

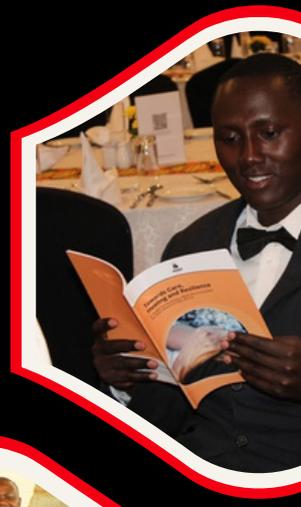


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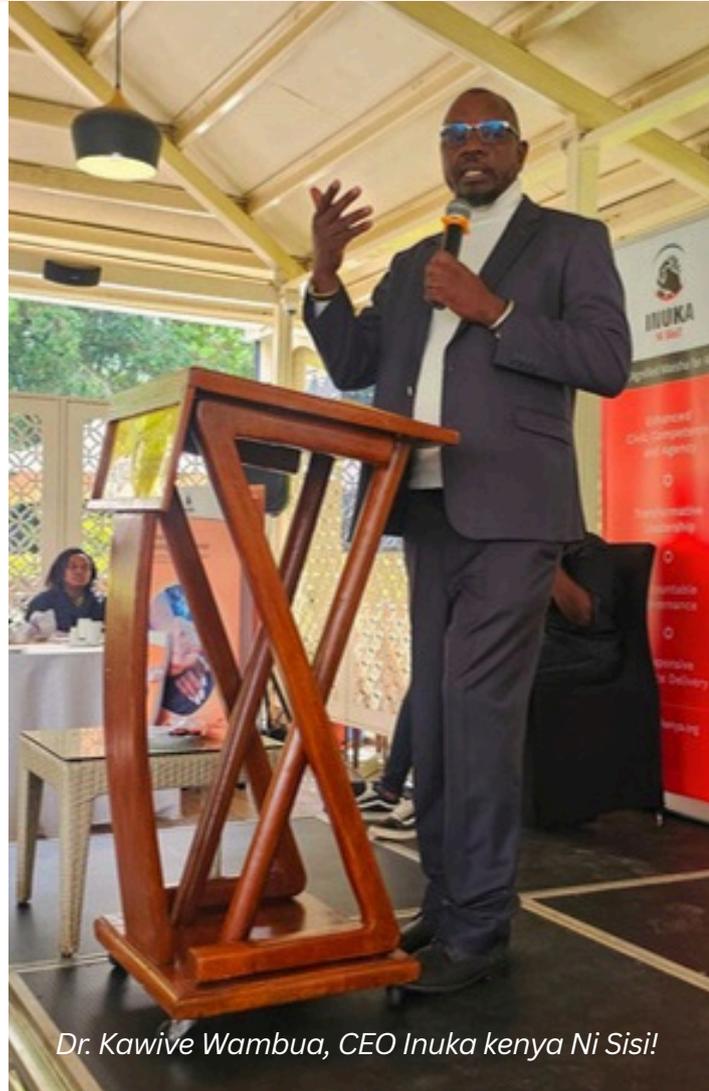
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Reach Us

# Introduction

Dear Partners,

Across Kenya and the East African region, we are witnessing democratic regression. Civic space is narrowing, autocratic tendencies are deepening, and public accountability is under strain. In Kenya, citizens face high taxation and economic distress. In Tanzania, elections have been marred by irregularities and violence. In Uganda, harassment of opposition leaders ahead of elections raises serious concerns about political freedoms. These are not isolated events, they reflect a regional struggle over governance, citizen agency, and constitutionalism. It is within this context that Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! anchors its work.



*Dr. Kawive Wambua, CEO Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!*

We are not observers of decline; we are active participants in democratic renewal. We have evolved from a traditional think tank into a citizen-centered movement institution, translating knowledge into action, from community forums to digital platforms and regional dialogues.

Our 2025 Strategic Plan sharpens this commitment, outlining a clear roadmap for strengthening democratic culture, citizen organizing, and movement resilience. The launch of our Wellness Toolkit affirms a simple truth: sustainable civic action requires psychological and emotional fortitude. In times of repression, resilience is foundational.

# Introduction

Through the East Africa Wellness Hub, we are advancing cross-border learning on trauma healing and civic resilience. Nationally, Maskani ya Taifa continues to anchor transformative community dialogues, while our Movement Building and Enterprise Development programs equip citizens with the organizational and economic tools for sustained agency.

Through the Kesho program and The Elephant platform, we champion rigorous journalism and nurture a generation committed to truth-telling in an era of misinformation. Our digital engagement, particularly on X- continues to expand the democratic square with bold, evidence-based conversations on governance and economic justice.

To our staff, your intellectual rigor and courage sustain this work. To our Board, your stewardship ensures integrity and clarity. To our partners and donors, your trust affirms that principled, citizen-driven work remains possible even in constrained environments.

“Ni Sisi” is more than a slogan, it is a philosophy of shared responsibility. Democratic transformation will not be delivered to us; it must be built by us. Together, we move from Madharau to Heshima, from exclusion to dignity, from silence to voice.

Aluta Continua.

In Solidarity,  
Dr. Kawive Wambua  
CEO, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!

# About Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!

Founded in 2009 in the aftermath of Kenya's 2007–2008 Post-Election Violence, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! Ltd is a grassroots social movement organisation committed to national healing, civic transformation, and inclusive governance. Initially registered as Inuka Kenya Trust, the organisation transitioned into a Company Limited by Guarantee on 19th June 2012, reinforcing its non-profit, public-interest mandate.

At the heart of Inuka's work is the building of "Ni Sisi!" a unifying social movement that calls on citizens and leaders alike to embrace collective responsibility in shaping Kenya's future. Through civic engagement, movement building, and transformative dialogue, Inuka works to strengthen democratic culture, nurture accountable leadership, and improve maisha for all Kenyans.

