

**YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR RESEARCH AND JUSTICE ADVOCACY**



# **CHARTER**

**Sustainable Change Through Advocacy and Youth Participation**

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# FOREWORD

Recent developments around the African continent continue to provoke the question of whether Africa can afford to persistently sideline its young people in governance and decision-making processes. From the 2019 sit-in revolution in Khartoum that eventually forced President Omar Al-Bashir out of office, to the #EndSars movement that shook Nigeria to its foundations in 2020, recent youth-led 'revolutions' across Africa points to one fact – that the continent is sitting on a simmering volcano.

Although these youth-led movements often happen at great costs to young people, it is rather obvious that the motivation behind them clearly outweighs the fear of a brutal suppressions by governments.

Socioeconomic exclusions, structural disempowerment, mis-governance and corruption continue to drive African youths to extreme survival decisions. The increasing illegal and deadly migration patterns across the Mediterranean gives further credence to this. According to the Medecins Sans Frontiers, in 2022 alone, more than 2,300 young Africans perished while trying to cross the Mediterranean. Latest figures appear the situation is growing worse. Violent conflicts across the continent only adds to these grim statistics.

Despite the highlighted challenges, young people constitute more than half of Africa's population, and are the continent's most dynamic workforce. And whereas their



**Usani Odum**  
Board Chairperson

experiences in conflicts situation and similar instabilities is adequately documented, their roles in governance and decision-making processes has not been so eloquent. Youth-unfriendly leadership across Africa, lack of capacity in relevant areas of governance, and outright apathy continue to feature as the primary impediments.

In 2019, the African Union adopted a the African Union Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP), which among other things, highlighted the vulnerability of young people in conflict situations, and the untapped dividends in their inclusion in transitional justice and other decision-making processes. To bridge the identified gap, the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the African Union



embarked on a vigorous capacity-building programmes to empower African youths with the knowledge of their expected roles in Transitional justice and processes.

The Youth Organization for Research, Justice and Advocacy (YORJA) is the brain-child of one of those capacity-building efforts, the latest of which took place in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in November 2023, drawing participants from all around the continent.

A melting pot of youths from all works of life and across the continent. YORJA presents every African Youth the voice to take part in building an Africa of good governance, democracy, and respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law. This in fact, one of the aspirations of African Union's Agenda 2063 - the Africa we all deserve.

*"YORJA is giving African youths the opportunity to take part in building the Africa we want."*



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Transitional Justice is a vital process of addressing past human rights abuses in societies emerging from conflict. It has been recognized as a critical step towards building sustainable peace and fostering reconciliation. The Youth Organization for Research and Justice Advocacy (YORJA) agenda underscore the importance of youth inclusion in Transition Justice processes. I am elated to write the Foreword for the YORJA Charter, which highlights our efforts to address youth inclusivity in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development.

Transitional Justice multifaceted nature demands a comprehensive approach that ensures the inclusion and participation of all stakeholders, particularly those who have been historically marginalized. There is a need for context-specific, nationally owned Transitional Justice focusing on the need of communities in order to contribute meaningfully to lasting peace. The inclusion of youth in TJ processes is imperative to ensure sustainability.

The voices and experiences of young people are a powerful force for transformative and sustainable peace. They are not merely passive witnesses to history, but active agents of change. They embody their communities' aspirations, dreams, and demands. Their inclusion in Transitional Justice processes is not a matter of tokenism, but a necessity.

The inclusion of young people in any transitional justice process is a powerful force for good. Young people are often the primary

victims of conflicts, highly mobilized in violent situations. Their voices and experiences are essential to building a more just and peaceful world.

By engaging young people in the design, implementation, and monitoring of transitional justice mechanisms, we can ensure that their needs and aspirations are addressed effectively, and that the process is more inclusive and representative of the entire society.

However, achieving meaningful youth inclusion in transitional justice processes is not without its challenges. Overcoming generational divides, dismantling power imbalances, and addressing structural barriers requires concerted efforts from all stakeholders involved. It necessitates fostering an enabling environment that promotes the active engagement of youth, including targeted capacity-building initiatives, access to information, and platforms for dialogue and collaboration.

"Peace does not automatically break out when weapons fall silent and atrocity crimes cease. To rebuild lives without fear of recurrence, and for society to move forward, suffering needs to be acknowledged, confidence in State institutions restored, and justice done."

