



THE  
**KARIBU**  
FOUNDATION



A Year at a Glance  
2013



*FRONT COVER:*

*Location: Family members of the victims and missing of the ongoing war in Colombia march at a rally for their remembrance in the Piñal township of the municipality of Sucre Palmitos*

*Photo credit: Programme for Ecumenical Accompaniment in Colombia (PEAC).*

## About Us

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Founded in 1985, 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 of 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

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- to provide financial support to organizations and networks in the 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 North

## Our Partners

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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, bridge-building, dialogue, and capacity building.

# DEAR FRIENDS...

## A WORD FROM THE SECRETARIAT

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“A Year at a Glance” is a small collection of some impressions and glimpses from various programmes and activities organised by partners of the Karibu Foundation in 2013.

We decided to make this collection for several reasons. We wanted to give our network and ourselves a summary of some of the things that have happened in our partnerships during the year. We wanted to have a unified presentation of the year in order to introduce the foundation and the network of social movements and civil society organizations (CSOs) to others who may want to know more about our work. We also wanted to remind ourselves of important events and developments in 2013 that will continue to provide strategic direction for the future.

The issue of international migration was very central to Karibu in 2013. This was not only through the involvement in significant processes leading up to the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development held in New York in October, but also by lifting issues related to migrant rights high on our priority for advocacy and network building.

Economic and trade issues were also very central, especially through the programmes on informal trade in South Africa, the process of challenging the North dominated currency system in West and Central Africa, and through standing in solidarity with strong movements and platforms who demanded a rights-based international trade regime at the WTO Ministerial in Bali.

Karibu has also been fortunate to have been invited into a number of processes this year that are new to our work. This includes the

exciting processes in Iraq related to the Iraqi Social Forum held in Baghdad, the very exciting experience of joining Grey Matter Media in South Africa in launching their important documentary film, “The Village Under The Forest,” and a number of smaller programmes and projects that Karibu has supported and followed closely.

Where does this lead us for the coming years? In addition to following crucial global issues like migration, economy, and trade, we aim to continue supporting organizations and networks that fight for global systems based on human rights, justice and allowing people (not profit oriented companies and countries) to be at the centre of the development agenda.

We aim to support the mobilization of voices from the Global South who use civil resistance to fight against systems of injustice and oppression.

These are big challenges that will require hard work in many years ahead of us.

Thanks to all of you for friendship and partnership in 2013. We look forward to future collaboration and solidarity in 2014!



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ILLUSTRATION:

“Paz,” by Manuela del Mar Villegas  
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A woman wearing a blue patterned hijab with a red and white border is looking towards the camera. She is wearing a red and white beaded bracelet and a blue beaded bracelet. In the background, there are other people, some wearing black caps, and various flags, including purple and white ones. The scene appears to be a public gathering or protest.

*“If you have come here to help me, you are  
wasting our time. But if you have come because  
your liberation is bound up with mine, then let  
us work together.”*

*-Lilla Watson*

PHOTO:

*Participants from the Asia Pacific Research  
Network (APRN) march at the opening parade of  
the People's Global Camp in Bali, Indonesia.*

*Photo credit: T. Hauger*

# Grants Shared in 2013

*The Karibu Foundation  
has contributed to the  
following partners and  
projects in 2013:*

**Agencia Latinoamericana de Información / Latin American Information Agency (ALAI)**  
<http://www.alainet.org/>  
Quito, Ecuador

Support for Latin American networking initiative on integration, democratization of communication, and digital media

**Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)**  
<http://www.apmigrants.org>  
Hong Kong

Support for empowerment and the rights-based approach to migration and development

**Association for Research and Cooperation in Support of Endogenous Development (ARCADE)**  
Dakar, Senegal

Support for research, training, and advocacy program on sovereign currency in Western and Central Africa

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

Support for conference and advocacy work related to the promotion of a people's trade agenda (WTO)

**Centro de Estudios Internacionales / Center for International Studies (CEI)**  
<http://www.ceinicaragua.org>  
Managua, Nicaragua