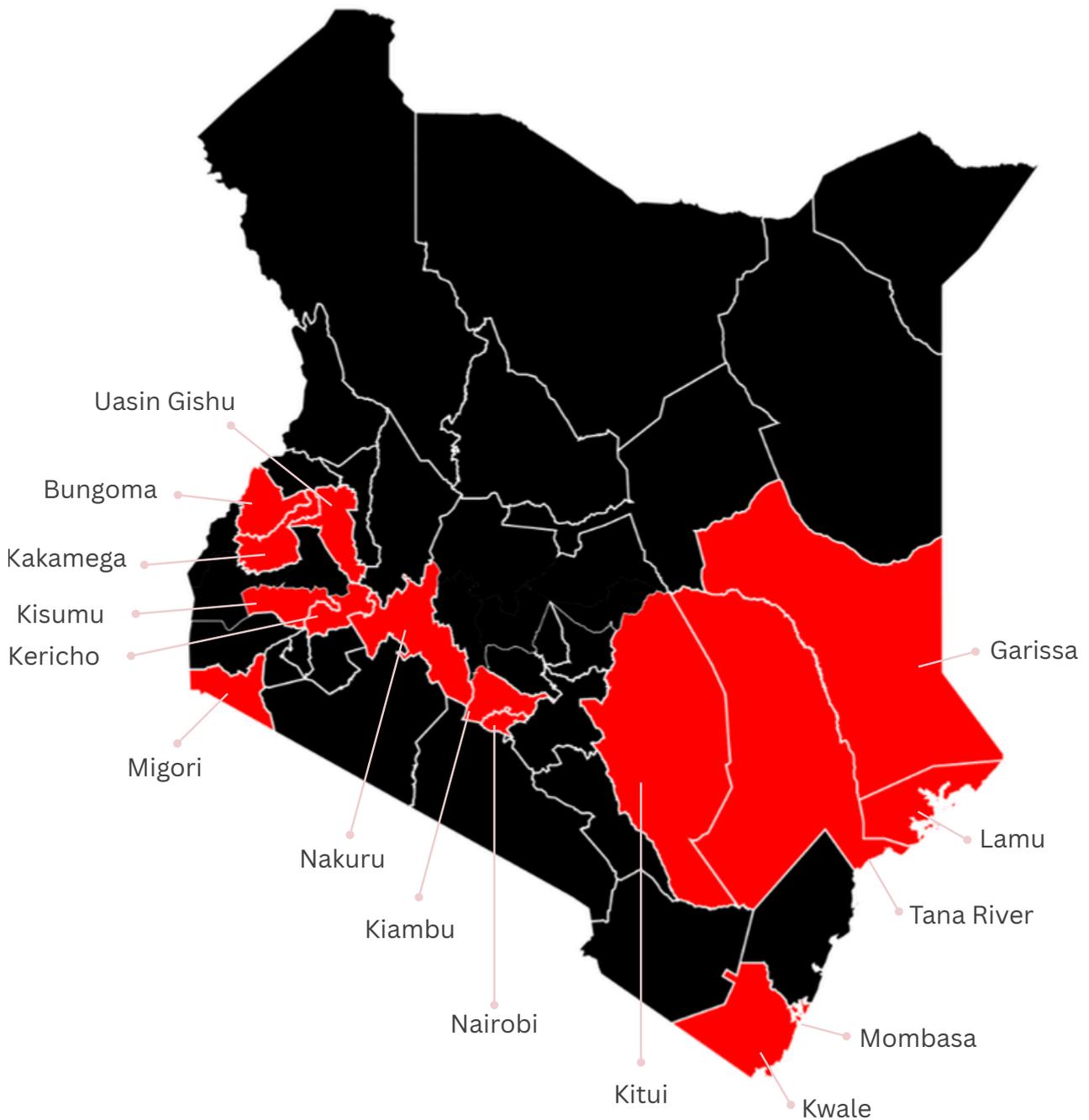
As a Company Limited by Guarantee, Inuka operates without share capital, shareholders, profits, or dividends, ensuring its mission remains firmly rooted in service to the public good.



Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! community issuing a communique

# Our Geographic Focus

Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! currently works across 15 counties, reflecting Kenya's diverse social, political, and economic landscapes.



# Organisational Identity

## Goal

To create and facilitate a social movement (Ni Sisi!) that works to restructure the public sphere.

## Vision Statement

A peaceful, united, and well-governed Kenya where dignity for all is guaranteed.

## Mission Statement

To empower Kenyans to have civic competence and agency for collective action to enhance social justice.



Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! staff members

# Organisational Identity

## Our Guiding Values

At Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, our work is anchored in four core values that shape our movement and mission:

- **Diversity** (Inclusion and harmony): Ni Sisi! believes that our diversity is what glues us together as a nation.
- **Ni Sisi! (Self-Belief)**: Ni Sisi!'s rallying call is that Kenyan problems require Kenyan solutions, and together we Kenyans must rise to take charge of our destiny (Ni Sisi!)
- **Utu**: Ni Sisi! believes in the utu philosophy of “I am because you are” – that an individual's humanity is inextricably linked to the humanity of others, and that recognizing and respecting all people is essential for creating a just society

# Our Approaches

At Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! Ltd, we champion a Kenyan identity that embraces every individual as both African and global citizens. We empower people to access information, speak up, and take action to improve their lives and hold leaders accountable. By highlighting shared experiences and challenges, we bring Kenyans together, turning what divides us into a force that unites and drives positive change through:

- Empowerment of citizens - access to information, freedom of expression, and taking initiative for their socio-economic welfare (knowledge generation, management, and sharing).
- Demand for good governance as a means to achieve socio-economic growth and equality of opportunity for all Kenyans.
- Agitate for a collective identity(ies) - a common human struggle for dignity based on Utu.
- Build a critical mass - unifying/building/facilitating a critical mass of like-minded people/groups/citizens working towards a better society under the Inuka 'Ni Sisi!' umbrella.
- Capacity building of youth, women, and marginalised populations and communities, to ensure they have the civic competence to enable them to advocate for their welfare.
- Curating wellness initiatives for civic catalysts – to create safe processes, spaces, and places that provide respite/ relief for civic catalysts.



# A New Era of Leadership

At the heart of every great movement is the strength of its leadership, and as we embark on our most ambitious chapter yet, we are honored to announce a significant transition within our Board of Directors. Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! is delighted to welcome John Githongo as our new Board Chair and Raya Ahmed as Vice Chair. This leadership transition marks a pivotal moment in our organizational history, signaling a renewed commitment to the fight for accountability and the restoration of dignity in our public life.



John Githongo



Raya Ahmed

As we welcome this new leadership team, we also take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our outgoing Chairperson, Mr. Karim Anjarwalla who resigned from the Board in February 2025 and the Vice Chairperson, Professor GCM Mutiso, who acted in the office of the Chairperson till November 2025. Their guidance and wisdom have been instrumental in shaping the foundation upon which we stand today. We celebrate their dedicated service and the legacy of integrity they leave behind, which has prepared us to step boldly into the future



Karim Anjarwalla



Professor GCM Mutiso

# East Africa Wellness Hub

Across East Africa, 2025 became a year when civic actors finally exhaled. Through the Wellness Program, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! and its regional partners have created the East Africa Wellness Hub and placed healing at the center of activism, acknowledging that behind every act of courage stands a human being carrying stories, scars, and an unspoken need for care.