- **Michelle Bachelet**, Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



As we embark on this journey, let us remember that the inclusion of youth in Transitional Justice processes is not an option but a moral imperative. It is an investment in justice, a commitment to the future, and a testament to the transformative power of young people. Together, let us embrace their energy, harness their creativity, and walk hand in hand with them. Together we can usher in a new era that is more just, resilient, and inclusive of all.



**Angeline Abuor**  
Executive Director



# BACKGROUND

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE



"... we know from our country's history, the misuse of power diminishes both the oppressor and the oppressed, the violator, and the victim. In case we forget, the hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation remind us every day. As a nation we finally chose to solve our problems without the use of violence, but rather through negotiation and discussion."

**Nelson Mandela**

National Men's March, Pretoria, 1997

For many decades, African societies have been involved in transitional justice processes in order to come to terms with the traumas of slavery, colonialism, apartheid, systematic repression, and civil conflicts. These attempts have led to the proliferation of systems aimed at post-conflict reconstruction. These systems are modeled after individual societies, but they all have a common thread underlying their organization and function.

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government overwhelmingly adopted the African Union Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP) on February 12th, 2019. The policy defines Transitional Justice (TJ) as "the various (formal and traditional or non-formal) policy measures and institutional mechanisms that societies, through an inclusive consultative process, adopt in order to overcome historical wrongdoings, divisions, and inequalities and to create the necessary frameworks for security as well as democratic and socioeconomic transformation."

The AUTJP aims to provide a framework for

African Union member states to address past human rights violations, promote accountability, and establish the truth. The policy aims to promote reconciliation and healing, ensure the non-recurrence of human rights abuses, and provide reparations for victims. It is also meant to serve as a roadmap for member nations as they establish their own national Transitional Justice systems, with a focus on African solutions to African challenges.

Youths are identified in the AUTJP as one of the most vulnerable groups in conflicts. The policy acknowledges that they are frequently and disproportionately impacted by conflicts and authoritarian regimes. They are also direct targets of violence through killings, forced marriages, mutilation, torture, abductions, recruitment and conscription as soldiers, and are victims of conflict-related sexual violence, unemployment, and poverty. The AUTJP consequently places a strong emphasis on the involvement of African youths in all Transitional Justice processes.



# ABOUT YORJA

The African Union, with support from the U.S. Missions to the African Union, held the third edition of the African Youth for Transitional Training (AY4TJ) in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from November 2 to 4, 2022. Fifty successful applicants attended the three-day training on the African Union Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP).

The Youths were trained on critical aspects of the Policy, and inducted into the already established continental youth platform on transitional justice for experience-sharing, mentorship, and research on post-conflict reconstruction processes.

All this in a bid to strengthen youth participation in ongoing transitional justice

programmes across various AU member states, to operationalize the African Union's Youth for Transitional Justice in Africa (AU-YTJ), and to build a platform that would promote the implementation of transitional justice processes to conflict resolution.

The Youth Organization for Research and Justice Advocacy (YORJA) is founded by the participants of the training in Malabo. It's goal is to lead the implementation of the AUTJP, encourage active youth participation in TJ processes, and to provide a platform through which youths can interrogate and be a part of the policy making process.

YORJA is a registered Trust under the laws of the Republic of Kenya.

The Youth Organization for Research and Justice Advocacy is a brainchild of the participants of the training in Malabo.



*Participants at the 3rd AY4TJ Training, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea*



# MISSION, VISION & VALUES

## Mission

To empower young people to lead the process of transitional justice, promote accountability, and foster reconciliation in communities affected by conflict and human rights abuses.

## Vision

To foster a society in which young people are acknowledged as change agents in the promotion of transitional justice, and where their involvement and leadership are essential to achieving long-term and inclusive peace. We foresee a future in which communities affected by conflict and human rights violations have access to justice, healing, and reconciliation, and where youth-led initiatives play an important role in determining the path ahead.

## Values

At YORJA, we are committed to upholding the following core values in all our work:

- ❖ Service
- ❖ Transformational Leadership
- ❖ Diversity
- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Teamwork
- ❖ Inclusivity
- ❖ Collaboration



# OBJECTIVES

- 1** Advocating for the Streamlining of various transitional justice processes and experiences across the region, and at national levels.
- 2** To promote comprehensive youth engagement in transitional justice processes through youth-led initiatives, capacity trainings, effective engagements at the annual African Continental Transitional Justice Forum, youth-led research and documentation on human rights violations, strategic training on the AUTJP implementation, and youth-led initiatives that contribute to the promotion of accountability, truth-telling, and reconciliation, including through cultural and artistic expressions.
- 3** Engaging policymakers and implementers on post-conflict reconstruction and development, particular concerns of youths in post-conflict processes across the continent.
- 4** Serving as a continental vanguard to enhance the popularization, local ownership, and youth involvement in the implementation of the AUTJP by AU member States across all levels of governance.
- 5** Collaborating and partnering with other youth-led groups and transitional justice stakeholders to create a more inclusive and youth-centered approach to transitional justice.



