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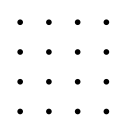
ROLE OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMUNITIES AND NORMATIVE
FRAMEWORKS IN ADVANCING
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND
ELECTORAL INTEGRITY IN AFRICA

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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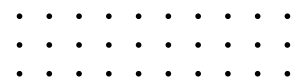
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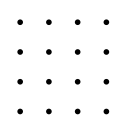


Time	Item	Speaker/ Moderator
DAY ONE: 12 MARCH 2024		
09:00-09:30	Walk in and Registration	DWF
SESSION ONE: CONTEXT SETTING AND OFFICIAL OPENING MODERATED BY DR. AUGUSTINE MAGLOWONDO, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEMOCRACY WORKS FOUNDATION (DWF)		
09:30-09:50	Introductions and setting the context	Dr. Augustine Magolowondo, <i>Regional Director- DWF</i>
09:50- 10:05	Welcome remarks by Democracy Works Foundation	Mr. Olmo von Meijenfeldt, <i>Executive Director- DWF</i>
10:05-10:15	Remarks by the host country delivered by a representative of the African National Congress	tbc
10:15-10:30	Official Opening Remarks	Ambassador Salah S. Hammad, <i>Head of the Africa Governance Architecture- Africa Peace and Security Architecture (AGA-APSA) Secretariat</i>
10:30- 11:00	Keynote Presentation: Africa Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) as a tool for promoting democratic governance and electoral integrity in Africa	Professor Dr. Khabele Matlosa, <i>Former Director of Political Affairs at the AUC and author of the ACDEG</i>
11:00-11:15	Preliminary reflections on the key note presentation	Ms. Asanda Luwaca, <i>Executive Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency, Republic of South Africa</i>
11:15-11:30	Plenary	All
11:30-12:00	Health Break/ Networking	All
SESSION TWO: SETTING THE CONTEXT CONTINUES- MODERATED BY MS. TADALA CHUMACHIYENDA, PROJECT MANAGER, DEMOCRACY WORKS FOUNDATION (DWF)		
12:00-12:30	Unpacking the SADC Norms and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections	SADC Secretariat (tbc)/ Dr. Augustine Magolowondo
	Unpacking regional normative frameworks vis a vis participation of women in politics/elections	Ms. Maureen Shonge, <i>Regional Policy Specialist, Women's Political Participation</i>

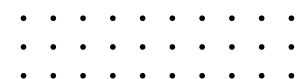
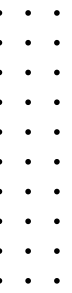
		<i>Eastern and Southern Africa Region (ESARO)- UN Women</i>
12:30-13:00	Plenary	All
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	All
SESSION THREE THE STATE OF GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF REGIONAL BODIES AND THE NORMATIVE FRAMEWORKS- MODERATED BY MR. ANDREW SONGA, REGIONAL ADVISOR, AFRICAN UNION ENGAGEMENT, EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY (EPD)		
14:00-14:30	<p>Panel discussion: Using the Normative frameworks, instruments and guidelines as tools to promote democratic governance and electoral integrity.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action for Democratic Governance- Tanzania • IEC Botswana (tbc) • IEC South Africa (tbc) • Botswana political party • Lesotho political party 	Mr. Andrew Songa, Regional Advisor, AU Engagement- EPD
14:30-15:00	Plenary	All
15:00-15:30	Health Break	
15:30-15:50	Presentation on the 2023 African Governance report and latest developments in Southern Africa	Adv. Batlokoa Makong, Acting Chief of Staff - APRM
15:50-16:30	Plenary	All
16:30	End of day one	
DAY TWO: 13 March 2024		
SESSION FOUR NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK AND INSTRUMENTS AS TOOLS FOR PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND ELECTORAL INTEGRITY MODERATED BY MS. GIOVANNA TANZI, PROGRAMS MANAGER, EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY (EPD)		
09:00:09:30	Recap of day one	DWF
09:30-10:30	<p>Thematic presentations focusing on sharing lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the ratification of the ACDEG 	Ms. Giovanna Tanzi, Programmes Manager- EPD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using civic technology and digital engagement as a tool for civic participation Leveraging the ACDEG for advocacy and civic education. 	
10:30-11:00	Reflections and responses from political parties Angola, South Africa, Malawi (5 minutes/ party) Plenary	Ms. Giovanna Tanzi
11:00-11:30	Health Break	All
11:30-12:00	An overview of the revised Principles on Election Management, Monitoring and Observation (PEMMO) in the SADC region	Dr. Molefe Phirinyane, Commissioner, IEC Botswana-ECF SADC
12:00-12:30	Plenary	Dr. Thozamile Botha
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30-14:30	Breakaway session to identify strategies and priorities in utilising civic technology to promote and implement the AU and SADC Norms for the advancement of democratic governance and electoral integrity in the region. (blended groups- questions to be provided)	Ms. Sarah Gowon, Programme Manager-Code for Africa Ms. Aisha Dabo, Programmes Coordinator- AfricTivistes
14:30-15:15	Presentations from groups and plenary	Ms. Aisha Dabo
15:15-15:30	Health Break	All
15:30-16:30	Showcasing Charter Project Africa tools, networking and peer learning	Ms. Aisha Dabo/ Ms Sarah Gowon
16:30	End of day two	
DAY THREE: 14 MARCH 2024		
SESSION FIVE- CSO-RECS ENGAGEMENTS IN PURSUIT OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND ELECTORAL INTEGRITY MODERATED BY MR. SAMUEL ATUOBI, AGA-APSA SECRETARIAT		
09:00-09:30	Recap of day two	DWF
09:30-10:00	Presentation on CSO engagement with the RECs and AGA- SADC case study	Nompumelelo Sibalukhulu, DWF Associate

10:00-10:15	Response from ECDPM on lessons from other regions	Dr. Nneka Okechukwu , <i>Senior Policy Officer, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)</i>
10:15-10:45	Plenary	Mr. Samuel Atuobi
10:45-11:15	Health break	All
11:15-11:45	Panel discussion on opportunities/mechanisms for effective CSO-REC engagement Mr. Lebogang Mabotho , Chairperson of the AU-ECOSOCC Credentials Committee SADC One political party representative (tbc) Mr. Lennon Monyae , Coordinator for Civil Society Engagements, APRM	Dr. Remember Miamingi , <i>Long term Expert (Human Rights)-Expertise France</i>
11:45-12:00	Plenary	Dr. Remember Miamingi
12:00-12:20	An interactive session on implementing effective advocacy strategies to advance the AU Charter and SADC Principles on democratic governance and electoral integrity	Mr. Nyasha Mpani , <i>Project Leader, Data for Governance Alliance Project- Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR)</i>
12:20-12:40	Plenary	Mr. Samuel Antuobi,
12:40-13:00	Closing remarks and Vote of Thanks	Dr. Augustine Magolowondo
13:00	Lunch	All



CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND



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Africa as a region is guided by normative instruments to advance democratic governance in its member states. Indeed, this is the essence of African shared values which are defined as those norms, principles and practices that have been developed over time to serve as the foundation for collective actions and solutions to address the political, social and economic challenges that impede Africa's development and integration.

One principal instrument that has been developed at continental level by the African Union is the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), which emphasises the significance of democracy, good governance, popular participation and the rule of law as shared values on the continent. Regional Economic Communities (RECs) including the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) have expanded beyond their role of economic integration to also promote continental norms on democracy and governance.

This is in line with the vision of the 1991 Abuja Treaty which establishes RECs as key pillars to furthering democratic governance by requiring them to cascade from the continental to the regional level, key ingredients such as human and people's rights, accountability, economic justice and public participation in state affairs. SADC has gone further to even develop its own normative frameworks on holding democratic elections, recognising that elections are critical in advancing the democracy agenda.

Whilst these normative instruments exist at continental and regional levels and their adoption by countries signifies a formal commitment to the promotion of democratic principles and electoral integrity, the adherence to these remains a challenge in the AU member states. The non-adherence to these instruments has meant that many countries in the region fall below these standards and risk undermining the continent's collective vision under Agenda 2063 which aspires to "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena".