From the quiet reflection circles in Dar es Salaam, where Tanzanian civic catalysts named their pain aloud for the first time, to the serene Tulia Space in Kampala, where defenders found therapy, dignity, and renewed strength, the program reminded the region that resilience is not born from endurance alone, it grows where people feel seen, safe, and supported.

This year, wellness became more than a session. It became a movement. A shift in mindset. A collective commitment to break the cycle of trauma that too often shadows those working at the frontlines of justice.



A wellness activity in Karura Forest, Nairobi

# East Africa Wellness Hub

In Tanzania, civic actors embraced grounding, yoga, and peer-led healing. In Uganda, one-on-one therapy restored hope for defenders battling depression and burnout. And across the region, moments like “Wellness Wednesday” burst open new ways of reclaiming joy, through music, movement, and community.

The East Africa Wellness Hub program has shown that healing is not a detour from activism; it is part of the revolution. It is how civic actors rise each morning ready to fight for democracy, dignity, and human rights, because someone, somewhere, is fighting for them too.



Wellness for Human Rights Defenders

# Movement Building

In 2025, the Movement Building program took giant steps toward a bold vision: a Kenya where every citizen has the power and the tools to lead. This wasn't just about meetings or reports; it was about building a real, living social movement of people who take charge of their own governance.

From the very beginning of the year, our mission was clear: to move beyond just "talking" about change and start building the local foundations to make it happen. We focused on waking up the power in our counties, bringing people together for national conversations, and ensuring that every Kenyan, especially the youth, has a say in our country's future.



National People's Convention in Limuru

# Movement Building

## This Year Was Defined by Three Big Shifts

**Local Power:** We didn't just work from an office; we helped set up seven active Ni Sisi Chapters across the country, from Mombasa to Bungoma.

**National Unity:** We hosted major events, such as the National People's Convention, where over 600 people from all walks of life, including students, workers, and faith leaders, came together to set a shared agenda for the nation.

**Real Action:** We saw citizens standing up for themselves, whether it was young leaders protecting their digital rights or local chapters successfully challenging laws that didn't serve the people.

Everything we did in 2025 was aimed at one goal: making sure that democracy isn't something that happens to us, but something that we drive. As you read this newsletter, you'll see the stories of the people and the communities that are making this new Kenya a reality.

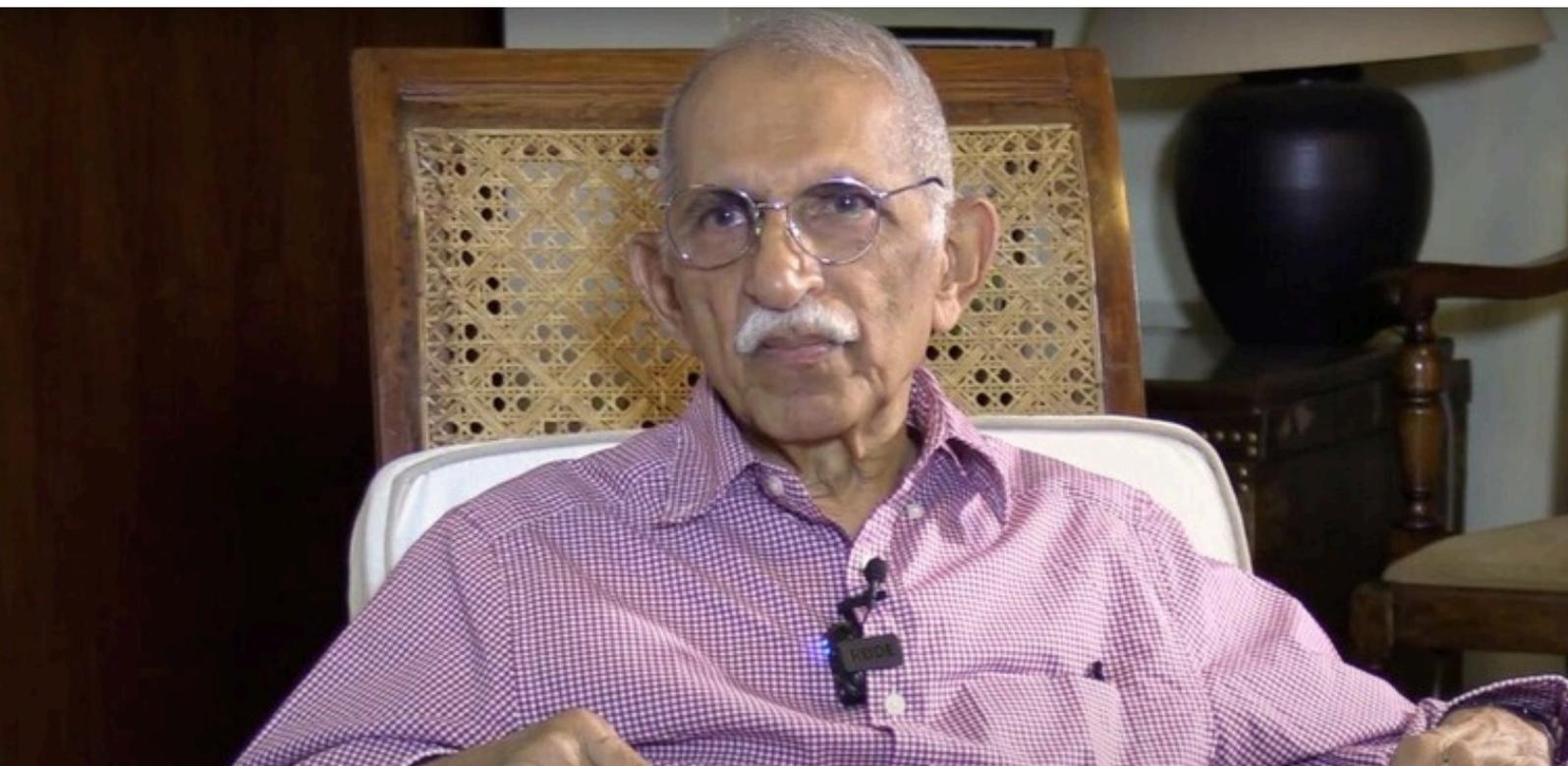


Kisumu Ni Sisi! Chapter Members

# Kesho

In 2025, The Elephant reaffirmed its role as Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!'s intellectual engine, holding space for memory, critique, and imagination amid democratic erosion and narrative capture. Operating from a clear premise that ideas shape power, The Elephant invested in the rigorous production and curation of knowledge that challenges neo-colonial, rentier, and authoritarian logics.

