

A YEAR AT A GLANCE

2016

THE
KARIBU
FOUNDATION



A PRESENTATION
OF THE KARIBU
FOUNDATION AND
OUR PARTNERS IN
2016

A WORD

FROM THE SECRETARIAT



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Dear friends,

It feels wrong to reflect on 2016 by expressing hopes, expectations, or visionary words about peace and justice. Many people around the globe enter the new year with fears, sorrows, and much less confidence that key leaders in the world will move in a just and people-centered direction. With no respect for human life, Aleppo and Syria have been used for a proxy war between regional and global powers. To rectify some of the weaknesses of its 8 years of service, the Obama administration finally didn't veto a clear statement on the Israeli occupation in the UN Security Council. Yet, we all expect the incoming (unpredictable) president will turn U.S. policies on Israel and Palestine to a never before seen acceptance of Israel's violations of international law. We also wonder what the future will hold related to migration, response to climate change, respect for UN and global collectiveness, respect for peoples of other faiths and cultures, and more. We anticipate that we will continue to live in a system that is brutally based on serving the privileges of those already privileged.

Populist right-wing policies, racism, nationalism and exclusiveness seem to grow. A reactive fear arises, and those victimized by wars, by climate change, by corrupt elites, by neo-liberal plundering of local resources, by lack of opportunities to sustain life, are used as scapegoats. The "haves" - the global North (wherever it is geographically located) - continue to accumulate wealth, privileges, and live with limitless consumption without any considerations of the cost of life. There is little reason for talking about hope and expectations.

And still, when we see the commitment, the profound and comprehensive analysis, the courageous resistance, the repeated energy of promoting political solutions - as it is expressed by so many of Karibu's partners - we continue to believe that another world might still be possible. This world might be sometime ahead of us, and perhaps through even harsher realities for the less privileged before it arrives. But still, we see hope and expectations. Alive. Visible. Strong. Uncompromising.

The BDS (boycott, divestment, sanction) movement is growing as a nonviolent response to the Israeli occupation and is having impact. Even if some churches and global ecumenical organizations are weak and fearful, others take bold steps to show coherence between words and deeds. Grassroots people around the world are exploring alternative democratic governance models and are building civil society platforms to counter despotism and the concentration of power with the elites, like in Rojava in northern Syria or the efforts of our Iraqi partners. They continue to demand for a globalization based on justice, equal distribution of resources, on the rights of peoples, and the necessity to build sustainable and dignified lives. It reminds us that the voices of justice can never be stopped.

We see this. We feel the energy of the mobilization of the people. We are humbled when we witness the perseverance of these struggles.

And we dare start a new year with these hopes, expectations, and visions.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Mark Roberg' and the second signature on the right is 'Tyke Hanger'.

**THE KARIBU
FOUNDATION supports
voices from the Global
South who provide
alternatives to the
dominant paradigms of
power, distribution, and
development.**

PHOTO: MARK J. KAPLAN OF GREY MATTER MEDIA (SOUTH AFRICA) FILMS PERFORMANCE ARTIST DOHEE LEE WHILE MAKING THE DOCUMENTARY FILM "VILLAGE VS. EMPIRE". THE FILM FOLLOWS THE NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE EFFORTS AGAINST THE GIANT MILITARY BASE BEING BUILT ON JEJU ISLAND IN SOUTH KOREA. THE FILM DEBUTED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2016.

SEE THE TRAILER FOR THE FILM AT [HTTP://KARIBU.NO/VIEWSTORIES.ASP?ID=283](http://karibu.no/viewstories.asp?id=283)



GRANTS SHARED IN 2016

THE KARIBU FOUNDATION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS AND PROJECTS IN 2016:

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, as well as advocacy work towards the Internet Social Forum.

All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA)

<http://www.facebook.com/teeafrica>
Kitwe, Zambia

Support to workshop on minority and sexual minority rights in the African context.

Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)

<http://www.apmigrants.org>
Hong Kong

Support to advocacy and mobilization project for grassroots migrants, related to monitoring the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals on a national, regional and international level.

National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)

Manila, The Philippines

Support for consultation on churches witnessing with migrants, held parallel to the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Bangladesh.

Centro Regional Ecuménico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Support to Latin American intergenerational dialogue related to the 20 year anniversary of the Guatemalan peace accords.

Ecumenical Bishops Forum (EBF)

Manila, The Philippines

Support towards advocacy and solidarity trip to Palestine and Israel with bishops from the Philippines and the Global South.

Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation (ESSET)

<http://www.esset.org.za/>
Johannesburg, South Africa

Support towards process related to "solidarity economies" (alternative financial models outside the neo-liberal capitalist system) in southern Africa.