This can be evidenced by the number of assessment reports for elections held in the recent past that have seen several election results being disputed in courts on the account that they were not credible. We have also witnessed a series of events leading to unconstitutional changes of governments in some countries.

Political actors and civil society in any given country are key players when it comes to ensuring that principles of democracy and good governance are adhered to. One key challenge that exists in Africa, particularly in the Southern Africa region, is the lack of knowledge amongst these key players on the frameworks and instruments that exist to advance the democratic governance agenda as well as the roles of the regional bodies such as the AU and SADC. On one hand, political parties, being the key linkage between the public and their government and also the sole stakeholder who participate in elections for purposes of winning and running government, need to ensure they can be trusted and are credible.

Furthermore, key planks of public participation both within political parties' processes and in critical constitutional processes such as elections and law-making, must be free, fair, transparent and credible. Having such knowledge of these continental and regional normative instruments provides them with the yardstick of electoral integrity and their rights as key actors in the process. Civil society on the other hand serves as a watchdog, ensuring that leaders and governments are delivering on their mandates. They therefore need to also have the requisite knowledge of these instruments as well as the means of engaging relevant actors, both at national and regional level in advancing and advocating for the democratic governance agenda.

The African Governance Architecture (AGA) exists as a platform for dialogue between the various stakeholders who are mandated to promote good governance and strengthen democracy in Africa, in addition to translating the objectives of the legal and policy pronouncements in the AU shared values. The AGA is the overall political and institutional framework for the furtherance of democracy, governance, human rights and humanitarian assistance on the continent that embodies the African peoples' aspirations to consolidate democratic values and principles.

Currently, political parties as well as CSO- AGA engagements are insufficient and point to untapped potential, with many opportunities for CSOs and political actors to add value and collaborate with the AGA in advancing democratic governance.

Some of the ways in which political parties and CSOs can play a role include awareness raising at national and regional level, with state and non-state actors, on AU shared values, advocating for the ratification and domestication. CSOs can also be instrumental in providing technical support to member states in implementation of these values; and accelerating the use and deployment of digital technology as a source of innovation in advancing democratic governance principles and citizen engagement, among other things.

It also must be acknowledged that the emergence of social media and other digital tools has enhanced engagement amongst the citizenry in the region. Civic technology has made it easier for citizens to organise and mobilise on matters of governance and engage those in power. Civic technology is a tool that, if properly deployed, can help strengthen democratic processes and inclusive decision making as a means of facilitating engagement and dialogue amongst citizens and those that represent them. While some CSOs are already exploiting digital technology as a tool for facilitating civic engagement, many political parties particularly in Africa are still lagging.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) is organising a Southern Africa regional symposium under the theme:

"Moving Beyond Rhetoric: The Role of Regional Economic Communities and normative frameworks in advancing democratic governance and electoral integrity in Southern Africa."

The regional symposium seeks to provide a platform for civil society actors, political actors, AU organs and regional bodies to raise awareness and reflect on the status and relevance of AU and SADC norms on advancing democratic governance and electoral integrity. It will also explore avenues for deepening dialogue and engagement between civil society and AGA members, including RECs such as SADC, with a view to enabling them to collaborate on utilising the instruments to advance democratic governance and electoral integrity as a regional and state-level priority.

The regional symposium is being organised under the auspices of the Charter Project Africa, funded by the European Union, and the USAID funded programme called Political Parties for Resilient and Inclusive Democracies in Southern Africa (PoPRID- Southern Africa).

THE CHARTER PROJECT AFRICA

The Charter Project Africa is a pan-African project that focuses on the commitments contained in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) - the African Union's principal policy document for advancing democratic governance in African Union member states. The project promotes the use of civic technology to amplify citizens' voices.

It does this by providing financial resources, through grants, as well as technical resources, through expertise, to implement civic initiatives aimed at promoting democracy, particularly those led by under-represented groups. This support is provided in eleven African Union member states - Botswana, Benin, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia - as well as at regional and continental level. The project also opens spaces for collaboration between citizens, civic initiatives and African Union decision-makers at national, regional and continental levels - with a focus on digital formats. Particular attention is given to the role and mandate of the African Governance Architecture (AGA).

The project is implemented by a consortium of six African and European organisations: the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), Africivistes, Code for Africa (CfA), the Gorée Institute, the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) and Democracy Works Foundation (DWF). DWF has since 2022 supported 10 civil society organisations from Botswana, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia to implement their civic initiatives to amplify citizens' voices in the promotion of democracy and good governance.

POLITICAL PARTIES FOR RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Political Parties for Resilient and Inclusive Democracy in Southern Africa is a five-year regional programme that DWF is implementing with the support of USAID (Southern Africa). The programme presently covers Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and South Africa. The programme recognises that inclusive, issues-based democratic political parties are critical to a successful democratic system.

This is because political parties provide the main channel for articulating issues of public concern, linking the public to their government. Thus, political parties that understand the needs of citizens are better positioned to advocate for and develop responsive policy positions on issues of public concern. Furthermore, the programme also acknowledges the centrality of elections to democratic governance.

Considering that political parties are the only stakeholders that participate in elections with the sole purpose of winning or retaining power (making political parties the key electoral stakeholders), the programme further recognises the importance for political parties to understand better how they can meaningfully and constructively participate in elections as well as advance electoral reforms that contribute to effective democratic governance and electoral integrity.

Against this background, the overall goal for POPRID is to support a trend toward representative multiparty systems with political parties that are responsive to citizens while providing targeted assistance to promote electoral integrity. Through this programme, DWF therefore seeks to promote representative multiparty systems with democratic and responsive political parties and electoral integrity in selected countries in Southern Africa

It is in this light therefore that DWF is organising this regional symposium which will bring together these civil society and political actors in one space. The Symposium seeks to enhance participants' understanding of the normative frameworks that exist to promote democratic governance and how they meaningfully and constructively contribute to effective democratic governance and the upholding of electoral integrity.

The Symposium will also aim at providing a platform for CSOs, AGA members and political parties to share experiences on the use of civic technology driven mechanisms in ensuring that interests of the citizens they represent are at the centre of their decision-making processes. The presence of AGA members in this platform will also ensure that there is a shared understanding of how all these actors can work together in the advancement of this common agenda, both at regional and national levels.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

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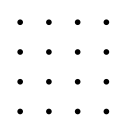
To raise awareness and share knowledge on the AU and SADC norms on advancing democratic governance and electoral integrity

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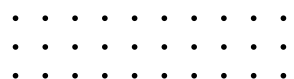
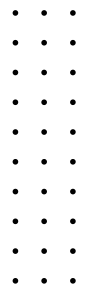
To facilitate systematic peer-to-peer learning on the use of civic technologies in advancing democratic governance and electoral integrity

3.

To identify mechanisms for effective advocacy and engagement between civil society, political actors and AGA members, including SADC, in the promotion of democracy and good governance in the region



RESOURCE PEOPLE



DR AUGUSTINE MAGLOWONDO

Dr. Augustine Magolowondo has over twenty-five years' experience in international development co-operation particularly in the fields of governance, democracy, human rights, with more than half of these years spent in the field of political parties' strengthening in sub-Saharan Africa. He is presently DWF's Regional Director/Head of Programmes and Chief of Party for DWF political parties regional programme: Political Parties for Resilient and Inclusive Democracu-PoPRID. Augustine was also the Chief of Party for the Eight Million Dollar USAID funded programme: Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue Programme (SAPP&D-Programme) that DWF was implementing in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi and Zambia. In that capacity, Augustine was instrumental in providing political, strategic and expert leadership and management to the SAPP&D Programme that saw the initiative grow from a three-country, three-year programme to a six-country, five-year impactful programme while at the same contributing to the growth of DWF as a regional organisation. As DWF's in-house senior expert on political parties' strengthening in particular and governance in general, he plays an important role in mentoring and coaching upcoming experts in this field both within DWF and beyond.

