african-movements-with-participatory-grantmaking/>

WHAT COMES NEXT?



The evaluation report and lessons from the pilot are found on our website:

karibu.no/moving-power-in-grantmaking/

Karibu is actively striving to integrate the insights from the KNRG process into our core structures. This is being done in the following ways:

- **Africa Grantmaking Program:** the pilot serves as the basis for the establishment of Karibu's new permanent Africa participatory grantmaking program, launching in 2025. This program is built on the KNRG model, with an African "Core Group" leading and co-designing the process.
- **Asia, Latin-America, Middle East, and Global Grants:** Many lessons from the KNRG have already been integrated into the application process for grants in other regions.
- **Strategy efforts:** Karibu is exploring how we might integrate learnings and practice into our new 5-year organizational strategy.
- **Advocacy with other donors:** Karibu will continue its efforts to advocate for shifts in power related to grantmaking.



Podcast episode

Members of the Karibu New Realities Grant "Core Group" spoke on the recent "**Conversations on African Philanthropy**" Podcast. In a deep-dive conversation centered on emerging research on participatory grant-making and social movements, Prof Bheki Moyo (CAPSI, South Africa) hosts a conversation with the team who each bring reflections on their experience. In this conversation. Listen here: <https://youtu.be/NEV2NsGAbp0>

7. NETWORK BUILDING AND DONOR ADVOCACY

Karibu remained active in efforts to build alliances across sectors



Arendal Week

Karibu's team attended "**Arendal Week**" in southern Norway in August.

Arendal Week is a festival and gathering place for politicians, organizations, businesses, and the public to discuss societal issues. Each August, the event fills the center of Arendal with approximately 1,900 events and 200 stands over five days.

The team focused on debates surrounding power shifts to civil society, peace-building, militarism, and development cooperation.

Solidarity Hub

Karibu joined a South-African led "**Solidarity Hub**" in Berlin which aimed to challenge traditional donor power dynamics and practices.

The hub, organized by **ACT Ubumbano**, aimed to challenge European organisations and funders to critically reflect on their own practices of solidarity and social justice - and to be critical of mainstream development narratives and resist reactionary policies and practices in their own countries.



Donor Advocacy

Karibu continues to play an active role in organizing progressive philanthropy and donor advocacy, and sits in the European leadership for the **EDGE Funders Alliance**—a network of over 400 funders in over 20 countries.

Karibu's team among other things participated at EDGE's European retreat just outside Paris in 2024, where they facilitated a workshop on EDGE's strategic goals.

New Office in Oslo

In July, Karibu's office moved to *Sentralen* in central Oslo, joining the SoCentral community—the Nordic's social innovation incubator.

SoCentral brings together diverse groups to develop solutions for sustainability, diversity, and inclusion.

Adama Barry (Burkina Faso/Norway) shared songs at Karibu's moving-in event in October on traditional Fulani string instruments, as well as flute-instruments such as Serendu and Duliara.



8. PUBLICATIONS

Karibu's efforts in publications this year

“Nothing About Us With Out Us”:

The first Norwegian resource on Participatory Grantmaking



Karibu (together with Tinkr) was pleased to launch the first Norwegian-language resource on Participatory Grantmaking (“Deltakerdrevet tilskuddspraksis”) - authored by Senior Advisor Tyler Dale Hauger. Download [here](#).



The guide provides methods and concrete tools to help facilitate increased participation and a shift in power, ensuring that those who truly know where the challenges lie have an active role in decision-making processes. We hope to translate the document to English in 2025.

The launch event, held at “Sentralen” in Oslo, included contributions from NORAD, the Norwegian Human Rights Fund, So-Central, and Kavlifondet.



“Ingenting om oss uten oss!”

En praktisk guide til deltakerdrevet tilskuddspraksis



Last ned guiden

Non-Colonial Learning and Co-Creation

Research study that includes Karibu's participatory grantmaking process as a case

Karibu has been featured as a “case study” in a newly released research project and guide from “Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law” (the Netherlands) that takes a look at programmatic learning.

In particular, the case study on Karibu focused on the foundations' co-creation efforts with participatory grantmaking as a vehicle for decolonized learning. The guide aims to serve as a resource and reference tool, offering insights, strategies, and practical examples to enhance understanding and implementation of learning initiatives within the context of the “Humanitarian-development-and-peace nexus. More info: <https://kpsrl.org/> or [here](#).

Improving your Programmatic Learning Journey

A Resource Guide for HDP Nexus Practitioners

Published May 2024



Aurora Nereid

What happens when you move power to partners in the global South?

