

Movement Building as Core to our Strategies



In last year's editions of our newsletter, we introduced you to our three pillars of work around democracy and governance, equitable development, and African philanthropy. This year, we are looking forward to introducing you to the core strategies we use in delivering our work namely, grantmaking, African knowledge and research generation, capacity strengthening, and movement building.

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DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

Establishment of DWD NETWORK and Strategy Development

At TrustAfrica, we are aware of the fact that discrimination based on work and descent (DWD) is estimated to affect over 260 million people worldwide, in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and North America. In West African countries such as Mali, Mauritania, and Niger, this type of discrimination affects communities of ethnic minorities who are considered to be descendants of slaves. To address this issue TrustAfrica, in line with its strategic plan, in collaboration with other development organizations, met in Dakar in 2019 to address the issue of DWD and slavery and to create The African Network of Communities Discriminated Based on Work and Descent and against Slavery (ANDS).

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EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

Building a People-Centered Movement to Confront Africa's New Debt Crisis

Africa is in a new debt crisis with the majority of low to medium income countries now officially in the unsustainable debt red zone. For example, Kenya has been in the news recently with reports that 60% of all public revenues generated are going to servicing debts. This has destabilized the macroeconomic environment resulting in depreciation of the Kenyan shilling and skyrocketing inflation to devastating socio-economic effects on the population. The debt burden is threatening a reversal of progressive policies such as free public education that Kenya implemented following the Jubilee Debt cancellation.

Read more TrustAfrica's strategies to secure the goals of the new Africa debt campaign



AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY

Building a Movement for a West African Philanthropy Ecosystem

TrustAfrica, through its project "West African Philanthropy Support Ecosystem," contributes to building a movement of philanthropic actors to strengthen the Philanthropy Support Ecosystem in West Africa. This project is a collaboration with WINGS that aims to engage philanthropy networks, support organizations, funders, and other relevant stakeholders from a set of West African Countries to identify the challenges and opportunities for developing a robust support ecosystem for giving and philanthropy in the region and to build a roadmap for self-owned and sustainable regional philanthropy development. The project is informed through participatory processes involving the establishment of a Steering Committee of philanthropy support organizations as well as research and consultations with the field.

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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AFRICA FELLOWSHIP. It's Shaping the Future Fellow, she is reflecting on the contextualization and development of a Future of Africa Fellow and its role in accelerating governance and Africa's development. KUDZAI MAKOMVA

INTRODUCING SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AFRICA FELLOWSHIP. Welcome to Kudzai Makomva who joined our Shaping the Future of Africa Fellowship in October 2021. Kudzai is an economist with over fifteen years of experience in strategy and organizational leadership in the development sector, where she has applied skills in economics and quantitative analysis to social impact initiatives in order to bring a rigorous focus on metrics and results.

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## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

### Abdoulie Janneth

It is an honor to have Mr. Abdoulie Janneth, a Gambian National, former United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), as part of the TrustAfrica board. Mr. Janneth is a life-long committed champion working to eradicate poverty and strengthening institutions on the continent.



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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Ogo Chukwudi / Project Associate

Ogo Chukwudi is a fun-loving music aficionado who joined TrustAfrica in 2010 as a Project Associate for the Kisi Trust Fund Project, where she worked closely with key stakeholders to identify and fund initiatives that empower and bring sustainable development to Ogoniland. She is a development professional working on the African philanthropy work at TrustAfrica. She has spent the past seven years in the development sector, working with like-minded activists seeking to improve the world's complex social issues.

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