As a thought leader in his field of expertise, Dr. Augustine Magolowondo has contributed immensely to the conceptualization and development of political parties' capacity development tools, instruments and knowledge products such as the NIMD/International IDEA's "Facilitators' Guide for Political Dialogue", a Guide on "Regulating Political Party Financing and the Role of Political Parties", a Guide on the "Role of Political Parties in Constitutional Reform Processes". As a BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections) accredited facilitator, Dr. Magolowondo has also designed and facilitated a wide range of high-level training workshops especially for political parties and electoral management bodies both at regional and national levels.

Dr. Augustine Magolowondo is an accomplished scholar with a PhD in Political Science; MA in Development Management (both from Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany) and BA Public Administration (University of Malawi).

MR OLMO VON MEIJENFELDT

Mr Olmo Olmo von Meijenfeldt is the Executive Director and co-Founder of Democracy Works Foundation. He has worked as a political networker, analyst, social entrepreneur, development practitioner and innovative manager on issues of human rights and democratisation in both Africa and Europe.

He has spearheaded various leadership, democracy building and conflict resolution initiatives, in addition to managing funds dedicated to strengthening the role of civil society, political society and media through cross-sector approaches to deepening democracy.

His key interests lie in civil society sustainability and funding mechanisms for governance, human rights and democracy work in Africa and the global South, conflict management, institutions, leadership development, technology for development and climate and environmental issues. Olmo leads the DWF Team on a day-to-day basis.

H.E AMBASSADOR SALAH S. HAMMAD

Amb. Salah S. Hammad, is the Head of the African Governance, Peace and Security Architectures' (AGA-APSA) Secretariat and the Senior Human Rights Expert within the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the African Union Commission. Originally from Sudan, Amb. Hammad studied political science and human rights law in the United States of America. Mr. Hammad was voted as Ambassador for Human Rights by the Arab Council for Human Rights in 2013 and has been appointed an Ambassador within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan in 2016.

For the past 25 years, he has dedicated his life to world development and human rights. As an international expert, he worked on issues of governance, peace and security, human rights, humanitarian affairs, refugees and resettlement. He also worked in global development for a number of international and continental organizations.

PROFESSOR DR. KHABELE MATLOSA

Khabele Matlosa is the Visting Professor at the Centre for African Diplomacy and Leadership, University of Johannesburg, South Africa. He is the former Senior Governance Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is the former Director, Department of Political Affairs, African Union Commission (AUC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr) based in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa. He is the author of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) which evolved between 2004 and 2006.

This Charter was ultimately adopted by the African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 30 January 2007. ACDEG came into force in 2012 following its ratification by 15 Member States of the AU. In 2021, he was commissioned as one of the 10 African experts to prepare a strategic reflection report for UNDP entitled "Re-Imagining Governance and Peacebuilding in Africa" which contributed to the development of UNDP's Strategic Plan, 2023-2025. His latest publications include "Global trends and impact of democratic recession: Hard choices for the Global South", South African Journal of International Affairs, 30(3), 2023, pp337-355.

MS. ASANDA LUWACO

Asanda Luwaca began her activism whilst pursuing her qualification, wherein she participated in the life of Youth Organisations. She later continued with her activism in the political space, where she served across various leadership structures. She completed her BA in Politics qualification in 2012 and later pursued her Honours qualification in Politics. Over the years, she has obtained additional qualifications in the following areas: Evidence-Based Policy Making and Implementation at the Nelson School of Government at the University of Cape Town; Policy Research Training at the University of Stellenbosch; and Academic Writing Skills at the University of Stellenbosch. Her activism in politics saw her participating in the 2015 #FeesMustFall movement, where she later contributed a chapter in a published book titled 'We Are No Longer At Ease: The Struggle for #FeesMustFall'.

She later relocated to Cape Town to join the ANC Parliamentary Caucus, where she worked as a Researcher. Some of her achievements include her being one of the winners of the International Organisation for Migration Competition, where she, alongside progressive youth in South Africa, was awarded an all-expenses Educational Trip to the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa in, Ethiopia.

She was also a Finalist for the Moremi Initiative Women's Leadership in Africa (MILEAD) 2015 Fellows Programme. She was appointed by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, where she currently serves as a Council Member at the Ingwe TVET College as Chairperson of the Donor Funding and Stakeholder Relations Committee. In 2021, she was appointed by HE President Cyril Matamela Ramaposa to serve as the Executive Chairperson of the Board of Directors at the NYDA, where she is currently serving.

MS. TADALA CHUMACHIYENDA

Tadala Chumachiyenda currently serves as the Project Manager for The Charter Project Africa at Democracy Works Foundation. Her expertise lies in programme management, grants management, monitoring and evaluation and capacity development. She has worked in USAID and EU programmes in Southern Africa, focusing on democracy, governance and climate change.

She holds a degree in Social Sciences from the University of Malawi and a certification in Programme Management from the University of Cape town.

MS. MAUREEN SHONGE

Maureen Shonge is the Regional Policy Specialist on Political Participation in the Governance Section at UN-Women's East and Southern Africa Regional Office. She is a holder of a Bachelor of Laws Honors Degree, a Masters in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University and a Masters in Women's Law from the South, East Africa Regional Centre for Women's Law (SEARCWL), University of Zimbabwe in partnership with the Institute for Women's Law at the University of Oslo, Norway.

She has over 15 years of experience working at the intersection between human rights, women's peace and security, elections, governance and gender. She has extensive experience working on programmes seeking to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in decision-making and politics in East and Southern Africa Region. She previously served as UN Women's Team Leader for Political Participation and Women's Peace and Security in Zimbabwe. Prior to joining the United Nations, Maureen worked for a law-based organisation, a women lawyers' organisation, a research think tank and a regional INGO.

ANDREW SONGA

Andrew Songa is a lawyer and human rights advocate with over a decade of experience in the areas of legal research; policy formulation and analysis; policy advocacy and; civic education at national and international levels. His work has centered on the thematic areas of governance, transitional justice, human rights and the rule of law. He is currently the Regional Advisor on African Union Engagement at the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD)

ADV. BATLOKOA MAKONG

Adv. Batlokoa Makong is currently the APRM Continental Secretariat Chief of Staff in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer. He has more than 14 years' experience working within the African Union System. He first worked as Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor at the Embassy of Lesotho in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union (AU) for 8 years.

He also worked as a Senior APRM Liaison Officer to the African Union for 4 years before assuming the role of Chief of Staff in the Office of the CEO of the APRM Continental Secretariat. Adv. Makong has been part of the development of African Union policies and legal frameworks that are aimed at the promotion of peace, security, and stability on the continent as well as the promotion of democratic principles and institutions, popular participation and good governance. He has played a significant role in the development of the Africa Governance Reports which are produced by the APRM in collaboration with the Africa Governance Architecture Platform Members. Adv. Batlokoa Makong is an admitted Advocate of the High Court of the Kingdom of Lesotho and High Court of the Republic of South Africa.

His academic achievements include a Bachelor of Laws Degree, LLB, from the National University of Lesotho (2006), a Master of Arts Degree in Peace and Security Studies from the Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University (2013). His pursuit of academic excellence is demonstrated by his engagement with the University of Cape Town for a Masters in International law where he is finalizing his dissertation focusing on critical international law principles related to the maintenance of international peace and security. His published work includes, "The Conflict in the Eastern Democratic of Congo: Perspectives on its Nature and Dynamics," *Managing Peace and Security in Africa, Essays on Approaches to Interventions in Africa Conflicts* (Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University, December 2012)

MS. GIOVANNA TANZI

Giovanna Tanzi is Programmes Manager at the European Partnership for Democracy - EPD, where she oversees pan-African projects centered on democratic governance, democratic innovations and electoral integrity.

With a degree in International Relations and Economics, she brings a wealth of experience in EU project management from various organisations. Her expertise lies in developing strategic programmatic approaches to drive impactful initiatives.

DR. THOZAMILE BOTHA

Dr Thozamile Botha has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Johannesburg and M.Phil in political science from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, and post graduate Diploma in Development Administration at Glasgow College of Technology (now British Caledonia University). He has more than 50 years of experience in the field of local government, as a Director General in the public service, and as a member of Parliament, and a civil society activist.