Fahamu Networks for Social Justice

<http://www.fahamu.org/>
Nairobi, Kenya

Support towards perception study in Southern and Eastern Africa on emerging global powers in Africa (economic, military and political powers)



MALCOLM DAMON OF THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE NETWORK (EJN), SOUTH AFRICA, SPEAKS TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE WSCF TRAINING ON ADVOCACY IN BANGLADESH.

Foro Tynset - Scandinavian Association for Peace and Reconciliation in Colombia

Support towards Colombian participation at international forum on Peace in Colombia.

Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI) and Iraqi Social Forum (ISF)

<http://www.iraqicivilsociety.org/>
Baghdad, Iraq

Support towards mobilization initiative for peace, tolerance, reconciliation and bridge-building in Iraq.

International Peace Initiative for Syria

<http://www.peaceinsyria.org/>

Support towards civil society conference for peace in Syria, with focus on visions for the future constitution of Syria.

Joint Advocacy Initiative (JAI)

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

Support for youth exchange, training, and advocacy.



REPRESENTATIVES FROM JOINT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE (JAI) IN PALESTINE TELL THE STORIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION DURING AN EXCHANGE IN NORWAY WITH RØNNINGEN FOLK HIGH SCHOOL.

National Association of Womens Organizations in Uganda (NAWOU)

<http://www.nawouganda.org/>
Kampala, Uganda

Support towards Pan-African consultation on migration in the context of climate change and terrorism.

Norway Social Forum

<http://www.globalisering.no>
Oslo, Norway

Support towards South participation at the 2016 Norwegian Social Forum (Globalization Conference).



MADALITSO MTINE, PROGRAMMES MANAGER FOR ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION (ESSET) IN SOUTH AFRICA, SPEAKS ON THE SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AND THE STRATEGY AHEAD FOR INFORMAL TRADERS IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION.

Our World Is Not For Sale (OWINFS)

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

Support for Global South participation in strategic WTO and trade processes, as well as Latin American mobilization related to the TISA negotiations.

Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
Kampala, Uganda

Support for Global South participation in strategic WTO processes.

SEDQ - Global Jewish Network for Justice
Tel Aviv, Israel

Support for the mobilization of Jewish communities in Africa and the Middle East, with focus on ending internal discrimination and marginalization and ending the occupation of Palestine.

Tourism Advocacy and Action Forum (TAAF)
Bangalore, India

Support towards strategy and program development, related to critical action and analysis against North dominated and money-driven mass tourism.

World Council of Churches (WCC)
<http://www.oikoumene.org>
Geneva, Switzerland

Support towards South participation at Indigenous Reconciliation conference.

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

Support towards South participation in training on advocacy and solidarity related to migrants and refugees.

Yes to Life - No to Mining (YTLNM)
<http://www.yestolifenotomining.org>

Support towards network building and exchanges of "frontline" grassroots movements that are fighting against the extractive industries.

PHOTO: PARTICIPANTS OF THE "CONFERENCE ON THE PRINCIPLES OF A FUTURE SYRIAN CONSTITUTION" HELD OUTSIDE OF VIENNA. TWENTY-EIGHT SYRIAN PARTICIPANTS (LEADERS OF ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS, EXPERTS IN LAW, ISLAMIC SHEIKS, REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND RENOWNED POLITICIANS FROM THE OPPOSITION) MET TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SYRIA'S FUTURE AFTER YEARS OF VIOLENCE AND CIVIL WAR. PHOTO CREDIT: MARTIN LEJEUNE



VOICES

FROM THE SOUTH

“VOICES FROM THE SOUTH” IS KARIBU’S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS ALTERNATIVES FROM GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND THE NETWORKS WE ARE SUPPORTING. HERE IS A SELECTION OF THE ARTICLES FROM 2016. VISIT WWW.VOICES.KARIBU.NO FOR MORE:

“HISTORY IS IN
THE HANDS
OF PEOPLE.”

“WE MUST
CONTINUE
TO STRUGGLE
SO THAT NO
POLICY IS
BEING SET
ABOUT US
WITHOUT
OUR VOICE
PRESENT.”



SIGNS OF HOPE IN IRAQ: LABOR MOVEMENTS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS STAND TOGETHER TO PASS LABOR LAW

FEBRUARY 2016

Wesam Chaseb Oudah (Iraq) reflects on the experience of building a broad coalition of labor movements, social movements, and activists to turn the demands of the people into policy in the process of building a new Iraq.



NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GRASSROOTS MIGRANTS’ VOICES IN THE DEBATE ABOUT MIGRATION

MARCH 2016

Eni Lestari (Indonesia) speaks of the necessity to amplify the voices of migrant communities in settings where migration is debated.



ENVISIONING A NEW SYRIA: DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE SYRIAN CONSTITUTION

MAY 2016

International Peace Initiative for Syria reflects on a vision for a future Syrian constitution after years of violence, conflict and war.

"THE FREEDOM OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS"

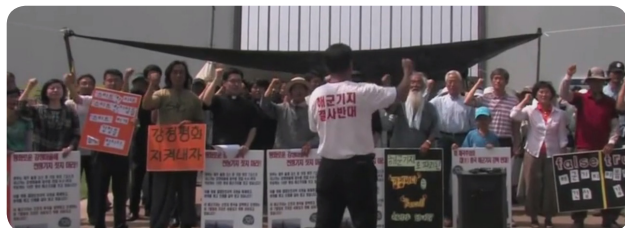


CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNICATION IN LATIN AMERICA

AUGUST 2016

Sally Burch (Ecuador) presents a picture of the current challenges facing Latin America and its continual struggle for sovereignty.

"BY BUILDING NETWORKS OF COMMUNITY AND POPULAR MEDIA AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND PRIORITIZING COMMON AGENDAS, [OUR] IMPACT IS MULTIPLIED."