Through The Elephant platforms, the programme sustained a steady flow of in-depth analysis, reflections, investigative work, and multimedia storytelling that interrogated Kenya's political culture while preserving lived histories and alternative pathways. A defining feature of this work was the Intergenerational Solidarity Series, which convened veteran human rights defenders and reform leaders like the late Senior Counsel Pheroze Nowrojee to confront the continuities and ruptures in Kenya's struggle for justice. These conversations resisted historical amnesia, surfaced hard truths, and affirmed the necessity of collective memory in sustaining democratic resistance.



The Late Senior Counsel Pheroze Nowrojee during the Intergenerational Solidarity interview

# Enterprise Development

In 2025, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! Limited redefined the intersection of the marketplace and the town hall. We moved beyond the traditional "business training" model, operating on a singular, powerful conviction: economic justice is the bedrock of civic agency. Across Nakuru, Mombasa, Kwale, Eldoret, Kisumu, and Bungoma, our Enterprise Development program evolved into a movement for social transformation. By positioning enterprise as both a survival strategy and a platform for civic expression, we enabled marginalized communities, youth, artisans, and women to build wealth while simultaneously asserting their right to govern. Through collaborative design sessions, we didn't just consult these communities; we co-created sustainable ventures in agribusiness, artisan trades, and the blue economy, fusing local creativity with a sharp civic consciousness.



Eunice Wanjiku, Enterprise Development Program Officer during a training in Kisumu

# Enterprise Development

The strength of this vision was amplified by a robust ecosystem of partners, including Wylde International, KCDF, and Tangaza University. These strategic alliances transformed raw ideas into viable, community-driven enterprises through mentorship and funding. The year's crowning achievement was the birth of the Kisumu Creative Community Hub, a youth-led Community Hub that serves as both an economic engine and a sanctuary for activism. By producing branding and merchandise for social movements and other activists, the Hub proves that when a community owns its economic narrative, it reclaims its political voice.

# Maskani Ya Taifa

In 2025, Maskani Ya Taifa served as a key hub for governance accountability. By combining data-driven digital advocacy with long-term community organizing, we made sure the nation's pulse was heard in the halls of power. From strengthening Ni Sisi! chapters in Mombasa to seeding new civic hubs in Bungoma and Lamu, we have decentralised democracy.



Linet Akeyo, Program Officer Maskani Ya Taifa, during a digital training session in Kisumu

Our intellectual contributions reshaped the national narrative on public finance, debt justice, and the 2025 Privatisation Bill. Through the #WhoLeadsIEBC campaign, Maskani Ya Taifa demonstrated the efficacy of organized oversight, successfully challenging controversial nominees to safeguard the integrity of our electoral institutions. This was not merely activism; it was the clinical application of civic pressure to uphold constitutional legitimacy.

# Maskani Ya Taifa

Beyond our borders, Maskani Ya Taifa emerged as a formidable voice in continental policy spheres. From the African Conference on Debt and Development in Accra to the Debt and Development Academy in Arusha, we contributed to a cross-border intellectual exchange that is redefining economic justice across Africa. Locally, our "Digital Resilience" initiative equipped 210 champions across six counties with the technical expertise to navigate an evolving information landscape, countering misinformation with narrative-shifting precision.

Our commitment to social justice remained unwavering, from supporting #JusticeForAlbertOjwang to resisting illegal evictions and advancing gender justice. Through strategic partnerships with the Okoa Uchumi coalition and organizations such as Transparency International Kenya, we have strengthened a united front for transparency.

We enter 2026 not as spectators, but as the architects of a resilient, informed, and active citizenry. We have solidified Maskani Ya Taifa as a data-driven, people-powered program that is fundamentally re-engineering Kenya's governance landscape. The progress of 2025 is a testament to the power of a collective, organized voice.

# Civic Technology

As Kenya's civic space evolves, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! is meeting the moment by integrating ICT and innovative communication strategies through the Digital Convergence program. This initiative has transformed the way we work, amplifying community voices, mapping civic challenges in real-time, and creating digital platforms that connect Maskani Hubs and Ni Sisi Chapters across counties. By embedding technology into our programs, we have supported initiatives ranging from grassroots civic engagement and advocacy campaigns to training in digital storytelling, social media amplification, and online civic monitoring, ensuring that every action is strategic, visible, and impactful.

Digital Convergence has turned technology into a tool for empowerment and collaboration. Local leaders and community members can now share insights, track progress, and coordinate efforts efficiently, fostering a culture of innovation and resilience. By weaving technology into every facet of our work, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! continues to transform information into civic power—moving communities from awareness to agency, and from participation to meaningful influence.



# Institutional Strengthening

In 2025, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! turned its focus inward, strengthening the foundation that sustains its public work. The year marked the launch of the organization's new strategy in November, setting a clear and confident direction for the years ahead. It was more than a document; it was a statement of intent about the future we are building.

With this renewed clarity, programs were realigned under a focused annual work plan, and a reflective year-end review created space to assess progress and draw lessons for 2026. Internally, systems grew stronger through a performance-based management approach that enhanced accountability and staff development. New team members joined to reinforce Movement Building, Maskani Ya Taifa and Communications, strengthening program delivery.



Inuka Kenya staff together with members of the Board

# Institutional Strengthening

Governance and financial stewardship remained firm. Updated policies, the adoption of a Board Charter, and an unqualified audit opinion affirmed the organization's commitment to transparency and sound management.

A significant milestone came when the Board approved a site in Nanyuki for the construction of the Inuka Wellness Sanctuary, a bold step toward creating a dedicated space for healing, reflection, and resilience.

Step by step, Inuka continues to build an institution that is stable, accountable, and future-focused, strengthening its foundation to deepen its impact across Kenya.

# Activity Highlights

## From Madharau to Heshima: Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! Ushers in a New Era of Citizen-Led Change

In 2025, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! reached a defining moment in its journey of civic transformation with the launch of its Strategic Plan 2025 and Beyond, a bold blueprint for Kenya's future anchored in the powerful theme "From Madharau to Heshima."

This milestone was more than the unveiling of a strategic document; it was a declaration of intent, a call to restore dignity, accountability, and respect at the heart of public life. It reaffirmed a truth long guiding Inuka's mission: real change begins not in boardrooms or political offices, but in the hands of citizens themselves.



John Githongo, Rev. Bonface Chesosi, Raya Ahmed, and Salima Macharia during the launch of Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!'s Strategy.

# Activity Highlights

The new strategy envisions a Kenya where leadership is defined by service, integrity replaces impunity, and every citizen's voice carries weight. It challenges the culture of broken promises and passive citizenship, urging Kenyans to reclaim their agency and demand governance rooted in respect and responsibility.