# PROGRAMMES



Participants at the 3rd AY4TJ Training

## Transitional Justice Webinars

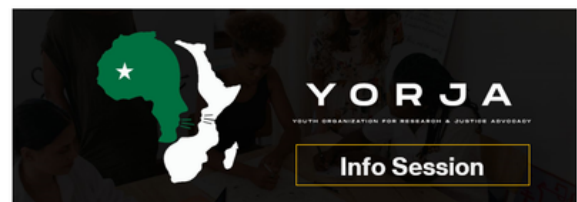
Bi-monthly webinars organized for youths in Africa with focus on the AUTJP and TJ in general. Through interactive Zoom sessions, participants engage in lectures, breakout discussions, and share insights, deepening their understanding of transitional justice, providing firsthand country-specific information, and informing content development and research efforts.



Participant at the 3rd AY4TJ Training

## Internal Saloon Series

Bi-weekly capacity-building programme and salon-style event in which Acorns are trained in TJ concepts and engage in thought-provoking debates and discussions about contemporary, historical, and ethical issues in the Transitional Justice space in order to foster critical thinking, increase their knowledge of the concept, and develop content ideas for articles and social media platforms. External human rights and transitional justice experts, as well as YORJA employees, serve as facilitators.



## African Transitional Justice Policy

By

Patience Kiwang Oben and Amory Lumumba

YORJA Info Session

## Expository Symposium

This is a TJ conference and serves as a platform to discuss contemporary topics and present research papers. It invites survivors/observers of conflict, government officials, and civil society organizations from countries undergoing transitional justice processes. Opinion polls gauge attendees' perspectives, and breakout sessions generate suggestions for addressing TJ challenges. Conference outcomes, including policy recommendations, are published and shared with the African Union, relevant Governments and Partners.



# STRATEGIES



*Cross-section of Participants at the 3rd AY4TJ Gala Night, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea*

Our action plan involves the adaptation of any one or all of the following processes:

## **Document Human Rights Abuses**

We intend to document human rights abuses and violations of international law in our target communities. This documentation will be used to support legal action, advocacy, and our accountability efforts.

## **Conduct Research**

We would conduct research on transitional justice issues in our communities. This process would include the identifying areas for further development of the AUTJP, identification of victims, perpetrators, and key stakeholders in conflict situations amongst others.

## **Setting Goals and Objectives**

Our organizations' goals and objectives would be tailored to reflect the outcomes of the needs assessment. Specific goals and objectives would be set and these would also be adaptable enough to change with each situation.

## **Needs Assessment**

A thorough needs assessment would be conducted to identify the specific transitional justice needs of our target communities. This process would seek to identify victims, perpetrators, and key stakeholders in conflicts within Africa.



### **Engage in Dialogue**

We would engage in dialogue with key stakeholders in our target community to build consensus around transitional justice efforts. This can include dialogue with government officials, civil society organizations, community leaders, victims, their families, and other relevant stakeholders.

### **Establish Partnerships**

We would identify and establish partnerships with other organizations and key stakeholders with similar interests. These partnerships will help us to build trust, increase resources, and amplify our organization's impact.

### **Capacity Building**

To achieve our objectives, we intend to aggregate and inspire a team of young dedicated and passionate individuals who share our organization's vision and mission to do the work needed. Our team would include individuals with diverse skills and backgrounds, including legal, research, communication, and advocacy skills. We would also engage heavily in capacity development of our team members and partners in the sector. Through capacity training, we can ensure enough technical expertise to aid transitional justice processes.



*Participants at the 3rd AY4TJ Training*

### **Conduct Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns**

We would conduct advocacy and awareness campaigns to raise public awareness about transitional justice engagements in target communities. We would also liaise with youth organisations and other TJ stakeholders at several levels to identify strategic ways of localizing the AUTJP through means of workshops, public events, media campaigns, daily virtual posts, webinars, and conferences.

### **Monitor Implementation:**

Monitor the implementation of transitional justice measures in our target community, including truth commissions, reparations programs, and prosecutions. This monitoring can help to ensure accountability and transparency in the transitional justice process.



# ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

As an organization, YORJA is dedicated to encouraging youth participation in Transitional Justice processes. To do this will require exposure in order to reach its target audience. Our engagement strategy will thus be centered on addressing and engaging African Youths, African Governments, Regional and Global Institutions, Civil Rights and Transitional Justice Organization's, Youth Organization's, other Civil Society Organization's etc.

To realize our objectives, WE plan to actively raise knowledge of Transitional Justice processes and the various methods through which African Youths can participate in them. This will be accomplished through organizing conferences, webinars, information sessions, and trainings, and also collaborating with groups with similar interests to promote our cause at their conferences/events; and sponsoring networking and social events.

## Engagement channels and avenues to connect

### Research Project and Journal Publications



Bi-annually

To Acquire and publish first-hand information on TJ processes; Raise awareness about the organisation.

### YORJA Conferences and Info Sessions



Quarterly

To raise awareness on the Youth's role in TJ processes; Educate on AUTJP; Collate suggestions on how to localise the AUTJP at the country and grassroots levels.

### TJ Conferences and Social Events



Quarterly

To present share information and present papers on YORJA research work; To connect on the TJ space and explore partnership opportunities; Seek out and explore potential donors; Lobby for opportunities and projects.

### YORJA Website



Daily

Information on YORJA, AUTJP, TJ and TJ-related articles, upcoming webinars and training, volunteering and internship opportunities in partner organisations.

### Social Media Channels



Daily

Share information on TJ news, conflict and post-conflict moves, YORJA updates; Training, conferences etc.

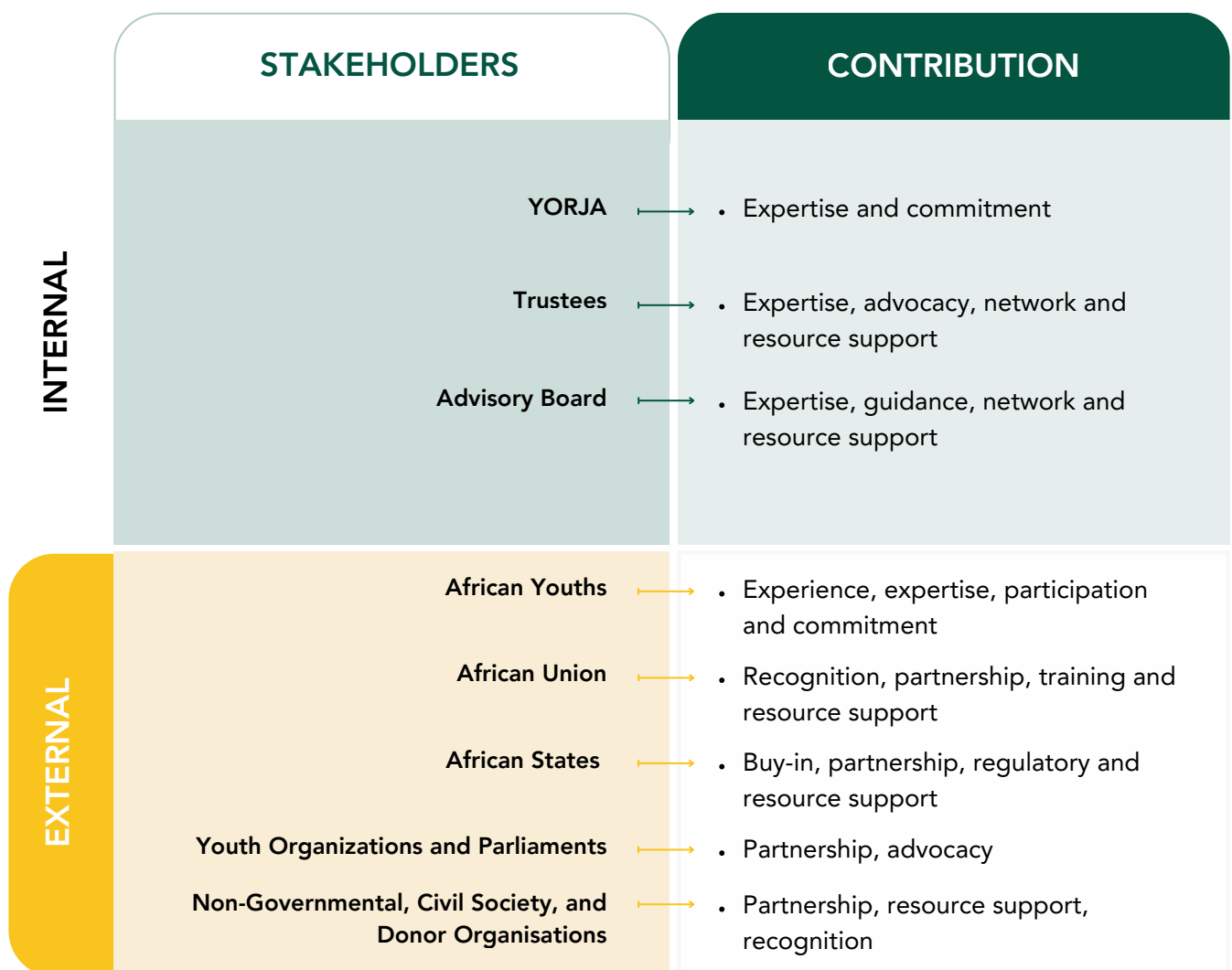
"Justice is not revenge, it is a tool for healing and rebuilding our society."