Support for participation at the World Social Forum in 2013

**Ecumenical Asia-Pacific Student & Youth Network (EASY Net)**  
<http://easynetap.weebly.com/>  
Nagpur, India

Support for the 2013 Asia Pacific Students and Youth Gathering

**Ecumenical Bishops Forum (EBF)**  
Manila, The Philippines

Support for an international conference on US intervention in affairs of sovereign nations

**Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation (ESSET)**  
<http://www.esset.org.za/>  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Support towards trainings to increase the effectiveness of informal trader organizations in policy engagements with governments in SADC Region, as well as support for participation at the World Social Forum in 2013

**Equitable Tourism Options (EQUATIONS)**  
<http://www.equitabletourism.org/>  
Bangalore, India

Support for participation at the World Social Forum in 2013

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)**  
<http://www.elcjh.org>  
East Jerusalem, Palestine

Support towards academic consultant for Lutheran schools in the Holy Land

**Grey Matter Media**  
Cape Town, South Africa

Support for the mapping/pre-planning of a documentary series on memory, land, and justice

**Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI)**  
<http://www.iraqicivilsociety.org/>  
Baghdad, Iraq

Support towards the building of the Iraqi Social Forum in Baghdad, and the training of the ISF interpreters team

# Grants Shared in 2013

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## **Indonesia Peoples' Alliance (IPA)**

<http://indonesianpeoplesalliance.wordpress.com/>  
Jakarta, Indonesia

Support for the Peoples' Global Camp, a parallel event to the WTO Ministerial in Bali

## **Joint Advocacy Initiative (JAI)**

<http://www.jai-pal.org/>  
East Jerusalem, Palestine

Support for youth exchange, training, and advocacy

## **Kairos Southern Africa**

<http://www.kairossouthernafrica.wordpress.com/>  
Cape Town, South Africa

Support for the De Gruchy Lecture 2014 in South Africa

## **National Christian Council of Sri Lanka**

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Support for a joint healing of memories program, together with the Institute for the Healing of Memories (South Africa)

## **National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)**

Manila, The Philippines

Support for consultation on churches witnessing with migrants, held parallel to the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development

## **Our World is Not For Sale (OWINFS)**

<http://www.ourworldisnotforsale.org/>  
Washington D.C.

Support for Global South participation in strategic WTO processes

## **Peace For Life**

<http://www.peaceforlife.org/>  
Manila, The Philippines

Support towards internal transformation processes in 2013

## **Senate Centre for Extension and Pastoral Theological Research of the Senate of Serampore (SCEPTRE)**

<http://senateofseramporecollege.edu.in/sceptre.html>  
Kolkata, India

Support for consultation and the development of an anthology on the theology of tourism

## **World Council of Churches (WCC)**

<http://www.oikoumene.org/>  
Geneva, Switzerland

Support for Pacific youth initiative to the WCC assembly in Korea, as well as support for South participation at a seminar on eco-theology

## **World Student Christian Federation in Latin America and the Caribbean (WSCF-LAC)**

<http://www.fumec-alc.org/>  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Support for training encounter in tools for advocacy for human rights in Latin America

PHOTO:

*With the support of the Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation (ESSET), a group of informal traders rally in Johannesburg, South Africa against the exploitation of female traders in the region.*

Photo Credit: ESSET



## Thematic Areas

Human Rights

Theology

Gender

Migration

Tourism

Ecumenism & Interfaith

Environment & Climate

Democratization & Good  
governance

Development & Poverty  
alleviation

Neo-liberal globalization

War on terror & Militarization

Conflict resolution &  
reconciliation

# IN FOCUS.

## THE LINK BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

*“The international migration and development dialogues of governments are not centered on rights...they are not concerned with how development will lead to an end to the forced migration and commodification of migrant labour.”*

- Ramon Bultron

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)

*In October 2013, the international community met at the UN General Assembly for a special High Level Dialogue (HLD) on the link between international migration and development. In connection to this event, Karibu has placed special advocacy focus on this thematic area throughout 2013.*