From Madharau to Heshima is more than a theme; it is a movement. It captures a collective awakening, a shift from disillusionment to dignity, from silence to action. It is a reminder that Kenya's transformation will not be handed down; it will be built, lived, and defended by its people. As Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! steps boldly into this new chapter, the message is clear: citizens are not spectators, they are architects of the nation's destiny.

[Download our Strategic Plan 2025 and Beyond](#) and join the movement from Madharau to Heshima.

## **Towards Care, Healing, and Resilience: A New Era for Civic Actors**

Civic actors across East Africa now have a powerful new ally in their pursuit of justice and social transformation, the Towards Care, Healing, and Resilience Wellness Toolkit. Developed by Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! in 2025, this groundbreaking resource marks a turning point in how the well-being of those driving change is understood and supported.

For years, civic actors have carried the heavy burden of advocacy, fighting for equality, accountability, and good governance, often at the expense of their own mental and emotional health. Burnout, fatigue, and stress have too often been accepted as the cost of commitment. The Wellness Toolkit challenges that narrative, offering a structured, practical approach to embedding care and healing within organizations and movements.

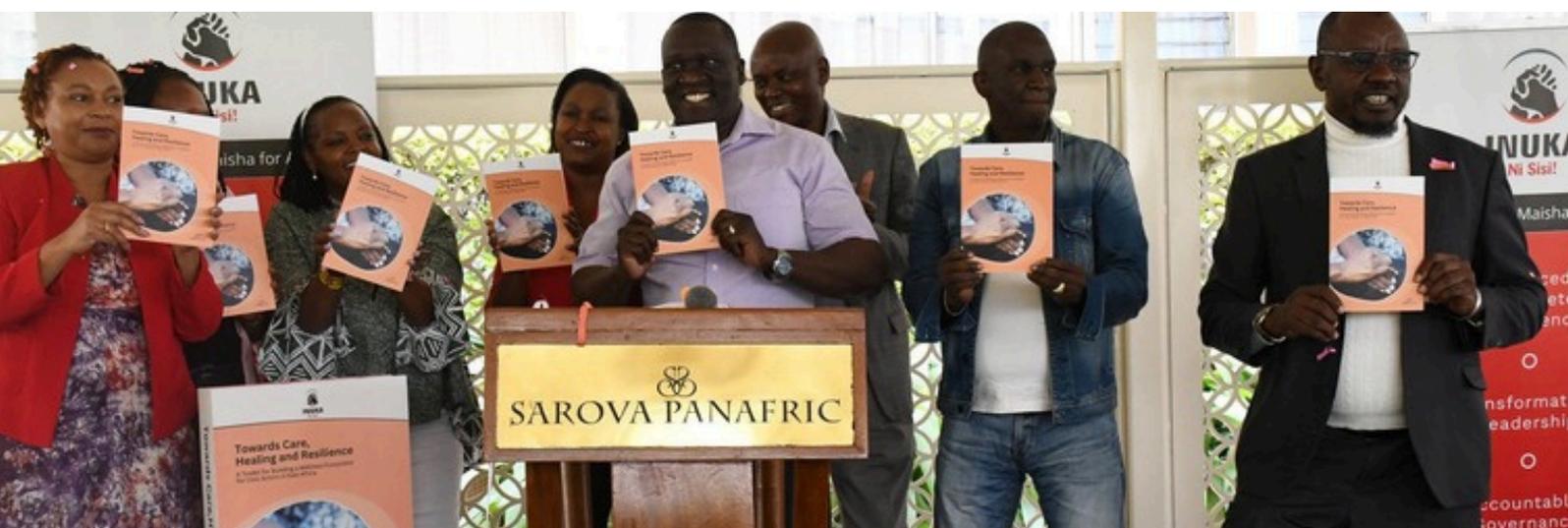
# Activity Highlights

More than a manual, the toolkit is a movement for sustainable activism. It guides organizations through assessing wellness needs, designing responsive strategies, and building systems that prioritize emotional and psychological safety. By doing so, it ensures that those who nurture communities are themselves supported and protected.

The toolkit empowers organizations to move beyond one-off wellness activities toward a culture of continuous care. It equips leaders with tools to foster healthier work environments, strengthen team cohesion, and sustain long-term impact.

For civic actors long accustomed to running on empty, the Towards Care, Healing, and Resilience Wellness Toolkit offers more than guidance; it offers hope. It signals a new era where healing and resilience are recognized as essential pillars of effective, enduring social change.

[Download the Towards Care, Healing, and Resilience Wellness Toolkit](#) and join the movement toward sustainable activism.