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf  
Former President of Liberia



To gain a comprehensive understanding of our current and future resources, both tangible and intangible, it is important to conduct a thorough assessment. This is achieved in the following section through stakeholder and SWOT analyses.

These assessments allow us to identify and evaluate our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential threats, providing us with a clearer view of our overall resources and capabilities.





# SWOT ANALYSIS



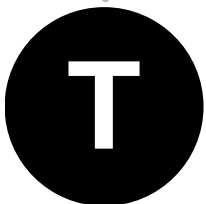
- Capable, diverse and committed human capital
- Inclusive and diverse organizational culture and structure
- Team members that are dedicated and passionate about the organization's purpose and ideals
- Innovative and creative approach to problem-solving
- Strong alignment of YORJA's objectives with the AUTJP
- Strong partnerships with local NGOs, human rights organizations, and international organizations
- Expertise in legal, research, communication, and advocacy skills
- Capable, connected and committed advisory board



- Weak transitional justice systems in African countries
- Absence of adequate laws and regulations on transitional justice at the national levels
- Impunity and disrespect for the rule of law at national levels
- Weak or non-existent conflict and peace resolution systems
- Tribalism, religious intolerance and other divisive factors
- Limited involvement of youths and other marginalized classes
- Limited connection between the Communities needs and outcomes
- Limited staff capacity to meet the high demand for assistance and documentation of human rights abuses
- Limited awareness and outreach to marginalized and vulnerable communities
- Limited ability to monitor and assess programs' effectiveness



- Increasing demand for transitional justice measures in the post-conflict context
- Growing interest of the international community in supporting transitional justice efforts in the region
- Potential to build stronger partnerships and collaborations with other organizations working in related fields
- Potential to expand the organization's outreach and impact by leveraging social media and technology