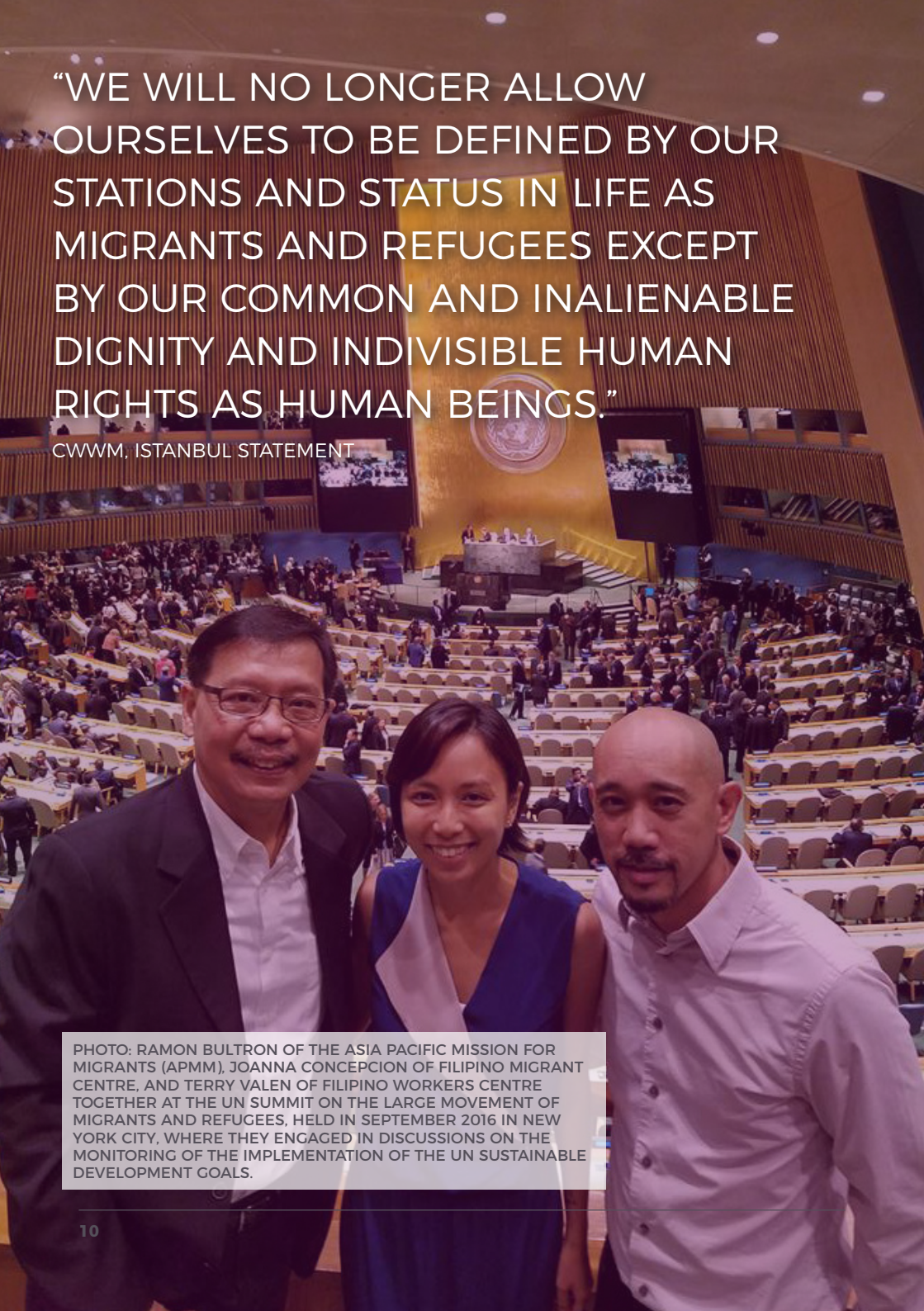


RESISTING MILITARIZATION: THE MAKING OF THE FILM "VILLAGE VS. EMPIRE"

SEPTEMBER 2016

Mark J. Kaplan (South Africa) speaks about his new documentary that sheds light on the nonviolent resistance against the military base being built on Jeju Island in South Korea.

"I HOPE THAT THIS [FILM] IS SOMETHING PEOPLE CAN TAKE INTO THEIR HEARTS AND THAT WILL IN TURN ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE UP THEIR OWN STRUGGLES, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE."

A large photograph of the UN General Assembly hall during a summit. In the foreground, three people are smiling for a photo: a man on the left with glasses and a dark suit, a woman in the center with dark hair wearing a blue dress with a white sash, and a man on the right with a goatee wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The background shows the vast, tiered seating of the assembly hall, filled with people, and a large stage with a UN emblem on the wall behind it.

“WE WILL NO LONGER ALLOW
OURSELVES TO BE DEFINED BY OUR
STATIONS AND STATUS IN LIFE AS
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES EXCEPT
BY OUR COMMON AND INALIENABLE
DIGNITY AND INDIVISIBLE HUMAN
RIGHTS AS HUMAN BEINGS.”

CWWM, ISTANBUL STATEMENT

PHOTO: RAMON BULTRON OF THE ASIA PACIFIC MISSION FOR MIGRANTS (APMM), JOANNA CONCEPCION OF FILIPINO MIGRANT CENTRE, AND TERRY VALEN OF FILIPINO WORKERS CENTRE TOGETHER AT THE UN SUMMIT ON THE LARGE MOVEMENT OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2016 IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE THEY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US: MIGRATION IN FOCUS

THE YEAR 2016 WAS MARKED BY SOME OF THE MOST DRAMATIC NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ON THE MOVE AROUND THE WORLD, WITH POLITICAL UPHEAVAL, WAR AND TERRORISM, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ECONOMIC SURVIVAL AS SOME OF THE MAIN CAUSES.



According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, more people are on the move now than ever. The number of international migrants (defined as persons living in a country other than where they were born) reached 244 million in 2015, and more than 40 million persons are displaced within their own countries. The number of refugees and asylum seekers has surpassed 24 million.

While these numbers are distressing, what is more striking is the individual stories of each of these migrants and displaced persons, and the human face of each person on the move. There is an emerging nexus between forced migration, climate change, unequal trade relations, globalization, lack of genuine economic development and injustice (particularly the abuse of basic hu-

man rights of migrants). And the need for the voices of the victims of forced migration to be setting the agenda is as great now as ever.

Several of Karibu's partners have worked closely with these question of the root causes of migration, and advocate daily that the voices and concerns of those forced to move must be central to the discourses and solutions related to migration.

The **Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)** works to develop a strong movement of migrants of different nationalities who actively defend their rights, advance solidarity with people's movements in the country they are living, and link up with their people's movements in their home countries. APMM looked at the links between the migration and development, and particularly through the lens of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unlike the previous Millennium Development Goals, migration has been made a part of the discussions and in the outcome document of the SDGs. APMM has developed resources and trainings to empower migrants to help monitor the implementation of these new SDGs in their current homes, as well as to enhance grassroots migrants and diasporas as actors for a just and rights-based development.

Another major activity related to migration in 2016 was the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), which was held in Bangladesh in December. Several of

Karibu's partners were present, and brought forward alternatives to the current global architecture on migration.

The **Churches Witnessing With Migrants (CWWM)**, an international platform for advocacy and action focused on global migration that includes migrants, migrant-serving organizations, and faith-based groups, met in conjunction with the GFMD with a clear message: migrants are human beings with dignity and worth who cannot be reduced to mere commodities traded and exchanged in the global market. The responses of governments to migration, especially refugees, people smuggling, human trafficking, economic migration etc., is to pour resources into border control and protection. The CWWM argues that this has abysmally failed to address the real root causes of forced migration.