Editorial in Transit Magazine

Karibu director, Aurora Nereid, wrote an editorial that was published in the Norwegian “Transit Magazine” about the efforts to move power to the South. She wrote on how we should work to reduce power imbalances in North-South grantmaking, and how others may be able to learn from Karibu's experiences. More info [here](#).

9. STRUCTURAL CHANGE

Reshaping global agreements

Participation at UN Human Rights Council UPR Watch (the Philippines) and Iraqi coalition (Iraq)

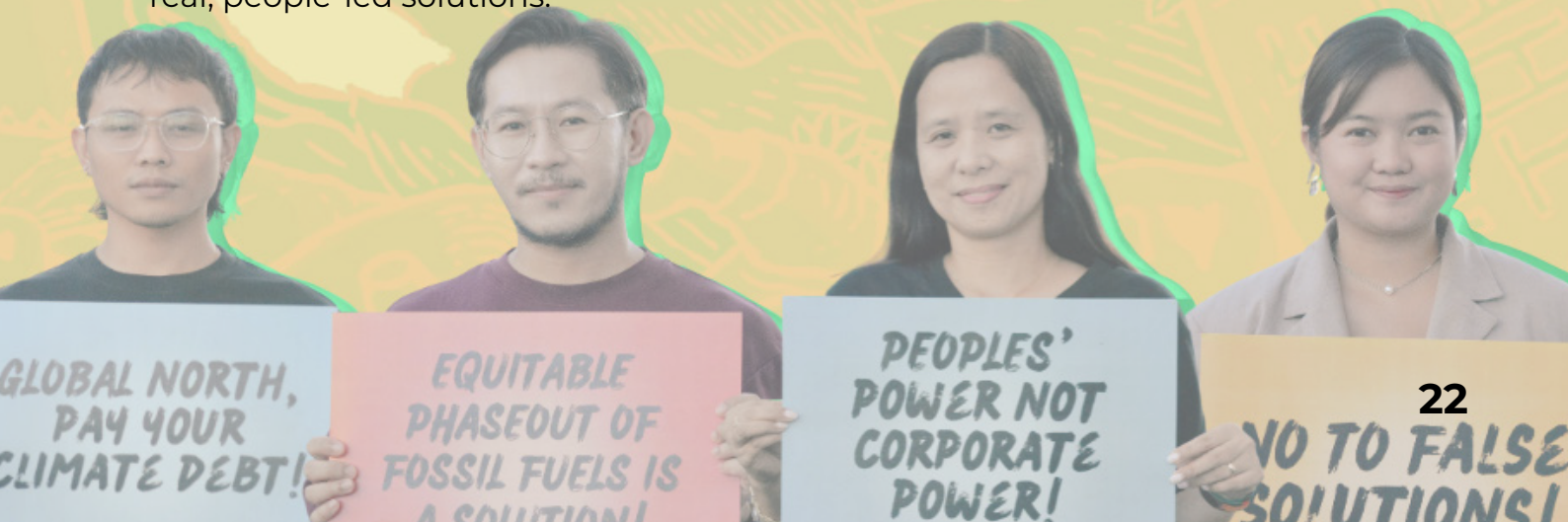
The all-women delegation of **Philippine UPR Watch** travelled to Geneva for the 56th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (right). They passed out copies of letters of allegation of various cases of human rights violations that they submitted to relevant Special Procedures. (L-R: Jonila Castro; Lia Mai Alonso; Mace Sulayao; Vertudez Macapanpan; and, Atty. Maria Sol Taule).



In addition, Karibu supported **Iraqi civil society** in their efforts of producing a shadow report for the 48th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) session at the UN, highlighting the shrinking civic space. In November 2024, Karibu accompanied activists to Geneva for advocacy efforts, which proved effective—several issues from the report appeared in UN delegates' recommendations to Iraqi officials in February 2025.

Participation at COP29 IBON International

IBON International (represented by Jax Bongon, Ivan Enrile, Jennifer Del Rosario-Malanzo, and Melanie Feranil – below), alongside broader climate justice movements, was among the first to sound the alarm on carbon market and trading rules at the UN Climate Change Conference in Azerbaijan. They warned that developed countries' push for false solutions would shift the climate burden onto vulnerable communities in the Global South. Mobilizing allies inside and outside the negotiations, they called for redirecting climate finance toward real, people-led solutions.





Critical reflections on free trade agreements

Bilaterals.org

The team at “**Bilaterals.org**” - a collaborative web clearing-house where activists can find and post information and analysis about bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs) and investment treaties - organized a 20th Anniversary event in Bandung, Indonesia in October. They invited local civil society groups, and shared stories and experiences of from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, connecting the dots between different struggles. The groups decided to step up efforts to build a stronger united front around the world to defeat free trade policies.

