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“Advancing International Criminal Justice in Africa: State Responsibility, the ICC, and the AU — Towards an Effective Advocacy Response,” hosted by TrustAfrica, the CCP-AU, and the MacArthur Foundation, provided an opportunity for stakeholders, including CSOs, policy experts, scholars, and individual activists, to devise a strategic response to the ICC backlash and help engage funders in collaborative grant-making around these issues.

ZIMBABWE ALLIANCE

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We provided a grant to the Crisis Coalition of Zimbabwe to provide technical expertise in the new Constitution process. Our support enabled them to send five experts (including one legal,
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The efforts of the Agricultural Development project have begun to bear fruit. Its aim is to strengthen the capacity and networks of agricultural advocacy organizations in six countries (Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Tanzania and Uganda). Since last year when we awarded grants to 13 projects in five of the six countries (Mali has since been replaced by Niger), the organizations have begun to implement advocacy programs and convene members of their organizations to discuss the implications of the CAADP (Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program) on their national policies.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

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The Zimbabwe Alliance helped in the defense of politically-motivated detentions in the country. We provided a grant to organizations that fight against political detentions in Zimbabwe. Among the recipients, money from this grant assisted in the defense of six civil society activists who were arrested for watching a video on the Arab Spring. They were subsequently tortured by the government to falsely confess to planning violence. Ultimately, they were given two-year suspensions, a $500 fine and 420 hours of community service.

We participated in an effort to give the continent of Africa a greater voice in its own development processes. TrustAfrica worked closely with the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) to develop the Africa position paper on Development Effectiveness, allowing the continent, for the first time, to provide a common position and question on development effectiveness based on its own context, needs and priorities. This paper was presented during the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan. From November 15 to December 1, 2011, in particular, we provided a grant to allow the participation of critical stakeholders as part of the third regional platform planning meeting, which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The meet was aimed to allow policy-maker and stakeholders from African countries and regional institutions to consolidate a common approach to the development effectiveness.

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The project, which began in June 2009 with an MGSD Fund grant from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is now closed. During its lifespan, TrustAfrica administered 39 grants to organizations in seven countries. The project produced a moving documentary showcasing grantees and created a booklet of case studies.

Based on the findings of his study, an ICBE researcher in Sudan was asked to work with a local organization and help implement a training.

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Distribution by Core Program Area

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TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS | 78

Distribution by Project

- GOVERNANCE: 19%
- LIBERIA ALLIANCE: 14%
- INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT: 47%
- AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY: 3%
- AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: 12%
- ENHANCING WOMEN’S DIGNITY: 1%

Grants by Countries

- BENIN: 1
- BOTSWANA: 1
- CONGO BRAZZAVILLE: 3
- CAMEROON: 12
- DRC: 1
- GHANA: 1
- GUINEA-BISSAU: 1
- IVORY COAST: 1
- MOROCCO: 1
- SENEGAL: 1
- TOGO: 1
- ZAMBIA: 2
- UGANDA: 6
- TANZANIA: 9
- SOUTH AFRICA: 10
- KENYA: 8
- LIBERIA: 10
- NORTHERN AFRICA: 1
- WESTERN AFRICA: 17
- EASTERN AFRICA: 18
- CENTRAL AFRICA: 16
- SOUTHERN AFRICA: 26

Regional Distribution

- NORTHERN AFRICA: $33,100
- WESTERN AFRICA: $1,047,610
- EASTERN AFRICA: $807,268
- CENTRAL AFRICA: $403,872
- SOUTHERN AFRICA: $867,681

TOTAL AMOUNT: $3,047,610

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