The **World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)** stood firm that the forced migration of people rooted in climatic vulnerability, war and conflict, global inequality, colonial historical injustice and development agendas that privilege the global North and the elites within developing countries have contributed to the massive forced movement of people that today the world is witnessing. These have resulted in internal displacement and forced and external movement of peoples that have produced asylum seekers and massive numbers of refugees. The WSCF met in conjunction with the GFMD in order to hold an advocacy training workshop with a number of young people, which aimed to provide tools for students and youth advocating and organizing campaigns and programs with and for migrants and refugees.

For these networks, there is a deep need for spaces for migrants to characterize their plight, analyze their situation, and identify forms of accompaniment and advocacy that are relevant and most effective in dealing with migration. They continue to struggle so that no policy is being set without the voices of the migrants themselves present. They continue to relay the countless struggles of migrants and refugees on the ground, so that their rights, welfare and dignity are upheld. As they have continued to say that the negotiation table is never too small when discussing the lives and the dignity of grassroots communities that are forced to leave their homes. ■



PARTICIPANTS OF THE WSCF'S TRAINING ON MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHT HELD IN BANGLADESH.



ENI LESTARI OF THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS ALLIANCE SPEAKS AT THE 2016 GLOBALIZATION CONFERENCE / NORWAY SOCIAL FORUM. ENI ALSO SPOKE AT THE UN EARLIER IN 2016, ON THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

PHOTO: SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS FOR A FREE PALESTINE (SAJFP) HOSTED A DELEGATION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DESTROYED VILLAGE OF LUBYA IN JOHANNESBURG AND CAPE TOWN IN AUGUST 2016. HERE THE GROUP PLANTS ONE OF 6 TREES IN THE NEW NAKBA MEMORIAL FOREST ON CONSTITUTIONAL HILL IN JOHANNESBURG. SEEN PICTURED IS ISMAIL COOVADIA (FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL); MOUSA SAGHEIR (ADRID); NAYIF HUUJO (CHAIR OF ADRID AND BORN IN THE VILLAGE OF LUBYA); ALLAN HORWITZ (SAJFP); AND UMAR AL-GHUBARI (ZOCHROT).



WHO WE ARE

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KARIBU'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

- to provide economic support to organizations and networks in the 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 PARTNERS:

Karibu seeks to partner with faith-based and secular organizations and networks of 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.

OUR NAME:

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



▶ A PARTICIPANT OF THE IRAQI SOCIAL FORUM HOLDS UP THE MOTTO OF THE ISF AND THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM MOVEMENT IN ARABIC: “#ANOTHER IRAQ IS POSSIBLE”

▶ EILERT ROSTRUP (KARIBU), SHERUAN HASSAN, MOUNA GHANEM AND LEO GABRIEL (INTERNATIONAL PEACE INITIATIVE FOR SYRIA) OUTSIDE OF THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AFTER A MEETING ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA.



▶ REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS INDIGENOUS BACKGROUNDS LISTEN TO THE PLENARY SPEAKER AT CONFERENCE ON “RECONCILIATION PROCESSES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES” IN TRONDHIEM, NORWAY.

▶ ANKITA BHATTACHERJEE (INDIA) SHARES ON THE WORK BEING DONE TO SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE CWWM GATHERING ON MIGRATION IN BANGLADESH.



▶ HENRY MAKORI (FAHAMU, KENYA) ADDRESSES THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN CHINA-AFRICA RELATIONS AS PART OF FAHAMU’S EMERGING POWERS IN AFRICA PROJECT.

▶ MONICA EMIRU ENYOU (NAWOU, UGANDA) AND CHARLES FRANCIS (NCCB, BANGLADESH) AT THE DHAKA AIRPORT, EN ROUTE TO CWWM MEETINGS ON THE SIDELINES OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT.



▶ BISHOP SAGUN (THE PHILIPPINES) AND BISHOP PROMOTH (INDIA) TOGETHER WITH 15 OTHER BISHOPS ON A SOLIDARITY PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE.



▶ MEMBERS OF FORUM ON COMMUNICATION FOR THE INTEGRATION OF OUR AMERICA (FCINA) PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT ON THE VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS TAKING PLACE IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.



**COVER: A PARTICIPANT OF THE IRAQI SOCIAL
FORUM, HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2016 IN BAGHDAD,
JOINED 2800 OTHER IRAQIS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR
A NEW, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACEFUL IRAQ.
“ANOTHER IRAQ IS POSSIBLE” WAS THEIR SLOGAN.
PHOTO CREDIT: AL-FENIX PHOTOGRAPHY, BAGHDAD**

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