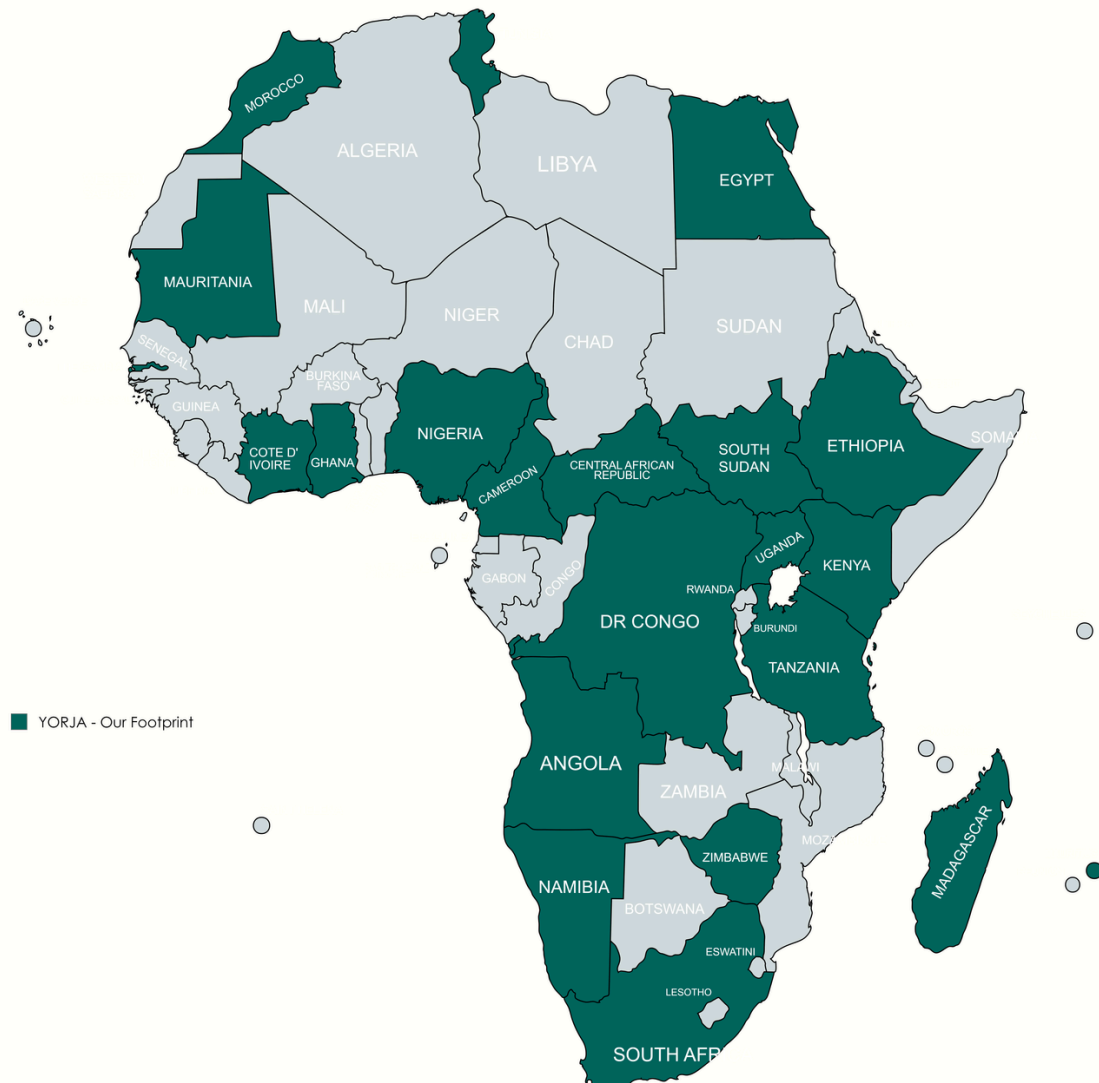


- Political unrest and insecurity may impede the organization's capacity to reach affected populations and stakeholders
- Support from National Government's for transitional justice processes are limited
- Conflicting continental and international interests
- Potential retaliation and opposition from perpetrators and other parties who may oppose transitional justice measures
- Potential risk to staff and volunteers working in high-risk areas



# OUR IMPACT

Since its inception, YORJA has been actively involved in forging strategic partnerships and providing expert contributions to a wide range of initiatives. The organization has facilitated numerous workshops and training programs, empowering communities and stakeholders across the continent. YORJA has also presented at major conferences, sharing insights and expertise on transitional justice and related fields. In addition to direct and indirect support of various processes, YORJA has established a strong presence through its dedicated personnel and volunteers, operating in multiple African countries. This widespread engagement reflects YORJA's commitment to fostering justice, peace, and development across the region.





## WEBINARS

### Virtual Launch

On 10 August 2023, YORJA held its virtual launch event themed "Creating Inclusive Spaces for Youths in Transitional Justice Processes in Africa." The event featured an exceptional panel of experts who discussed the critical role of youth in transitional justice (TJ). At YORJA, we believe in the power of every voice and the immense potential of African youth to drive their countries' transition towards justice and reconciliation. The event highlighted the importance of youth engagement in shaping inclusive and sustainable TJ processes across the continent.

### Climate Justice and Post-Conflict Development in Africa

The webinar highlighted the critical connection between climate justice and post-conflict development in Africa, focusing on challenges and opportunities. It aimed to raise awareness among African youth about the intersection of climate change, conflict, and their impact on sustainable development. The event provided a platform for discussions on climate justice principles and post-conflict recovery strategies, encouraging youth advocacy for sustainable environmental practices. Panelists included Otelemate Georgewill (King's College London), Munini Mutuku (Environmental and Transitional Justice Expert), and Gugu Nonjinge (CSVR).



## WEBINARS

### Youth Engagement in Transitional Justice: Role and Impact

This webinar highlighted the crucial role of youth in driving sustainable peace and fostering reconciliation in transitional justice processes across Africa. Expert panelists from diverse backgrounds discussed the contributions of young people in shaping inclusive and equitable societies, emphasizing their unique perspectives, energy, and potential to catalyze positive change. The event underscored the importance of creating inclusive spaces for youth engagement and empowering them to participate meaningfully in transitional justice initiatives.