He is currently advising the ANC and the Democratic Party Alliance on collaborative governance at the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality. He is also a member and an advisor to the South African National Civic Organization (SANCO) on strategic partnership with political parties while retaining their autonomy as a civil society movement.

Dr Botha has written articles on a wide range of subjects including on his specialist passion, the human settlements (housing), state capture, the impact of development aid policy and aid conditionalities from the developed countries to emerging economies, focusing on the Southern Africa region. He also co-edited two books on education.

MS. SARAH GOWON

Ms. Sarah Gowon is a Project Manager on Code for Africa's (CfA) New Initiatives Team where she manages a portfolio of civic technology, women's digital rights and research tools for media products.

She has experience working for start-ups in East and West Africa, in govtech, and in an incubation hub. Sarah is passionate about youth employability and economic empowerment in the Global South.

MS. AISHA DABO

Aisha Dabo is a highly skilled media and communications professional who possesses fluency in French, English, Wolof and Lingala. She is also recognised as a prominent figure in civil society across the African continent.

Aisha's expertise lies in various areas, including development, civic tech, media, women's and children's rights, cybersecurity, and branding. She is a firm believer in participatory democracy, transparency, freedom of expression and opinion, freedom of the press, and access to information. Aisha is driven by the belief that well-informed and empowered citizens have the ability to shape fair and just democratic societies in Africa. Aisha is a co-founder and coordinator of AfricTivistes which boasts a membership of more than 400 individuals from 40 African countries and Haiti.

Aisha spearheads the implementation of various projects, primarily focusing on civic tech initiatives. She also devises projects and advocacy campaigns centred around participatory democracy, digital rights, and security in Africa, with a particular emphasis on youth and women. She actively serves on several board, including AfricTivistes, the West African participatory and citizen think tank WATHI, the International Coalition for the Renewal of Democracy (ICDR), the social enterprise KITAMBAA empowering women and girls, the Fact-Check Centre in The Gambia, and the Advisory Board of Oxfam Intermón's Technology and Human Rights program, which focuses on digitalization, human rights, and building future alternatives. Additionally, She oversee initiatives aimed at improving women and children's access to healthcare and education in the West African sub-region.

MR. SAMUEL ATUOBI

Samuel Atuobi works as a Senior Political/Elections Officer within the Democracy and Electoral Assistance Unit of the African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from November 2011 till date. Before then, he worked as a Senior Research Associate and Head of International Institutions Programme at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Accra Ghana, from 2007 to 2011. Over the years, Samuel has led projects on democratic governance, electoral processes, peacebuilding peace and security in Ghana, the West African sub-region and at the continent level with strong ability to leverage comparative knowledge. He is also a proven researcher and policy analyst with over 16 years of experience backed by 25 paper presentations and publications on democratic governance, elections, peace and security.

Samuel has experience in working with institutions with democracy and governance mandate including intergovernmental organizations, election management bodies, political parties and civil society organizations at the national and continental levels. He is also a diplomat and international relation practitioner with experience in working with African and international diplomats/institutions, senior public/government officials/former presidents in defusing political tensions at the continental level through preventive diplomacy.

Again, Samuel is an expert trainer and facilitator with accreditation from the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) and has trained several experts in the areas of governance, peacebuilding, negotiation and mediation, peacekeeping, human right, the rule of law. Finally, Samuel is multilingual with fluency in English and French with basic knowledge of Spanish.

MS. NOMPUMELELO SIBALUKHULU

Nompumelelo Sibalukhulu is a seasoned socio-political analyst, researcher, and published author. She has worked in academia, the media, in civil society as well as in grant management with a focus on democracy promotion, good governance and human rights.

She has worked for organisations including Institute for Security Studies, Forum for Public Dialogue, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung South Africa, the Sowetan (South Africa's second biggest daily newspaper) and Democracy Works Foundation. She has also lectured at the University of Pretoria Department of Political Science, in the subjects of Political Science and Security Studies, for several years. As an entrepreneur, she founded a consulting firm specialising in political analysis, research, moderation, and facilitation.

She is also a life and resilience coach who is passionate about assisting people navigate their way towards achieving their goals. She is author of several articles, books, and chapters. Her latest book is titled "How I Took Back My Power", published by Tafelberg in 2021.

She holds a Master of Philosophy in Multidisciplinary Human Rights, a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science, and Bachelor of Social Science in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies from the University of Pretoria.

She is a certified Ubuntu Coach, accredited by the International Coaching Federation

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Prior to this, Nneka worked at Saferworld UK and OHCHR. Nneka holds a master's in law degree from Queen Mary, University of London and a PhD from the University of Hull.

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MR. LBOGANG MABOTHO

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His key pursuits include driving gender mainstreaming and gender parity within the AU ECOSOCC and addresses disputes and discrepancies in credentials diplomatically to facilitate resolutions through dialogue. His leadership also extend to his role as the Executive Director of Identity Development Junction Organisation and he has also significantly contributed to publications such as "Indigenous People's Rights In Botswana: An Information Ecosystem Assessment" and "Covid-19 Effects On Freedom Of Expression In Southern Africa, 2020 Research". Mr. Mabotho is passionate about human and social development.

MR. LENNON MONYAE

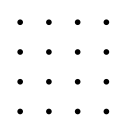
Lennon Monyae is a dedicated advocate for youth empowerment and human rights on the African continent. With a Bachelor of Arts (Masters) in International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand, he has been actively involved in shaping the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) since 2017. As an officer at the APRM Continental Secretariat responsible for Civil Society and Youth mainstreaming, Lennon has spearheaded efforts to integrate Civil Society and Youth voices into the APRM process.

Notably, he has organized the APRM International Youth Symposium, showcasing his commitment to fostering youth participation in governance and development. Currently pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Johannesburg, Lennon continues to contribute significantly to advancing African youth engagement and international cooperation.

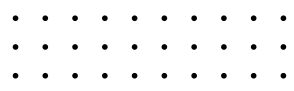
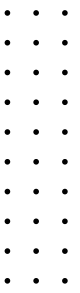
MR. NYASHA MPANI

Mr. Nyasha McBride Mpani is the Project Leader for the Data for Governance Alliance Project (D4GA) at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town. Concurrently, he is an esteemed member of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism technical reference group on the Africa Governance Atlas. The D4GA project, under his leadership, actively promotes Pan-African CSO public data advocacy and works towards strengthening the implementation of the African Union's Agenda 2063.

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ANGOLA POLITCAL PARTIES



ANGOLA

Peoples Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)



Founded in 1956

Party President: Mr Joao Lourenço

Principles: Democratic Socialism that congregates Angolan citizens without distinction of social grouping, sex, colour, ethnic origin, religious belief, or birthplace.

Slogan: Peace, Work and Freedom

The Struggle Continues, Victory is Certain

Unity for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)



Founded in 1966

Party President: Mr Adalberto Costa Junior

Principles: A union of people's, aspirations and cultures; a united front around a secular double challenge, which is (1) the conquest of freedom, citizenship and dignity of the Angolan people and (2) the building of the Angolan nation.

Annual Slogan for 2024: National Mobilization for Local Democratic Government

E-mail: gabpresunita@gmail.com

Telef. 922258402. www.unitaangola.org.

FaceBook: - Adalberto Costa Júnior.

UNITA Parlamento. UNITA TV Angola - TV Raiar

Party of Social Renewal (PRS)



Founded in 1990

Party President: Benedito Daniel;

Vision: To defend the wishes of the Angolan people, through leading and promoting a policy of peace, democracy and law; building a society where individuals can freely express themselves without intimidation and discrimination.

