Our vision
A prosperous Africa where people enjoy full social, economic and political rights.

Our mission
To strengthen African agency in advancing justice, democracy and equitable development on the continent.

Our theory of change
We believe that when people are effectively engaged by political and economic governance, their societies become more stable, more inclusive and more productive. We also believe that civil society organisations lack the skills and tools to make this happen. At the same time, these tools are often underutilized and underutilized for their potential impact. We work to bridge the gap between these two realities.

Our strategies
TrustAfrica aims to build diverse advocacy movements that advance systemic change. Our strategies include:

- Direct grant-making: To organize and engage communities, building leadership and incorporating the voices and experiences of frontline groups.
- Building the capacity of organizations and movements through support for coalition building, convening and exchanges. This can be in the form of direct grants, coaching, fellowships or investment in governance and development staff.
- Managing knowledge platforms that promote critical research for advocacy and campaigns on issues such as illicit financial flows and corruption. This is complemented by support for strategic communications that reaches wide audiences in order to catalyze change.
- Supporting African philanthropy in order to mobilize more resources for groups working to advance social and economic justice on the continent. This includes support for the promotion of Africa-centred approaches to funding for development and human rights.

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A core value at TrustAfrica is a commitment to African agency, the idea that Africans must play a central role in shaping the decisions that affect their lives.

Illlicit Financial Flows

TrustAfrica recognizes that promoting economic vitality is essential to achieving sustainable well-being on the continent. Our work seeks to ensure that African economies are robust and resilient, and that the continent’s potential for sustainable development is realized. We focus on strengthening institutions and promoting transparency and accountability. Our work on illicit financial flows addresses the issue of leakages in tax revenue and the flow of money out of Africa, which undermines social services and development efforts.

Zimbabwe Alliance

This initiative was launched in 2017 to help strengthen civil society organizations in Zimbabwe by building their capacity to advise and support Malawians as they negotiate the difficult political transition to stability. The initiative has helped the Alliance and its members to take concrete steps towards realizing the goal of a more democratic and inclusive society in Zimbabwe. Through the innovative use of technology and partnerships with international organizations, the Alliance has been able to provide valuable support to Zimbabweans seeking to build a stable and prosperous future.

Kofi Trust Fund

A donor-advised fund managed by a group of African civil society leaders in the environment and human rights fields, the Kofi Trust Fund provides financial support to grassroots organizations that are inspired by Kofi’s vision and values. The fund is managed by a group of African civil society leaders who are committed to advancing the goals of environmental and human rights protection.

Advancing Democracy and Peace

TrustAfrica is committed to advancing peace and democracy, recognizing the interconnected nature of these challenges. We work on the ground to promote democratic rule of law and constitutionalism, and to support the opening of the space for the full and sustained participation of citizens across the continent. We invest in building the capacity of civil society, enhancing rule of law and constitutionalism, and promoting democratic participation through people-centered approaches that address the risks associated with climate change, threats to food security and enhanced food sovereignty for African people.

Movement Building

Our programme on movement building draws on twelve years of civil society strengthening and partnership building on the continent. It has built on both the capacity and participation of Africa’s civil society organizations, together with networks of networks of organizations, enabling it to become more self-sustaining and to reach a larger audience. The programme supports Africa’s civil society organizations to build their capacity to lead, to collaborate across borders, and to engage in the ongoing debates about governance in Africa. It is an initiative that builds on the experience of the Executive Directors’ Transitions Initiatives, the results of which have been shared widely within the continent and used to inform the programme. The programme is designed to help civil society organizations across Africa build their capacity and influence policy at the local and international levels.