### Building Bridges, Not Walls: Overcoming Intergenerational Divides

The webinar highlighted the crucial need for intergenerational collaboration and understanding in transitional justice processes. The event emphasized the importance of bridging the gap between older and younger generations to create more inclusive and sustainable societies. By fostering dialogue, promoting empathy, and harnessing the unique perspectives of different age groups, we can work together to build a more just and equitable future.

**YORJA**  
YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR RECONCILIATION & JUSTICE AFRICA

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: ROLE AND IMPACT



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**THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL 2024**  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM WAT | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EAT


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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAMME GRADUATION CEREMONY 2024


# “Building Bridges, Not Walls: Overcoming Intergenerational Divides”




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**WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY 2024**  
12:00 PM WAT | 2:00 PM EAT

Please register at: <http://www.yorja.org>  
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## EVENTS

### Panelist - Joint Capacity Training on the AUTJP (LPI, CSVR & IJR)

From May 22 to May 26, 2023, the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV), Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR), and Life & Peace Institute (LPI) hosted a Transitional Justice training on the African Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP) in Nairobi, Kenya. Supported by the Swedish Government, the training engaged civil society organizations from three Horn of Africa countries. YORJA's Executive Director, Angeline Abuor, participated in a panel discussing the roles of women and youth in transitional justice, exploring their involvement, challenges, and best practices for fostering inclusive processes at national



### Observer- AW4TJ Training

YORJA participated in the inaugural African Women for Transitional Justice (AW4TJ) programme held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 2-4 August 2023. Represented by Ms. Angeline Abuor, YORJA shared its transitional justice journey and emphasized the critical role of youth as positive agents in the process. The event brought together women and experts across Africa, fostering valuable connections and learning experiences. YORJA appreciated the opportunity to promote its mission of youth involvement in transitional justice and looks forward to further collaborations in advancing this cause across the continent.





## EVENTS

### Panelist - 7th African Transitional Justice Forum

The 7th African Transitional Justice Forum, held from 12th-14th September 2023 in Rabat, Morocco, focused on "Inclusion & Participatory Governance, Gender Equality and Socio-Economic Justice in Africa." YORJA's Executive Director Ms. Angeline Abuor participated as a panelist, emphasizing the importance of moving youth and children from victimhood to active participation in transitional justice processes. The forum provided valuable insights and recommendations for overcoming the challenges faced by young people. It served as an excellent platform for exchanging ideas and best practices, with YORJA reaffirming its commitment to inclusive dialogue and the role of youth in shaping Africa's future.



### Panelists- 8th African Transitional Justice Forum

During the 8th African Transitional Justice Forum from 11th-12th September 2024 in Port Louis, Mauritius, YORJA's Deputy Executive Director, Enya Echeng, participated in a panel discussing "Equipping Youth with Skills for Building Resilient Societies." He emphasized YORJA's growth as a testament to resilience and the importance of meaningful youth engagement, stating that youths should actively contribute to decision-making. Enya advocated for capacity building to equip young people with essential skills for participation in governance. He highlighted the need for a mindset shift toward learning new values that promote peace, acknowledging the support from key stakeholders in empowering youth-led organizations across Africa.





## CAPACITY TRAINING PROGRAM

### Volunteer Training Program

The YORJA 2024 Volunteer Training Program, held from June 19 to July 17, 2024, was open to young people both from Africa and beyond. This month-long program was designed to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the transitional justice landscape, with a particular focus on the African Union Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP). Additionally, the program introduced participants to YORJA's mission and objectives, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to engage meaningfully in transitional justice initiatives.

The training process began with a call for applications, which was open for a month, followed by a two-week selection period. The program offered a unique opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in the field of transitional justice, fostering a deeper appreciation of its importance in achieving peace, resilience, and sustainable development across the continent.

Upon completion of the training, participants were paired with mentors within the organization. These mentors are tasked with guiding the volunteers as they apply their newly acquired knowledge to initiatives in their respective countries. The mentors are encouraged to support and advise the volunteers as they launch projects that align with YORJA's mission. YORJA will also partner with select volunteer-led initiatives, providing necessary resources and support after the mentorship and volunteering period concludes.

This program reflects YORJA's commitment to equipping the next generation of leaders with the tools and knowledge needed to advocate for transitional justice and sustainable peace across Africa. We are excited about the potential partnerships and initiatives that will emerge from this year's cohort and look forward to seeing their contributions to transitional justice efforts across the continent.