Slogan: Peace, Democracy and Progress

E-mail: prs@gmail.com ou 71@gmail.com

Land-line: 244-222 777 160, Mobile 924560944

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National Front for the Liberation of
Angola -
(FNLA)

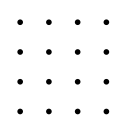


Founded in 1954
Party President: Nimi a Simbi
principles: national unity, respect for the dignity
of the human being and fundamental freedoms
of citizens
Party Slogan: Freedom and Land
Website - www.fnla.ao

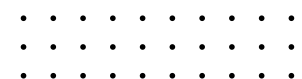
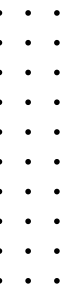
Angola Humanist Party (PHA)




Founded in 27 de Maio de 2022
Party President: Florbela Malaquias
Principles.
SILOGAN: Humanists, Let's Humanize Angola,
We Can Share!
Phone: (+244)944 041 979 / 998 043 712
Instagram.Com/Humanizarangola
Facebook: Partido Humanista de Angola



BOTSWANA POLITICAL PARTIES



BOTSWANA

<p>Botswana Congress Party</p> 	<p>Founded: 1998 Party President: Dumelang Saleshando Party Slogan: Kgololo Ya Sechaba</p>
<p>Botswana People's Party</p> 	<p>Founded: 1960 Party President: Motlasi Molapisi Party Slogan: Lefatshe La Rona</p>
<p>Botswana Movement for Democracy</p> 	<p>Founded: 2010 Party President: Dr Sidney Pilane Party Slogan: Botswana Wa Rona</p>
<p>Alliance for Progressives</p> 	<p>Founded: 2017 Party President: Ndaba Gaolathe Party Slogan: Tswelelo Pele Ya Botlhe</p>
<p>Botswana Democratic Party</p> 	<p>Founded: 1962 Party President: Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi Party Slogan: Tsholetsa Domkrag</p>

Botswana National Front

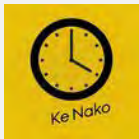


Founded: 1965

Party President: Duma Boko

Party Slogan: Kopano

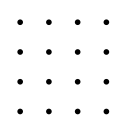
Botswana Patriotic Front



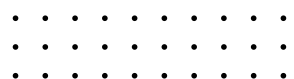
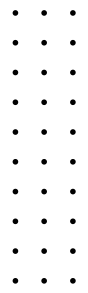
Founded: 2019






Party President: Biggie Butale





Party Slogan: Ke Nako





LESOTHO POLITICAL PARTIES



<p>Democratic Congress (DC)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2012 Party President: Mathibeli Mokhothu Party Slogan: Nete ke thebe Sechaba ke poho Secretary General: Tsitso Cheba</p>
<p>Movement for Economic Change (MEC)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2017 Party President: Selibe Mochoboroane Party Slogan: Ke nako Secretary General: Moshoeshoe Napo</p>
<p>Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1997 Party President: Mothetjoa Metsing Party Slogan: Ea fofa Nonyana Secretary General: Mokhethi Motselisi</p>
<p>Alliance for Democrats (AD)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2016 Party President: Ntoi Rapapa Party Slogan: Pele feela! Secretary General: Mamasieane</p>
<p>Basotho National Party (BNP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1959 Party President: Machesetsa Mofomobe Party Slogan: Tlholo ea Mathata Secretary General: Mrs Mapulumo Hlao</p>

<p>Popular Front for Democracy (PFD)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1991 Party President: Lekhetho Rakuoane Party Slogan: Khoetsa ea Sechaba sa Basotho Secretary General: Chris Makhalanyane</p>
<p>All Basotho Convention (ABC)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2007 Party President: Nkaku Kabi Party Slogan: La chaba Letsatsi</p>
<p>National Independent Party (NIP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1986 Party President: Hon. Kimetso Mathaba Party Slogan: Leeba le Mohau, Leeba la Khotso! Secretary General: Ntlama Stephen</p>
<p>Revolution for Prosperity (RFP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2022 Party President: Sam Matekane Party Slogan: Moruo ke bophelo Secretary General: Nthati Moorosi</p>
<p>Mphatlalatsane (HOPE)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2020 Party President: Machabana Lemphane Party Slogan: Mphatlalatsane tsepo ea Sechaba Secretary General: Retselisitsoe Lesane</p>
<p>Mpulule Political Summit (MPS)</p>	<p>Founded: 2017</p>

	<p>Party President: Mr. Ramaketse Sehlabaka Party Slogan: Soar to the highest level of achievement Secretary General: Teboho Sello</p>
<p>Social Revolutionary Party (SR)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2017 Party President: Teboho Mojapela Party Slogan: Kanana ea Basotho Secretary General: Tjoetsane Seoka</p>
<p>Basotho Patriotic Party (BPP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2021 Party President: Tefo Mapesela Party Slogan: Ha u tlame mkhondo, ha u tlame Secretary General: Molapo Melekeng</p>
<p>Basotho Action Party (BAP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2021 Party President: Nqosa Mahao Party Slogan: Mafube a rakile lilemela Secretary General: Makutoane Lepolesa</p>
<p>United African Transformation (UAT)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2023 Party President: Mahali Phamotse Party Slogan: Ha ho neptjoe Secretary General: Teboho Mokhethi</p>
<p>United for Change (UFC)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2020 Party President: Malichaba Lekhoaba Party Slogan: Se secha sebapali</p>
<p>Basotho Covenant Movement (BCM)</p>	<p>Founded: 2021</p>

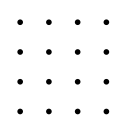


Party President: Dr Lipholo Tsepo
Party Slogan: Pompo ha e tsoe metsi
Sechaba se phele Molimo a buse Lesotho.
Secretary General: Mr. Mopeli Mokhethi

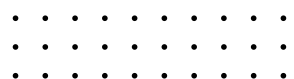
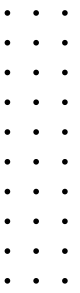
Lesotho Political Congress Alliance (LPC)



Founded: 2001
Party President: Ref. Paul Masiu
Party Slogan: Ka ntsu rea ikokotlela
Secretary General: Mrs Piet Moipone



MALAWI POLITICAL PARTIES



MALAWI

<p>Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1995 Party President: Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika Vision: Malawi A Middle Income Country by 2030. We envision a development-driven society that is productive, competitive and resilient, and where people come first in resource planning and implementation.</p>
<p>Alliance for Democracy (AFORD)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1993 With the new Political Party Act the party has been re-registered in 2021 Party President: Hon. Enock Kamzingeni Chakufwa Chihana Vision: A distinguishable national Party that is in Government with well-functioning structures, diversified and sustainable funding, socially inclusive and internally democratic.</p>
<p>Malawi Congress Party (MCP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 1959 Party President: Dr Lazarus Chakwera Vision: To steer Malawi into prosperity and create a credible and stabilized environment which will bring growth and development.</p>
<p>People's Party (PP)</p> 	<p>Founded: 2011 Party President: Dr Joyce Banda Vision: To be the political party that serves as an engine for achieving prosperity for all Malawians.</p>

United Democratic Front (UDF)



Founded: 2011

Party President: Hon. Dr. Lilian Patel

Vision: The party prides itself in being left of centre on the political spectrum and among its progressive objectives.

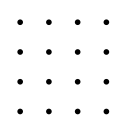
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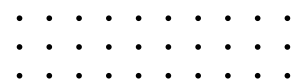
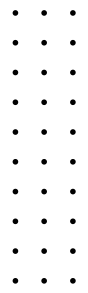
Founded: 2018

Party President: Dr Saulos Kraus Chilima






Vision: To transform Malawi into a just, modern and prosperous nation; a country united in pursuit of happiness and prosperity and in which every citizen has an equal and fair chance to be their best.