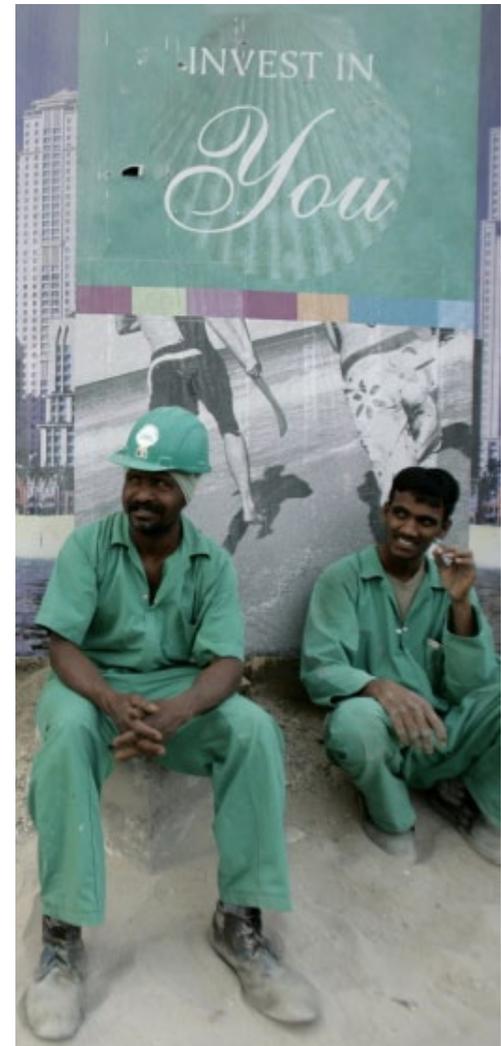
*The following text is written by Ramon Bultron of Karibu partner Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM). Originally printed in “Voices from the South,” in February 2013, Ramon challenges the current international architecture addressing the link, arguing that governments have turned migrants into commodified labor rather than lifting up the rights of each migrant.*

International migration is a global phenomenon that impacts the economic, political, cultural and social landscape in many countries. As the numbers of people living and working outside the country of their birth increases, attention to the impacts of international migration on a global stage also increases.

The vast numbers of meetings and studies by bodies and institutions such as the United Nations (UN), the Organization for Economic Cooperation (IOEC), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) related to concerns on international migration indicate it is fast becoming a topic of concern in international cooperation.

PHOTO:

*Migrant laborers working in the construction industry wait for their buses at the end of the working day in the Dubai Marina.*



The fact that the world is still very much in crisis is undeniable. The global economic meltdown that started in 2008 is still rippling, and it has inevitably compounded intensifying parallel crises, including food and climate, which hit the world's poor and marginalized the hardest. Populations and peoples are forced to move in order to secure their livelihoods. Thus, international migration is expected to continue to be a significant concern of individual countries, regional platforms of cooperation, and of the world.

### Migration, Remittances and Development

Given that over 215 million people live and work outside their country of birth, there is increasing evidence that remittances from abroad are crucial to the survival of communities in many developing countries. This inevitably raises questions on the relationship between migration and development.

In 2011 alone, official remittance from migrants reached US\$440 billion with US\$350 billion going to developing countries. This was about three times more than the official development assistance (ODA) in the world. If remittances sent through informal channels were included, the amount would be significantly higher.

Remittance has become the second largest source of external finances for many countries. In fact, remittance from their overseas nationals constitutes from 10% to 35% of the GNP of major sending countries. Remittances are considered more stable than other finance sources - the World Bank noted its resilience and quick recovery since the economic crisis started - and the ADB even remarked on its altruistic nature referring to increase in remittance if natural crisis occurs.

With such dynamics between international migration and remittance coupled with the current global situation where growth in investment and aid is sluggish if not regressing, the increased attention to the interconnection of migration to development is expected.

### Architecture Related to Migration and Development

While many platforms exist to pursue dialogue and collaboration on international migration, the most notable is the

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD). The GFMD, the brainchild of the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in 2006, was created to address the interconnections between migration and development. The GFMD and other similar institutions have been touting the development potential of migration (related to remittances and other topics) but are conveniently forgetting that migrants are casualties of skewed development practices. The development paradigm and strategies prescribed by powerful countries under the neoliberal globalization frame are aimed at maintaining the global economic and political structure - in the minimum, give temporary relief and resolution from the current crisis and contraction of the global economy that sets the stage for forced migration to intensify.