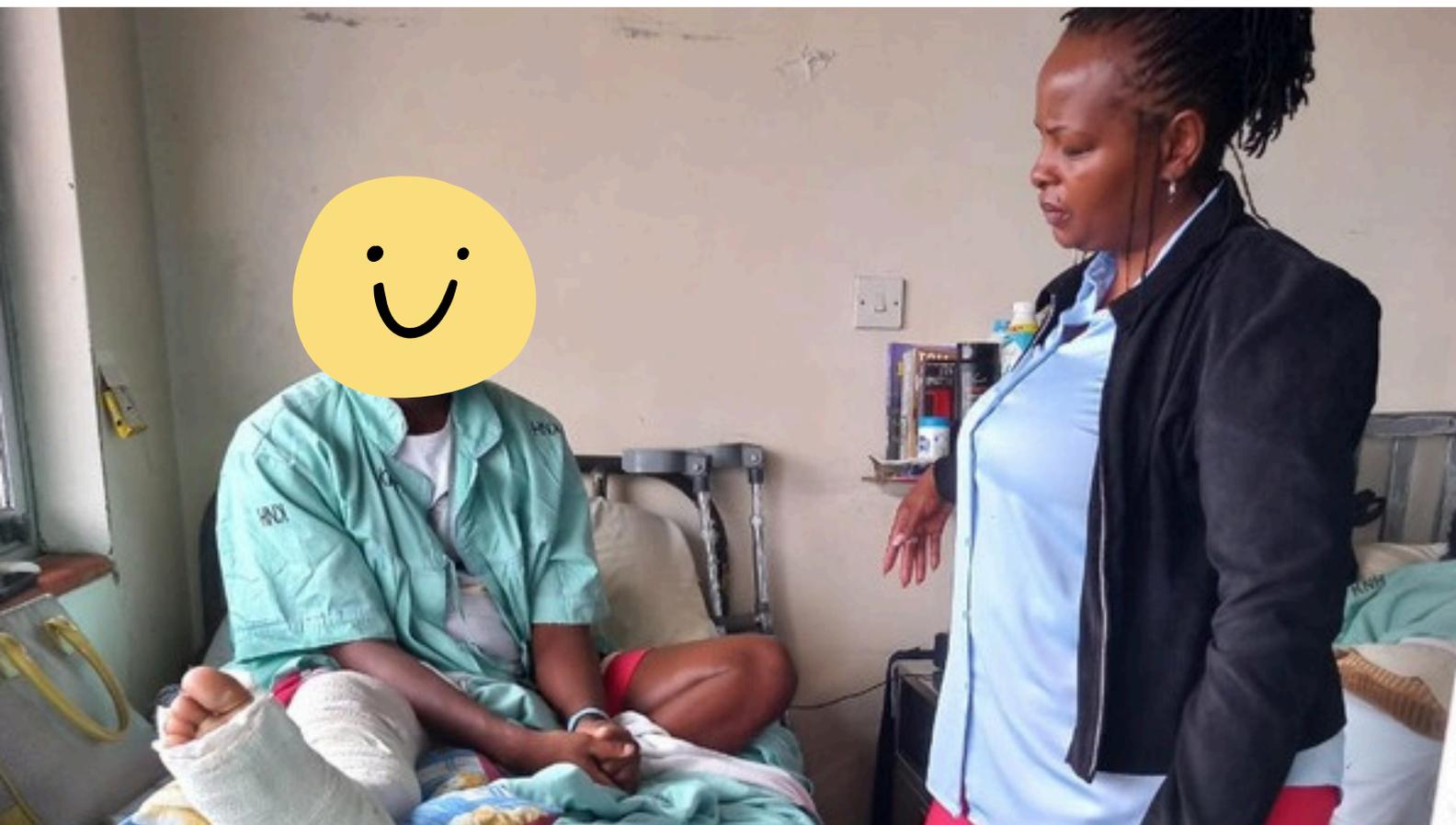
Anne Gathumbi alongside partners during the Wellness Toolkit Launch — a collaborative step toward strengthening care, resilience, and community wellbeing.

# Activity Highlights

## Beyond the Bullets: A Journey of Healing for Kenya's Young Protesters

In early 2024, the streets of Nairobi echoed with the voices of Kenya's Gen Z youth demanding change. Yet amid their fight for a better tomorrow, many young protesters were left badly injured, lying in hospital beds at Kenyatta National Hospital. These young warriors faced more than just physical wounds; the silence around their pain was heavy, and the psychological scars were even heavier.

Into this quiet struggle stepped Inuka Kenya's Wellness Program team. With gentle footsteps and caring hearts, they visited some survivors, offering more than medicine. They offered something rare, an open ear and a safe space to share fear, trauma, and loneliness. For many, it was the first time someone truly asked, "How are you really coping?" and waited to listen.



Salima Macharia, Wellness Program Officer at KNH, with a Gen Z protester injured during the 2024 demonstrations

# Activity Highlights

In the soft light of the hospital rooms, stories unfolded. Young Kenyans spoke of shattered dreams, and the heavy weight of recovery, but also of hope ignited through connection and being heard. Slowly, they began reclaiming their dignity and voices, reminding themselves and the world that healing is not just physical, it is deeply human.

Though the road ahead is long, Inuka Kenya's work reveals a shared truth: healing is a journey taken not alone but together. These young survivors, supported by their families and communities, continue to inspire us all to stand by their side. The call now is for all of us, partners, donors, and citizens, to walk with them, ensuring that neither their wounds nor their courage go unseen.

## Wellness Wednesday: Nurturing the Heart of Activism

In 2025, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! introduced Wellness Wednesday, a refreshing pause for Kenya's civic actors who tirelessly champion change. On select Wednesday afternoons, activists traded meetings and protests for music, movement, and laughter. Through Zumba, dance, and creative expression, they found space to breathe, heal, and reconnect.



Zumba dance instructors at a Wellness Wednesday event

# Activity Highlights

The idea behind Wellness Wednesday is simple yet transformative: activism and well-being must go hand in hand. The sessions blend music, dance, creative expression, and mindfulness practices, offering participants a chance to reconnect with themselves and each other. Rooted in a non-medical, community-centered approach, the program promotes holistic well-being, psychosocial support, and collective resilience. Participants also access pro bono counseling and therapy, ensuring continued emotional support beyond the sessions.

By embedding wellness into activism, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! is redefining how social change is sustained. When civic actors are well, their movements thrive, and so do the communities they serve.



Participants during the Wellness Wednesday event

# Activity Highlights

## The Intergenerational Solidarity Series, A Conversation Kenya Needs Now

In 2025, a powerful collaboration between The Kesho Program and Civic Voice, brought Kenya's democratic journey into sharp and timely focus. The Intergenerational Solidarity Series bridges the wisdom of seasoned defenders of democracy with the courage and questions of a new generation demanding justice, dignity, and accountable governance.

Across eight compelling episodes, voices such as Pheroze Nowrojee, SC Gitobu Imanyara, Muthoni Wanyeki, Martha Karua, Prof. Karuti Kanyinga, and Prof. Maria Nzomo reflect on Kenya's long arc of resistance, reform, and citizen agency. Their conversations connect past struggles to today's civic awakening, offering context, clarity, and renewed resolve.

More than a reflection on history, the series situates the June 2024 Gen Z protests within Kenya's broader democratic journey, reminding us that democracy is not inherited, it is defended, deepened, and reimagined by every generation.