WTO Turnaround Campaign in Abu Dhabi Our World is Not For Sale (OWINFS)

Global civil society, through **Our World Is Not for Sale (OWINFS)**, pushed for a major shift in multilateral trade rules at the WTO Ministerial in Abu Dhabi in February. OWINFS brought together representatives from organizations across various countries. *Their collective efforts and shared analysis were key to preventing the WTO’s expansion—particularly on fisheries subsidies, agriculture rules that harm small-scale food producers, and investment rules that threaten governments’ right to regulate, especially in the Global South. Here, Parminder Jeet Singh (Just Net Coalition - India) speaks at OWINFS’ press conference in Abu Dhabi.



10. GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

World Social Forum in Kathmandu, Nepal

A number of Karibu grantee partners and the Karibu staff attended the “World Social Forum” (WSF) in Nepal in early 2024. The WSF is a global gathering of activists, civil society organizations, and grassroots movements working toward a more just and sustainable world. The event provided a space and platform to discuss and plan for alternatives to neoliberal globalization and address issues like climate justice, democratic participation, and economic inequality.

Karibu hosted a meal for grantee partners and friends in its network that were gathered at the forum.



Despite the WSF’s challenges in recent years, the forum in Nepal provided an important and valuable space for cross-sector and cross-border collaboration and mobilization.

Photos: T. Hauger



11. GENDER JUSTICE

The need for constructive religious voices

Gender-based violence, discrimination against LGBTQI+ individuals, and systemic inequalities continue to undermine human dignity and fundamental rights. Faith communities have a unique and urgent role to play in challenging injustice, advocating for inclusion, and offering safe spaces for those at risk.



Social Transformation Incubator

Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM), South Africa

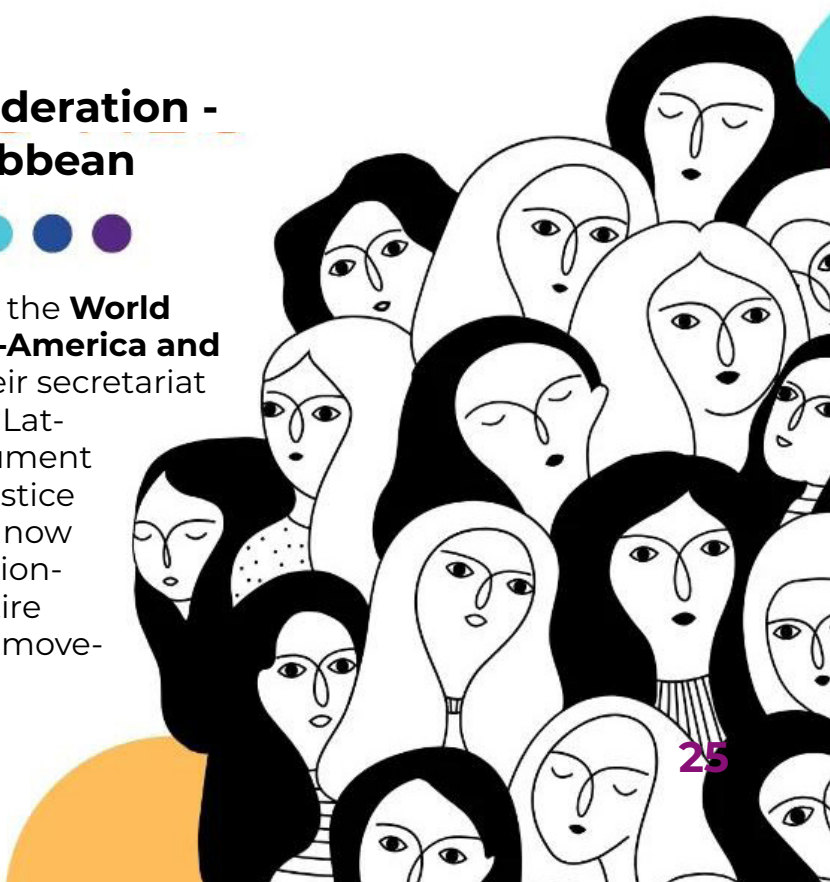
In 2024, **Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM)** continued to equip faith leaders and LGBTQI+ communities to challenge religious fundamentalism and the weaponization of biblical texts. Through advocacy, dialogue, and embodied facilitation, including at the pictured training in Cape Town, participants worked to release deep-seated trauma of exclusion and internalized homophobia. The process served as a space for LGBTQI+ communities in Africa to reclaim faith as a source of liberation rather than oppression.