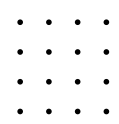
SOUTH AFRICA POLITICAL PARTIES



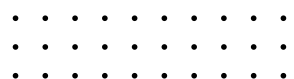
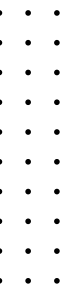
<p>African National Congress (ANC) – Ruling Party</p> 	<p>Founded: January 8, 1912 Party President: H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa Party Slogan: Amandla ngawethu or Matla ke arona "Power to the people"</p>
<p>Democratic Alliance – (DA)</p> 	<p>Founded: June 24, 2000 Party President: Mr. John Steenhuisen Party Slogan: One South Africa for All</p>
<p>Economic Freedom Fighters – (EFF)</p> 	<p>Founded: July 26, 2013 Party President: CIC Mr. Julius Malema Party Slogan: Economic Freedom in Our Lifetime, Our land and jobs, now!</p>
<p>Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)</p> 	<p>Founded: July 21, 1975 Party President: Mr. Velenkosini Hlabisa Party slogan: Siyasebenza: We Work</p>
<p>Congress of the People (COPE)</p> 	<p>Founded: December 16, 2008 Party President: Mr. Mosiuoa Lekota Party slogan: Together, Building a Better South Africa.</p>

<p>Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC)</p> 	<p>Founded: April 6, 1959 Party President: Mr. Mzwanele Nyhontso Party slogan: Izwe Lethu" which means "Our Land" in isiXhosa</p>
<p>African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP)</p> 	<p>Founded: September, 1993 Party President: Mr. Kenneth Meshoe Party slogan: Bringing hope to the nation</p>
<p>African Transformation Movement (ATM)</p> 	<p>Founded: November 21, 2018 Party President: Mr. Vuyo Zungula Party slogan: Restoring the Dignity of African People</p>
<p>Freedom Front Plus – (VF+)</p> 	<p>Founded: March 1, 1994 Party President: Dr. Pieter Groenewald Party slogan: Ons Vryheid, Jou Stem "Our Freedom, Your Voice"</p>
<p>United Democratic Movement (UDM)</p> 	<p>Founded: September 27, 1997 Party President: Mr. Bantu Holomisa Party slogan: Service, Accountability, Integrity</p>

<p>Azanian People's Organisation – AZAPO</p> 	<p>Founded: April 27, 1978 Party President: Mr. Strike Thokoane Party slogan: Freedom in Our Lifetime</p>
<p>GOOD Party</p> 	<p>Founded: December 2, 2018 Party President: Ms. Patricia de Lille Party slogan: For Good Change</p>
<p>ActionSA</p> 	<p>Founded: August 29, 2020 Party President: Mr. Herman Mashaba Party slogan: One South Africa for All</p>
<p>Patriotic Alliance - (PA)</p> 	<p>Founded: November 15, 2013 Party President: Mr. Gayton McKenzie Party slogan: Ons Baiza NIE " The last Hope "</p>
<p>Rise Msanzi</p> 	<p>Founded: April 19, 2023 Party President: Mr. Songezo Zibi Party slogan: For the People, By the People</p>
<p>Build One SA (BOSA)</p> 	<p>Founded: 24 September 2022 Party President: Mr. Mmusi Maimane Party slogan: Building One South Africa for All South Africans</p>



CHARTER PROJECT AFRICA





OVERVIEW

The Charter Project Africa is a pan-African project that focuses on the commitments contained in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) - the African Union's principal policy document for advancing democratic governance in African Union member states. The project promotes the use of civic technology to amplify citizens' voices.

OBJECTIVES

The primary goal is to amplify citizen voices through the use of civic technology. This involves leveraging digital tools and platforms to engage citizens in democratic processes and promote good governance.

FOCUS AREAS

The project provides financial resources through grants, as well as technical resources through expertise to implement civic initiatives aimed at promoting democracy, particularly those led by under-represented groups using civic technology fellowships, digital engagement, evidence creation, policy dialogue, analysis of African Governance Architecture (AGA) and civil society processes, and the design of tools and methods for strategic AGA engagement.

APPROACHES AND TOOLS

Regional Coordination

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) contributes to the Charter Africa Project by coordinating activities in the southern African region, hosting Democratic Governance Initiatives, and managing grant-making for the region. DWF provides capacity building and support to civic initiatives to promote ACDEG and engagement with the AGA. The project also opens spaces for collaboration between citizens, civic initiatives and African Union decision-makers at national, regional and continental levels, focusing on digital formats.

Capacity Support

The project offers financial assistance and a capacity support, which includes tailored support to the selected initiatives, such as assistance from experienced technologists and data scientists, operational guidance, mentorship, and workshop sessions.

Monitoring and Analysis

The project monitors and analyses the role of ACDEG in achieving positive change in African Union member states. It also focuses on the AGA's role and mandate in the democratic processes.

GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT

This support is provided in eleven African Union member states - Botswana, Benin, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia - as well as at regional and continental level.

CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

The project collaborates with various partners, including AfricTivistes, Code for Africa (CfA), Gorée Institute, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), and European Partnership for Democracy (EPD). These partners offer expertise and support to the initiative.

WEBSITE

www.charter.africa



1. AFRICAN CHILD PROJECTS



WHAT'S YOUR ORGANISATION'S NAME?

We are African Child Projects.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

African Child Projects is a youth-led organisation that bridges the digital divide and brings internet access to communities in Tanzania by building digital societies.

OUR WORK FOCUSES ON THREE THEMATIC AREAS:

■ EDUCATION:

Our projects benefit the schools in rural areas by installing internet devices with our partners Basic Internet Foundation and facilitating in-kind donations of ICT facilities aiding in easy access to educational content.

■ TECHNOLOGY:

We embrace Freemium and Premium models where we ensure that communities can access e-learning platforms and their contents, which cut across E-government libraries, E-learning platforms like E-fahamu, and yeboo platform for animated health videos for free.

The Premium Model is for heavyweight content such as live streaming by providing vouchers, e.g. 1 GB, where teachers can access videos and unlimited sites using minimal data bundles.

■ POLICY AND REGULATIONS:

Through various projects, like the School Connectivity project, we can determine the gaps in Tanzania's Education policies.

When did you start operating?

African Child Projects was founded in 2019 and registered under the Tanzania Non-Governmental Act of 2002. Our first official project as a registered entity began its operation in early 2020 as a preparation for the pilot phase of the School Connectivity Project, which is currently in preparation for phase three.

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO?

Information and Communication Technology, particularly access to the internet, has been a driver for development since the Millennium Goals were published in 2000.

Given the global joint effort for more than 20 years in connecting the unconnected, we still see that 3.9 billion people, almost 50% of the population, are still unconnected. We believe in bridging the digital divide by bringing internet access to communities in Tanzania to build digital societies.

We have pioneered several tech programmes: E-learning projects with the School Connectivity programme, E-health by connecting people in villages to information-spots solutions and currently, E-governance through the Ongea na Demokrasia project.

ONGEA NA DEMOKRASIA FACTS:

1. The project aims to understand the meaning of democracy from the narrative of youth and stakeholders.
2. Digital tools and Civic tech transform how people interact with governance structures. Our project aims to sensitise civic tech engagement as a mechanism for running modern, efficient democracies.
3. Supporting the African Governance Architecture (AGA), lobby for the ratification of ACDEG, raise awareness and promote the meaningful participation of citizens, including youth, in civic and political processes.

WHO DO YOU TARGET THE MOST WITH YOUR INITIATIVES?

Our target groups are the digitally left behind communities in rural areas with a high poverty rate, low computer-aided devices, and limited access to information. We have already targeted over 60 public schools.

We are soon heading to the installation of community centres where citizens will have free access to internet lite content and available data stored in the community servers.

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

We're based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa.

LOBBY AND ADVOCACY YOUTH PROGRAM 2050

We do this to create spaces and enable environments for the voices of young people to be heard.

WHAT'S THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANISATION?

Lobby and Advocacy Youth Program 2050

WHAT DO YOU DO?

We promote youth participation in civic national issues and other national burning issues that affect young people.

WHEN DID YOU START OPERATING?

We opened our doors in 2017 on August the 9th.

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO?

We do this to create spaces and enable environments for the voices of young people to be heard and reduce injustices in democratic processes and increase youth participation at all levels of development.

WHO ARE YOU TARGETING THE MOST?

Youth, more especially the rural areas-based.

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Lundazi District of Eastern Zambia.

THE CLICKING GENERATION

WHAT'S YOUR ORGANISATION'S NAME?

The Clicking Generation

WHAT DO YOU DO?