### Call for Volunteers!

YORJA is in need of passionate youths eager to learn and engage in programmes centered around transitional justice and post conflict reconstruction.

If that's you, we look forward to having you on board.

To sign up, visit: <https://yorja.org/>

Application deadline  
10th Feb - 6th Mar 2024



Meet a cross-section of the participants



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David Taylor  
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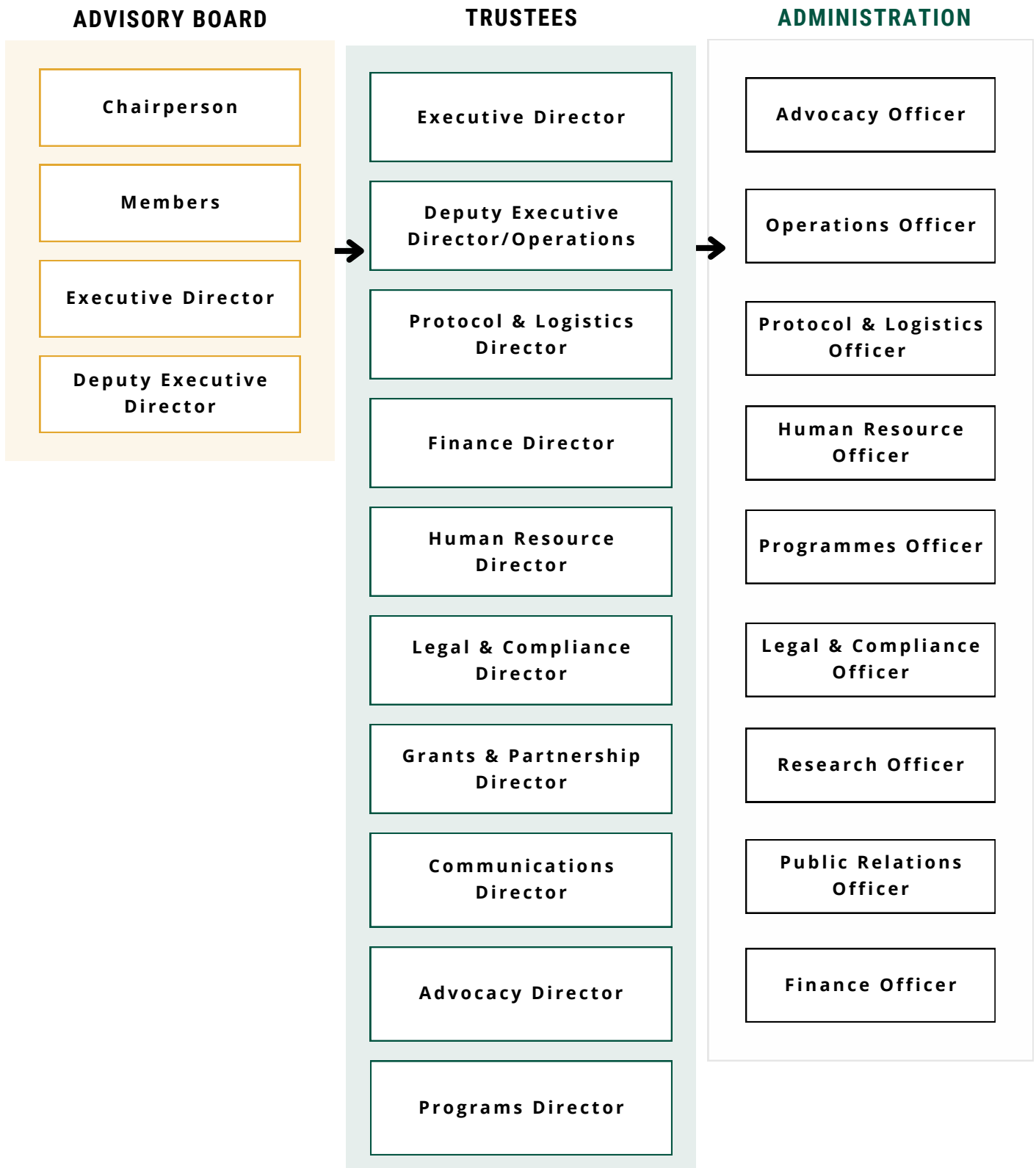


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# STRUCTURE





# ACORNS

“ Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so  
much. ”

– Helen Keller

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