In this context, migration for development is but a pipe-dream. Current migration trends and practices are not an exercise of the right to mobility but are dictated by the purposeful underdevelopment of sending countries to keep the army of unemployed and underemployed as a perpetual source of labour for export, on one hand, and the focus of receiving countries to corner the biggest number of skilled but cheap foreign labor, on the other.

The international migration and development dialogues of governments are therefore not centered on rights, have no regard on how international rights instruments (economic, social, cultural, civil and political) are being applied to migrants and are not concerned with how development will lead to an end to the forced migration and commodification of migrant labour. Similarly, governments are more focused on the management of migration as reflected in the major discussion points and recommendations of the series of GFMD.

This concern must be shaped to gear the discussions towards ensuring that migration originates from rights, is ruled by rights-based standards, and serves to uphold the human dignity and rights.

### Conclusion

In Article 1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, it is stated that "the right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human

person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social, cultural and political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized." That development is a human right was further upheld in the Vienna Declaration of 1993 during the World Conference on Human Rights.

This is the standpoint on development that is important for governments to adopt. Without such, the discussion on migration and development will not be one that revolves around genuine human development, dignity and rights but just a continued negotiation on trading of goods.

To ensure that a rights-based standpoint is asserted, the participation of grassroots migrants and grassroots-based civil society organizations in migration and development dialogues must be increased. Grassroots migrants are development actors and not merely end receivers of development policies. It is from their realities and aspirations for a rights-based migration that changes in directions and policies on migration that platforms, such as the HLD on Migration and Development and future sessions of GFMD, plan to achieve must come from.

## LEARN MORE:

*The upcoming  
Global Forum on  
Migration and  
Development (GFMD)  
will be held in  
Stockholm, Sweden  
from 12-16 May 2014.*

*Learn more at:  
[www.apmigrants.org](http://www.apmigrants.org)*



MORE INFO 

# VOICES FROM THE SOUTH

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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.

Here is a selection of some of the important contributions from this year.

The full texts are available at <http://www.karibu.no>, or by clicking the photos associated with each article in the digital edition. Visit our website to subscribe to "Voices from the South".

## The Making of the Village Under the Forest By Heidi Grunebaum August 2013

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*"The themes of the film resonate for many audiences for whom issues of identity, memory, home and family are experienced so painfully and precariously under the lived impact of war and forced displacement."*

Unfolding as a personal meditation from the Jewish Diaspora, "The Village Under The Forest" is a new documentary that explores the hidden remains of the destroyed Palestinian village of Luby, which lies under a purposefully cultivated forest plantation called the South Africa Forest. Using the forest and the village ruins as metaphors, the documentary explores themes related to the erasure and persistence of memory and dares to imagine a future in which dignity, acknowledgement and co-habitation become shared possibilities in Israel and Palestine.

Writer and narrator of the film, **Heidi Grunebaum** of South Africa, reflects on the development of the film, her personal journey of having one foot in South Africa and one foot in Israel, and the moral, ethical, and political implications of staying silent to current injustice.





## A Call To Action on the WTO By Our World is Not For Sale October 2013

*“We must ensure that the Bali WTO Ministerial meeting does not approve a dangerous expansion of the corporate agenda. Instead, a new equitable and complementary trade framework must be developed that has peoples and nature’s rights at its heart.”*

Official delegations from around the world met in late 2013 in Bali, Indonesia for the 9th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference. While a vast majority of countries in the Global South have called for the abandonment of the current trade negotiations (the so-called “Doha rounds”) and for the correction of imbalances within the existing WTO structures, many wealthy countries continue to push aside such demands, instead focusing on corporate interests and the expansion of global trade rules that rule in the favor of world’s most wealthy.

Karibu partner **Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS)** highlights their global Call to Action on the WTO, which focuses on three main demands: 1.) the ending of the expansion of the WTO, 2.) the necessity for an alternative trade agenda, and 3.) the need for a change in Global Trade Systems that will work for the rights of the global 99%

## South-South Cooperation and Aid By Dembe Mousa Dembele, ARCADE September 2013

*“The numerous economic, political and ideological conditionalities attached to international aid are one of the central issues limiting its “effectiveness” for recipient countries, especially least developed countries (LDCs).”*

Each year, September 12th is marked by the United Nation as the “UN Day for South-South Cooperation,” a day identified by the international community to lift up countries in the Global South in their collective and individual pursuit of sustainable and inclusive development.