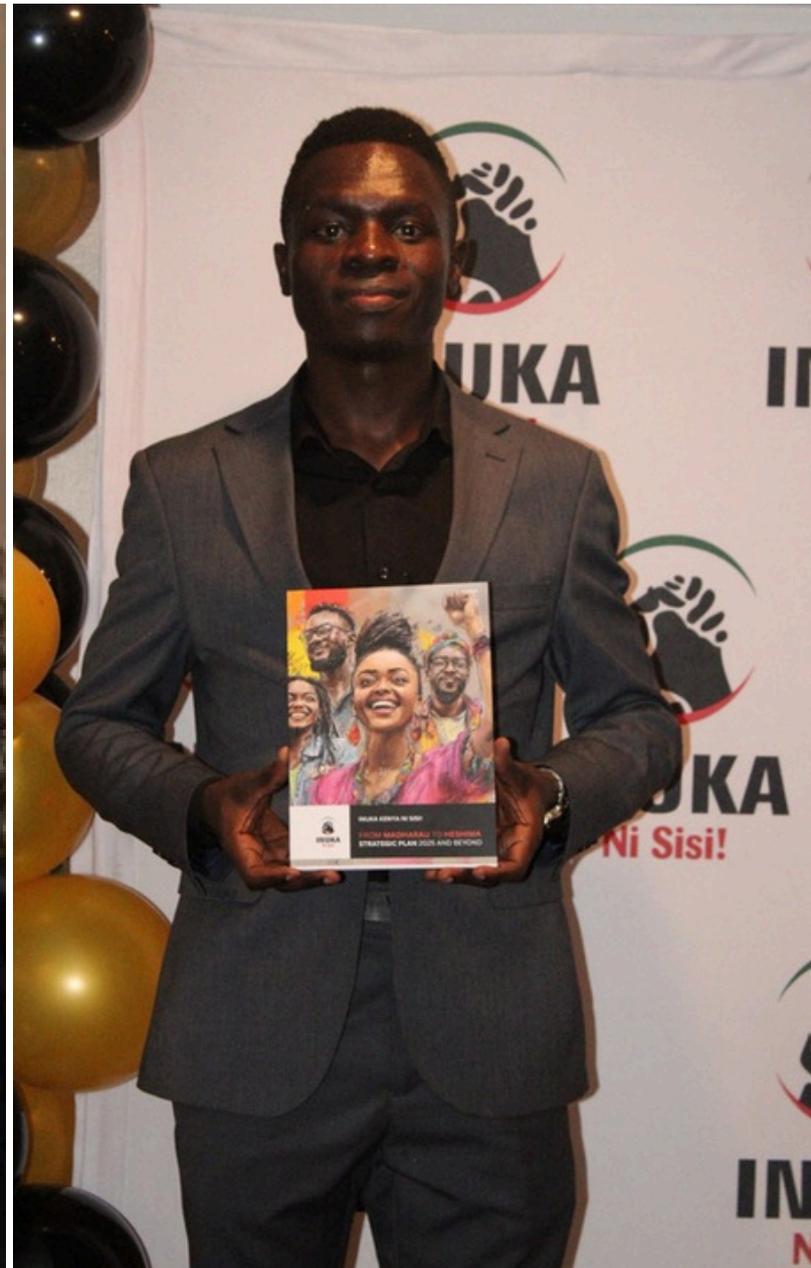
Gitobu Imanyara, former Member of Parliament for Imenti Central on the Intergenerational Solidarity Series

# Activity Highlights

At a time when national conversations on governance and accountability are intensifying, this series stands as both a bridge and a call to action: to learn from the past, engage the present, and collectively shape Kenya's future. Watch, Listen, and Join the Dialogue. Click below to explore the full Intergenerational Solidarity Series on The Elephant and dive into these powerful conversations: [Intergenerational Solidarity](#).



Sophie Mugure - Member of RGM



Joshua Okayo - Active Citizen

# Activity Highlights

## Building a Resilient Community of Entrepreneurs

When Tanzania issued a directive restricting foreign participation in key SME sectors, the news sent ripples across the region. For many Kenyan entrepreneurs and cross-border traders, it raised urgent questions about market access, business continuity, and the future of trade within the East African Community (EAC).

Rather than watch uncertainty unfold from the sidelines, Inuka Kenya stepped in to create space for clarity, dialogue, and collective problem-solving. Through a two-day X Space series hosted under the Enterprise Development initiative, young entrepreneurs, small business owners, and cross-border traders gathered online to unpack the directive and its implications. The conversations brought together policy experts and digital mentors who broke down complex regional developments into practical, actionable insights.

Participants explored what the directive meant for their enterprises, how to assess emerging risks, and how to strategically adapt their business models. More importantly, the sessions empowered them to see policy not as distant decisions made elsewhere, but as realities they can understand, question, and respond to with confidence.

The result was more than knowledge transfer. It strengthened digital civic engagement, a growing community of entrepreneurs better equipped to participate in regional economic discussions and navigate shifting trade landscapes with resilience.

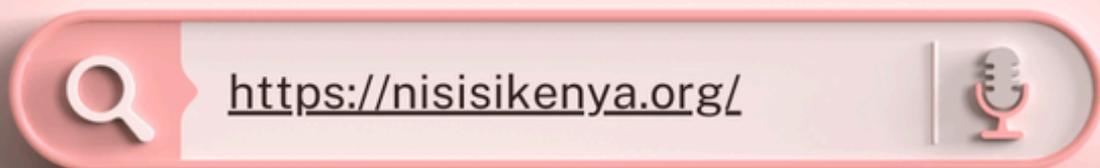
# Activity Highlights

## A Digital Home Reimagined: Inclusivity at the Heart of Innovation

In a defining stride toward digital transformation, the organization has unveiled its newly redesigned website, a milestone that blends technology, accessibility, and purpose. Spearheaded by the Digital Convergence Team, this relaunch is more than a visual upgrade; it is a statement of intent to make the digital experience inclusive, intuitive, and empowering for all.

Beyond accessibility, the website now offers a refined storytelling experience. Visitors can explore the organization's work, impact, and insights through a clearer, faster, and more engaging interface. The improved structure enhances how stories are told and how audiences connect with the mission behind them.

As the website continues to evolve, it will remain guided by user feedback and the principles of inclusive design. [Explore the new website](https://nisisikenya.org/), experiencing a digital space where accessibility meets excellence.



# Activity Highlights

## Welcoming Lamu and Bungoma to the Movement

Kenya's civic space has long been characterized by a paradox: while our constitution guarantees participation, the reality for many remains a cycle of *madharau*, where citizen voices are muted, and engagement is treated as a mere formality. At Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, we are actively dismantling this culture of disregard. We believe that for democracy to be authentic, it must be lived and breathed at the grassroots. In 2025, we took a bold step forward in this mission by officially expanding our Ni Sisi Chapters and Maskani Hubs into Lamu and Bungoma counties.

This expansion was far more than a geographic milestone; it was a deliberate investment in deepening Kenya's democratic roots. In both counties, our entry was anchored in a commitment to co-creation rather than top-down instruction. We didn't arrive with pre-packaged solutions; instead, we opened the floor for listening and collective problem-solving. In Lamu, a landmark forum brought together youth leaders and community organizers to sharpen their tools for local advocacy. Meanwhile, in Bungoma, a vibrant surge of citizen mobilization proved that there is a massive hunger for governance rooted in trust and genuine accountability.



Prof. Nyukuri, Bungoma Ni Sisi Chapter member leading a discussion

# Activity Highlights

By establishing these new Chapters, we have created living laboratories for civic innovation. In these spaces, our newest members are mastering the essential skills of power mapping, narrative framing, and digital organizing, turning local concerns into strategic, non-violent action. The synergy between the coastal resilience of Lamu and the energetic activism of Bungoma offers a powerful blueprint for the rest of the country. It proves that when citizens are treated as partners rather than beneficiaries, they transition from being spectators to becoming the primary architects of their own destiny.

