

## AFRICA TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE LEGACY FUND (ATJLF) BECOMES AFRICA'S NEWEST TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE GRANT-MAKING ORGANISATION, GETS A NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Accra, (24<sup>th</sup> August): The Africa Transitional Justice Legacy Fund (ATJLF) announced today that it has become a fully independent public charity limited by guarantee, and based in Accra, Ghana. The Fund, which began as a project with a three-year lifespan, now has a renewed mandate to continue advancing transitional justice and other human rights efforts in Africa through grant-making, network-building, and technical assistance. The organisation has also received a U.S 501C3 public charity-equivalent status.

ATJLF has two complementary programme focus areas. The first aims to rebuild communities and promote survivor agency in post-conflict environments. To that end, it supports pioneering transitional justice responses to mass atrocities, and the implementation of the African Union Transitional Justice Policy in Africa, beginning with seven West African countries (Liberia, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Guinea, Cote D'Ivoire and Northeastern Nigeria). Through our grant-making, the ATJLF is currently supporting 42 organisations across the focus countries. The second and newest programmatic area focuses on reparative justice and racial healing, leveraging the organization's existing networks and building on its strategic relationship with the African Union Commission. Through this work, ATJLF will build on existing efforts across the continent and support the relevant AU organs working on reparative justice, to advance the call for a unified continental agenda on reparations. The strand on racial healing will focus on building bridges and fostering healing and connections between the African continent and the Global Black Diaspora.

"We are aware of the growing difficulty in accessing funding support for transitional justice and other human rights issues in Africa. So, we are particularly pleased with the flexibility of our principal funders, to allow the Fund to morph into a fully-fledged organisation. This transformation from a project to an independent entity will enable us to engage more securely in supporting transformative and impactful justice related issues in Africa. It also offers an opportunity for us to explore for more funding opportunities to support TJ and related efforts on the continent," said Makmid Kamara, Director of ATJLF.

As part of this change, the ATJLF is also pleased to announce that it has reconstituted its seven-member Advisory Committee (AC) by adding three new members. The new Advisory Committee members include **John Ikubaje**, **Sarah Kihika Kasande**, and **Fatou Jagne Senghore**. All three members will serve an initial term of three years. They join the other permanent AC members who are representatives of the two funding foundations. The Advisory Committee makes the grant decisions for the organisation.

"My colleagues and I are proud to associate with the Fund and its accomplishments. It is a privilege and an honor to serve and be part of the ATJLF Advisory Committee. We look forward to working with other distinguished members of the AC and all our stakeholders across the continent, for more groundbreaking interventions on transitional and reparative justice in Africa," said John Ikubaje, newly appointed Chair of the ATJLF Advisory Committee.



The ATJLF will continue its Transitional Justice grant-making work across the seven countries in West Africa and undertake its continental work in collaboration with the African Union and civil society organizations through the reparative justice and racial healing work. The organisation will announce its third round of call for proposals in late September.

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