The Clicking Generation Trust is an ICT Academy for kids and teens offering computing and technology curriculum to kids and teens in both urban and rural areas of Botswana.

Our curriculum offers STEM and technology-related exploration to under-served learners who are future technology creators of socially relevant ICT solutions. Early child technology education is key if young innovators are going to become global players in the digital economy.

Early child technology education is the foundation of creative thinking and is key to birthing the next generation of innovators.

WHEN DID YOU START OPERATING?

2010

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO?

We love what we do, and our WHY is simple; we hope to contribute to the economy of Botswana and related national efforts towards delivering quality education to all learners.

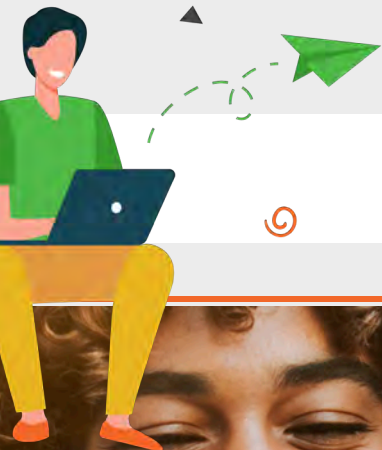
In the spirit of 'leaving no one behind' we are contributing to equitable access for all. TCG advocates for increased participation for women and girls in ICT and STEM-related fields.

WHO DO YOU SERVE (TARGET GROUPS/AUDIENCE)?

Students and teenagers, Educators, Entrepreneurs Women and Corporates.

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Maun and Gaborone in Lesotho



The Clicking Generation

ICT Academy for Kids & Teens



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ZAMBIAN GOVERNANCE FOUNDATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

WHAT'S YOUR ORGANISATION'S NAME?

Zambian Governance Foundation for Civil Society

WHAT DO YOU DO?

To date, we have supported 137 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), ranging from well-established, emerging to community-based organisations across all provinces of Zambia.

In 2017, we ventured into working with communities in an effort to strengthen the community-led development approach to reduce communities' dependency on external support.

At the community level, our specific role is to help revive the community philanthropy ethos, empower communities to become active partners in shaping their development by tapping into their own resources, help develop community structures, strengthen community leadership, facilitate civic self-organisation, and link communities to interested stakeholders.

WHEN DID YOU START OPERATING?

We started operating in 2009.

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO?

Our mission is to strengthen local communities & civil society capacities to unlock and utilise available and untapped resources for sustainable development.

Who do you target the most with your initiatives?
Selected Civil society organisations and communities

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Lusaka, Zambia. We work with CSOs across the country and with communities in Central, Lusaka and Eastern Province.

Established.
2019.

Supported
137 CSOs.

Based in
Lusaka,
Zambia



MOTHEO O MOSHA SOCIETY

WHAT'S YOUR ORGANISATION'S NAME?

Motheo O Mosha Society.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Motheo O Mosha is advocating for a new social contract for Botswana – a new constitution. Our activities mainly focus on civic education on constitutional literacy and promoting a culture of constitutionalism & good governance.

WHEN DID YOU START OPERATING?

We officially registered in December 2021 but had already started working in December 2019.

WHY DO YOU DO WHAT YOU DO?

We believe that Botswana is long overdue for a new Constitution crafted with the consensus (effective and meaningful participation) of the people.

This is in contrast with the current 1966 Constitution crafted by a select few, mainly the colonial masters of the time and a select few elites.

WHO DO YOU SERVE THE MOST WITH YOUR INITIATIVE?

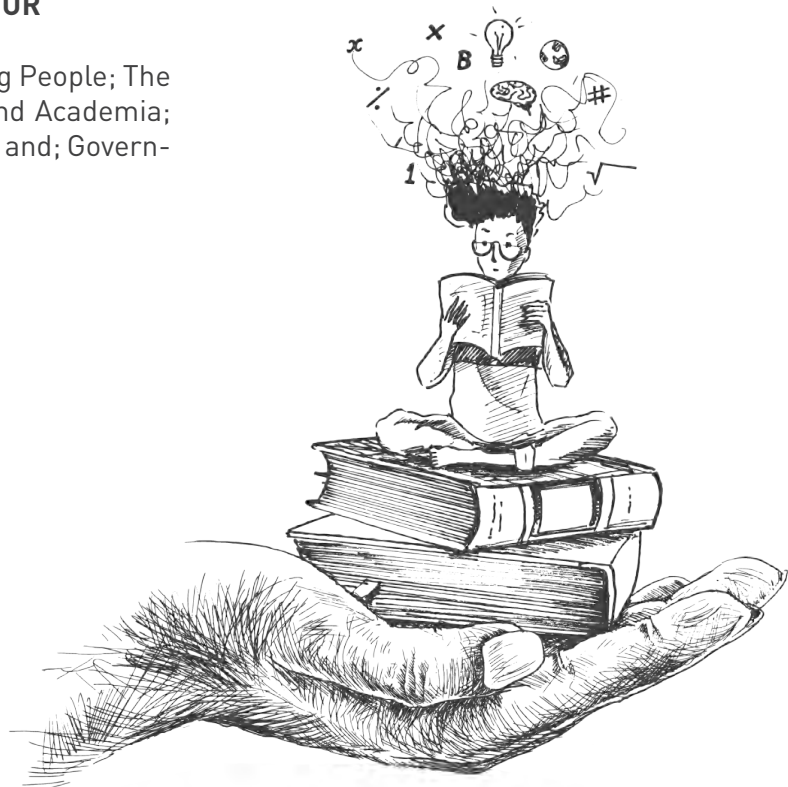
Our targeted stakeholders include Young People; The General Public; The Media; Scholars and Academia; Civil Society Leaders; Business Leaders and; Government Leaders.

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Gaborone, Botswana



MOTHEO O MOSHA
THE NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT



TANZANIA YOUTH VISION ASSOCIATION



ABOUT THE YOUTH ONLINE DIALOGUE DESCRIPTION

In partnership with Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) through the Charter Project Africa, TYVA implements the Multi-media ACDEG Campaign project which intends to mobilize the massive youths' voices toward the ratification of the African Charter on Democracy Election and Good governance as well as influencing the government of Tanzania to ratify the charter.

In the period of Quarter one TYVA organized five youth dialogues (online dialogues) through Google Meeting whereby Youths from Mwanza, Dar es salaam, Lindi, Dodoma and Mbeya came up together to discuss the issue of ACDEG. The dialogues commenced on 20th January 2023 with youth from Dar es salaam and ended on 25th January 2023.

In these dialogues youths were able to share their views and asking question to or keynote speakers on the matter related to ACDEG. The dialogues managed to reach a total of 275 young people from youth led CSO's, young lawyers, Human rights advocates, youth from political parties' youth leagues and youth from TYVA established working groups available in Dar Es Salaam where 56% represented by males' participants and 44% represented by female participants.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONTENT'S DELIVERED

The dialogues brought on the discussion the key note speakers from different background i.e Academic Institution, CSO's and Political Aspirants to discuss the matter on the Africa Charter on Democracy, Election and Good Governance (ACDEG).

TOPICS COVERED DURING THE DIALOGUES.

General understanding of the Africa charter on Democracy, Election and good governance (Looking at How and Why Tanzania

did not sign to date so far...?) The role of Civil society to influence the government of Tanzania to sign and ratify the charter.

The opportunities that youths of Tanzania lack for not signing and ratify the charter. What should be the way forward to make sure that the government is agreeing to sign and ratify the charter.

QUICK WINS OF THE DIALOGUES.

The dialogue had reached-out to 275 youths. Enhanced awareness about the charter to 275 young people from five regions. Strengthen network among youth led CSOs in five regions.

The dialogues managed to come up with a joint draft youth lens recommendations towards the ratification of the ACDEG.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSON LEARNED.

The validation and ratification of Africa democratic charter depends on the will of political leaders with the aim of protecting and promoting democracy and good governance.