Gender Justice Policy

World Student Christian Federation - Latin-America and the Caribbean



Student youth groups who are part of the **World Student Christian Federation - Latin-America and the Caribbean (WSCF-LAC)** - with their secretariat currently in Mexico - developed a pan Latin-America campaign and policy document around gender and gender identity justice in the region. The policy document is now being discussed as a potential Institutional Policy for Gender Justice for the entire global federation of student Christian movements.



12. VOICES FROM THE SOUTH

Karibu lifts our activist partners' perspectives on power, distribution and development - among other things through our monthly newsletter, "Voices from the South"

Here is a selection of articles and quotes from 2024. You can see more on our [website](#).



ON A NEW ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT FOR PALESTINE

Felipe Bianchi (Brazil), Maria Luiza Freire (Brazil), Deekshya Illangasinghe (Sri Lanka), and Mays Nassar (Palestine)

“That’s the global challenge we’ve accepted: to make all the efforts to mobilize human rights activists, civil society organizations, independent media, governments and every citizen with a conscience to stand for Palestine”





ON THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

Yolanda R. Esguerra (PMPI, the Philippines)

“We believe that the rights of the Verde Island Passage ecosystem and all its inhabitants have been violated. The oil spill has impacted all marine inhabitants, and the community of people around the passage”



ON THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO STOP A WATER PRIVATIZATION BILL IN NIGERIA

Oludamilare Ola-Daniels (Nigeria)

“Water is life. Water is a public good and must be reserved and preserved as a human right. Yet in the Nigerian context, we do not see these rights being respected – only a small percentage of the population has access to clean and safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.”





Building Blocks for Peace Foundation (Nigeria) organized a West Africa training on community organizing, mobilization, and non-violent civil resistance for youth activists and groups from five countries. The event focused on peaceful push-backs and protecting civic space in the region. Representatives from ECOWAS and the UN Resident Coordinator (Nigeria) attended, and the event led to the creation of a Regional Youth Protection Network.

13. CLOSING SNAPSHOTS

Munther Isaac of **Kairos Palestine** held a plenary address at the first Global Anti-Apartheid Conference in Johannesburg, which aimed to strengthen global solidarity for Palestine.

Photo credit: Global Anti-Apartheid Conference



The **Panafrican Eco-Syndicates Network for Climate Justice** (Cameroon) meets with new members in Côte d'Ivoire who are organizing and defending their rights through eco-unions. The network has established working groups to address specific themes such as public awareness and advocacy.



Ana Garcia (**BRICS Policy Center**, Brazil) and Lisa Thompson (University of the Western Cape, SA) joined Cleiton Brito (Federal University of Amazonas) for meetings in Brazil to raise awareness on China's expanding economic influence in BRICS countries and the need for the careful regulation of special economic zones like Musina-Makhado (SA) and Manaus (Brazil).



The Karibu Board, staff, and friends of the foundation met in Oslo at the retirement dinner for outgoing director, Eilert L. Rostrup.



14. WHO WE ARE

OUR BOARD IN 2024:

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OTHERS IN OUR SUPPORT NETWORK:

Sigrid Wilter Slørstad, Victoria Lavold,
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Knut Raastad (tech support - grant management system, Induct AS)

OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

- To provide economic support to organizations and networks in the global South that work 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 North.

OUR GRANTEE PARTNERS:

Karibu supports organizations, networks, and movements in the global South that provide alternatives to the dominant paradigms of power, distribution, and development.

Projects that Karibu supports are primarily related to the areas of information exchanges, mobilizing efforts, legislative and research efforts, bridge-building, dialogue, and capacity building.

More info: www.karibu.no/who-we-are/what-we-support/

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COVER: Feminist, LGBTQIA+, and other social justice movements gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, for the annual “Pussy Power Festival”. The festival’s theme, *The Power of Feminist Actions and Resistance in Protecting Civic Spaces and Building Sustainable Movements to Promote Good Governance*, highlighted the urgency of safeguarding gender justice movements amid increasing global restrictions. Centered on feminist joy as a form of resilience, the event celebrated activism and solidarity.

The festival took place during the global “16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence” campaign. It was organized by Karibu grantee partner, the Coalition for Grassroots Human Rights Defenders – Kenya (CGHRD-K) - one of the grantees of Karibu’s participatory grantmaking program with movements in Africa. Pictured here is Rachael Mwikali Mueni, co-founder of Pussy Power and National Convener of the CGHRD-K, who shared a solidarity message at the festival.

Tunawin Vita Zote! (We will win the fight! in Swahili)



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