Many of the development and “aid effectiveness” strategies imposed on South countries by donor countries still hinder the possibility for truly inclusive development.

**Demba Moussa Dembele** of Senegal reflects on this challenge by exploring what he calls the “flawed notions of international aid” to the South, the strict conditionalities placed on least development countries by Europe and North America, and the necessity for South voices stand united together in their call for genuine ownership of aid policies.



## Stop Outsourcing Peace! By Ismael Dawood, ICSSI April 2013

*“Today the message [in Iraq] has become security whatever the price: more weapons, huge walls of cement, more checkpoints, and greater profits for the private military and security companies (PMSCs).”*

Hired by governments and companies to perform operations previously carried out by national military forces, Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs) are the modern equivalent of mercenaries: armed civilians operating for profit in conflict zones.

**Ismael Dawood** of Karibu partner the Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI) calls for the need to control and reduce the use of PMSCs in his homeland of Iraq, and in all conflict and post-conflict states where peace and security are becoming big business.

## Our Secretariat

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PHOTOS (LEFT TO RIGHT):

*first row: 1. Indonesian dancers at People's Global Camp in Bali, 2. Alternative Tourism Group's (ATG) Rami Kassis meets with UN World Tourism Organization, 3. Young protester from YWCA at a rally against violence against women in India, 4. Heidi Grunnerbaum in a scene from "The Village Under the Forest", 5. Young migrant worker at an Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM) workshop, 6. New leadership of the Ecumenical Bishops Forum (EBF) in the Philippines, 7. A rally at the Churches Witnessing with Migrants gathering at the UN in New York*

*second row: 8. Contributors to SCEPTRE's Anthology on Tourism meet in India, 9. Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN) prepares for their workshop on a people's trade agenda at the WTO, 10. Participants at the African Alliance of YMCAs Subject to Citizen (S2C) Training in Nairobi, 11. Participants of the Latin American Information Agency (ALAI) meet in Quito, Ecuador, 12. Bangladeshi demonstration in solidarity with the first Iraqi Social Forum, 13. Aruna Shantha Nonis of the YMCA Sri Lanka at the book launch of "The Storm is Over", 14. Ismael Dawood and members of the Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI) speak at the World Social Forum*

*third row: 15. Lilia Solano of Justicia y Vida discusses the peace process in Colombia while in Oslo, 16. Ramon Bultron and APMM members march in support of migrant rights in Bali, 17. Participants at the APRN's consultation on trade issues in Manila, 18. Protesters at the People's Global Camp in Bali, 19. Deborah James of Our World Is Not For Sale participates in a panel on trade, 20. Young members of the local community in Colombia, where the Programme for Ecumenical Accompaniment in Colombia (PEAC) sends companions, 21. Archbishop Michael Kehinde Steven of Churches in Action for Peace and Development (CAPAD) in Nigeria meets with Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission*

*fourth row: 22. Karibu network dinner at the World Social Forum, 23. Mark Kaplan of Grey Matter Media at the Norway debut of "The Village Under the Forest", 24. Participants of the WCC Seminar on Eco-Theology in Geneva, 25. Panel at the ALAI consultation on democratizing communication in Quito, 26. ATG and Kairos Palestine representatives at Carthage, 27. Ranjan Solomon of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum and Aditi Chanchani of EQUATIONS in India at the World Social Forum, 28. Participants of the first Iraqi Social Forum, held in Baghdad, are interviewed by local media*

*fifth row: 29. Participants of the Asia Pacific Students and Youth Gathering meet in the Philippines, 30. Zoilamerica Narvaez Ortega of Centro de Estudios Internacionales speaks at the Globalization Conference in Oslo, 31. Participants of the S2C training in Nairobi, 32. Raj Patra of the Student Christian Movement in India and Kolade Fadahunsi of CAPAD in front of the Nobel Peace Centre, 33. Mandla Mndebele of the Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation leads a workshop on informal economies, 34. New ecumenical companions ready for three months in Colombia with the PEAC Program*





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