Possibility of Scaling: although we had planned limited numbers 250 members of the working group and 250 participants during the Dira dialogue from the five regions, TYVA learned that there is a need to further scaling to number of beneficiaries through the existing platforms such as youth working groups i.e. social media campaigns and like.

Enhancing Female Participation: during this reporting period, TYVA learned that there was a low turnout of female participant during the implementation. With this regard TYVA will strategies to improve the turnout of female engagement during the forthcoming engagement.

ABOUT CHARTER PROJECT AFRICA DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES (DGI)



The Charter Project Africa has awarded three grants to SADC organisations – SADC Lawyers Association, Action for Democratic Governance (A4DG), and SADC Youth Network & Center for Young Leaders in Africa. These grants will enable the effective implementation of their Democratic Governance Initiatives (DGIs) in their respective countries. A4DG from Tanzania is leading an initiative to amplify SADC Principles of Democratic Elections.

The SADC Lawyers Association, based in South Africa, focuses on promoting gender responsiveness of the ACDEG on Political Participation of Women in Elections and Electoral Processes. Zambia's SADC Youth Network/ Center for Young Leaders in Africa (CYLA) Zambia is also receiving a grant to promote the Africa Charter in Elections and Political Processes in Zambia.

The Charter Project Africa was launched in November 2021, working in 11 countries across the continent.

It has provided grants, technical assistance, resources, and know-how to civic initiatives that promote democracy and use civic technology to amplify citizen voices together with consortium partners [AfricTivistes](#), [Code for Africa \(CfA\)](#), [Gorée Institute](#), [European Centre for Development Policy Management \(ECDPM\)](#) and [European Partnership for Democracy \(EPD\)](#).

A4DG DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE FOCUS AREAS



**RUNNING ONLINE AND TV
DEMOCRACY TALK SHOWS
THE DEMOCRACY ROOM SHOW**



**RUNNING LOCAL-LEVEL ZONAL
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER VIRTUAL
DIALOGUES**



**DESIGNING AND DISSEMINATING
THE SADC PRINCIPLES OF
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE
POPULAR VERSIONS**



**RUNNING MULTI-MEDIA
CAMPAIGNS**



**CONDUCTING ONE VIRTUAL SADC
MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE**

In partnership with the Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) A4DG is implementing the Digital Advocacy Initiative (DAI) through the Charter Project Africa. This project intends to amplify the SADC principles of democratic elections in Tanzania by mobilising citizen support of mostly young people to demand effective domestication and operationalisation of the agreed principles.

Our DGI intends to amplify and popularise the SADC principles of democratic elections in Tanzania by mobilising citizens' support (mostly young people) to demand the effective domestication and operationalisation of the agreed principles.

The primary target is to influence the government of Tanzania to increase its commitments and effective domestication to ensure democratic principles are periodised and that elections are credible.

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SADCYN/CYLA Democratic Governance Initiative Focus Areas



Our activities focus on enhancing democratic governance, contributing to public discourse, and understanding the role of regional bodies and instruments in electoral cycles. We propose to leverage the use of technology to our primary target groups to make use of the ACDEG to influence and inform duty bearers on the need to incorporate progressive, pan-African clauses in the political party policy, national electoral laws, and individual manifestos during the electoral cycle.

Specific Objectives:

1. Increase awareness, and understanding to facilitate dialogue on the ACDEG and its principles among electoral stakeholders.
2. To increase citizens' knowledge of their rights and responsibilities during the electoral cycle, through information dissemination on media platforms.



**SENSITIZATION WORKSHOPS IN
SELECTED ZAMBIA PROVINCIAL
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Empowering youth; Leaving no one behind

SADC-LA DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE FOCUS AREAS



In Africa there is a challenge on gender discrimination and a limited participation of women in electoral processes.

The SADC-LA project seeks to assess the gaps and areas for improvement in terms of gender responsiveness of ACDEG using civic technology . This is a direct response to challenges and barriers witnessed in regard to the participation of women in democracy, governance and electoral processes to enhance promotion of human rights, strengthen the rule of law and improve political , economic and social governance.

The Charter is clear on the aforementioned issue and how challenges can be addressed for instance through approaching the Democracy and Electoral Assistance Unit for advisory services for strengthening electoral institutions and processes.



BASELINE DESK RESEARCH ANALYZING THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN ELECTION



LAUNCH OF THE RESEARCH REPORT AT THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING



DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERACTIVE CIVIC TRACKER



DEVELOPING OF A CHAT BOARD THAT DISCUSSES ABOUT THE ACDEG AND EXPERIENCES OF WOMEN IN POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY



PODCAST TO BE DISSEMINATED BY A REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF GENDER AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS



SADC
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**POLITICAL
PARTIES FOR
RESILIENT AND
INCLUSIVE
DEMOCRACIES IN
SOUTHERN
AFRICA**

OVERVIEW

A regional programme that seeks to contribute to the deepening of democratic governance in southern Africa

PROGRAMME DURATION

November 2023-November 2028

CONTEXT

Political Parties for Resilient and Inclusive Democracy in Southern Africa is a five-year regional programme that DWF is implementing with the support of USAID (Southern Africa). The programme presently covers Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and South Africa.

The programme recognises that inclusive, issues-based democratic political parties are critical to a successful democratic system. This is because political parties provide the main channel for articulating issues of public concern, linking the public to their government. Thus, political parties that understand the needs of citizens are better positioned to advocate for and develop responsive policy positions on issues of public concern.

Furthermore, the programme also acknowledges the centrality of elections to democratic governance. Considering that political parties are the only stakeholders that participate in elections with the sole purpose of winning or retaining power (making political parties the key electoral stakeholders), the programme further recognises the importance for political parties to understand better how they can meaningfully and constructively participate in elections as well as advance electoral reforms that contribute to effective democratic governance and electoral integrity. Against this background, the overall goal for POPRID is to support a trend toward representative multiparty systems with political parties that are responsive to citizens while providing targeted assistance to promote electoral integrity. Through this programme,

DWF therefore seeks to promote representative multiparty systems with democratic and responsive political parties and electoral integrity in selected countries in Southern Africa.

POPRID is consolidating the gains and successes of a similar regional programme—the Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue (SAPP&D) Programme, that DWF concluded in July 2023 and which covered Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi and Zambia.



OUR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Building on the experiences of our predecessor programme (the Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue Programme), we will continue with our three-pronged approach to working with and supporting political parties in the region.

Our implementation strategy will, therefore, comprise a cross-party regional approach, a cross-party country-specific approach and a bilateral (party by party) approach.

A cross-party approach (both at regional and country levels) will promote inter-party dialogue and build consensus on and find solutions to developmental and governance issues of common concern, facilitate opportunities for building a healthy, vibrant and competitive political party environment while at the same time promoting peer learning, mutual understanding and allowing for less fractious competition and the kind of political contestation that engenders societal trust in political parties.

To respond to party-specific challenges, we will complement the regional and country-level cross-party approaches with a bilateral approach, whereby DWF will directly engage with individual political parties to assist them to reflect on and address their respective unique challenges for them to evolve into better functioning democratic institutions that can effectively contribute to the deepening of democratic governance and development.

Underlying this three-pronged strategy is our commitment as DWF to working inclusively by working with both governing and opposition parties, building trust, maintaining strict non-partisanship, and ensuring transparency in the programmes we are implementing.

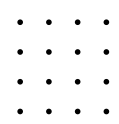
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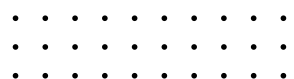
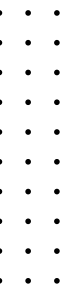
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ABOUT DEMOCRACY WORKS FOUNDATION

Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) is a Southern African non-profit organisation focused on democracy development in the region.

With headquarters in South Africa, DWF works through its country offices to provide tools to develop resilient democracies. Resilient democracy is inclusive, equitable and sustainable consensus democracy. DWF strengthens resilient democracies through 5 programmatic areas of work: monitoring democracy, strengthening institutions and systems, training democrats and leaders, strengthening democratic culture, and working on governance and climate change.

DWF operates in the following countries in the Southern Africa region: Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia.

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