To our new members in Lamu and Bungoma: Welcome to the frontline. Together, we are proving that Kenya's future belongs to all of us.



Lamu Ni sisi Chapter members

# Activity Highlights

## Inuka Kenya Joins EACSOF Governing Council

A bold step onto the regional stage, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! has been elected to serve on the Governing Council of the East African Civil Society Organizations Forum (EACSOF) for the 2025–2027 term, marking a powerful milestone for citizen-led governance in East Africa.

This appointment is not just an institutional achievement; it is a win for citizen-centered governance, civic participation, and stronger civil society collaboration across East Africa. As the official CSO representative within the East African Community (EAC) Dialogue Framework, EACSOF plays a critical role in shaping inclusive regional policy processes.

Inuka Kenya's election to the Governing Council affirms its growing leadership in governance, accountability, and people-driven transformation. It strengthens the voice of Kenyan civil society at the regional table and advances the vision of an integrated East Africa where citizens fully participate in decisions that shape their lives.



Eunice Wanjiku representing Inuka Kenya at the EACSOF convening

# Activity Highlights

## How Maskani Hub is Shaping Accountability in Mombasa

The strength of a democracy lies in the ability of its citizens to hold those in power to account. At Maskani Hub, we believe that change begins with an informed and empowered youth. This year, we are proud to feature a remarkable success story from our Maskani Mombasa Hub, where the tools of advocacy and civic education were put into powerful practice.



Edwin Shammir Maskani Mombasa Lead

# Activity Highlights

During the recent 2025/2026 County Budget hearings, the Maskani Mombasa Hub Leader, Edwin Shamir, stood at the forefront of a movement demanding fiscal transparency. This bold intervention was the direct result of the intensive training and policy dialogues hosted at the Hub. Having transitioned from a concerned resident to a strategic civic leader, the Hub Leader successfully identified critical gaps in the Programme-Based Budget (PBB), specifically questioning the status of the Ksh 3.2 billion stalled stadium and the disappearance of funds meant for local sports facilities.

Working alongside fellow youth who have also been part of the Maskani network, the team moved beyond mere protest to present actionable policy demands. They advocated for the institutionalization of a KSh. 50 million Youth Revolving Fund and a sustainable internship policy to ensure that youth empowerment is a permanent fixture of county planning, not a political favor

By demanding that public resources reflect the needs of the community, the Mombasa Maskani Hub has proven that when we equip young people with the right knowledge, they don't just ask for change—they drive it. They have set a new standard for oversight, proving that the youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow, but the watchdogs of today.

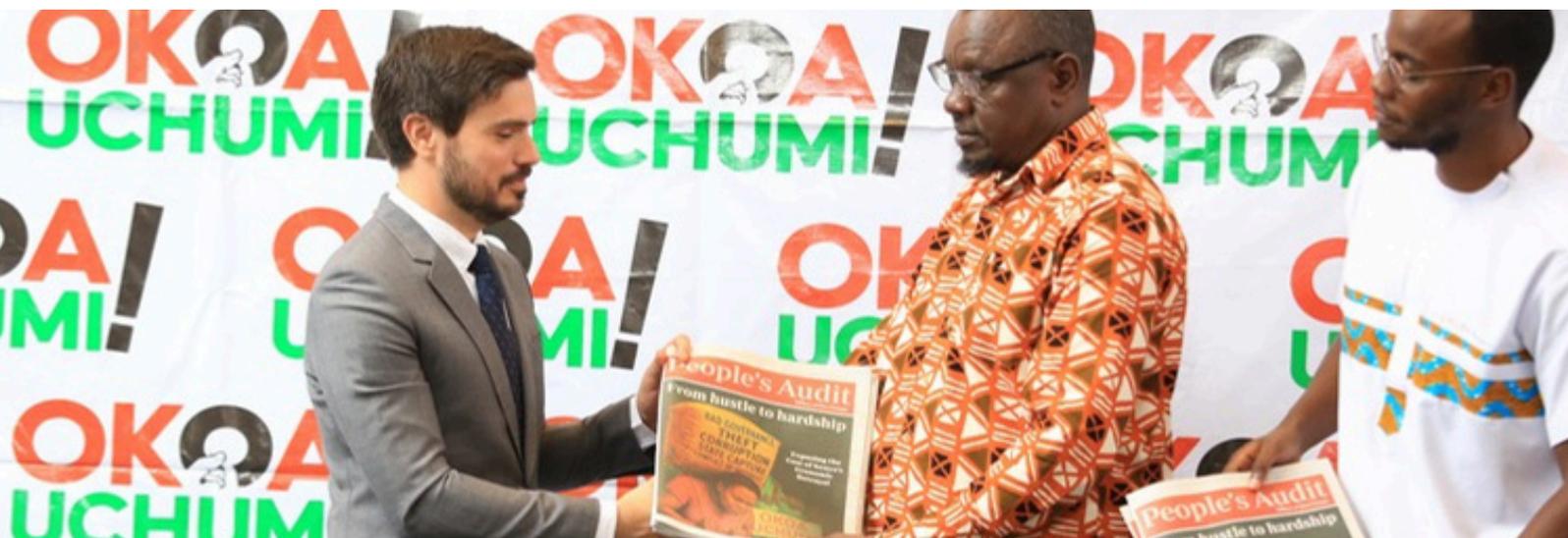
# Partner Events

## The People's Audit Report Launch

As a founding member of the Okoa Uchumi Coalition, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! drove the launch of the People's Audit Report, a rigorous, citizen-led assessment of Kenya's public finance. This landmark document moved beyond state narratives to expose the lived economic reality of Kenyans, focusing on rising, opaque public debt, weakened service delivery, and the crushing taxation pressures defining the year.

By identifying systemic gaps in oversight, the report became a vital tool for civil society and policymakers to demand a more responsible fiscal path. For Inuka, this partnership was a direct extension of our "From Madharau to Heshima" mission; we believe economic dignity is a right and public resources are a sacred trust.

The People's Audit Report was more than a data set; it was a catalyst for renewal. It armed citizens with the facts to demand a budget that serves the people, not just creditors. As we conclude 2025, we remain committed to ensuring national wealth serves the many, rather than the few.



Dr. Kawive Wambua, CEO Inuka Kenya at the People's Audit Report Launch

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## A Legacy in Action: Honoring the Late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga

In a moment of profound national reflection, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! joined fellow civil society leaders in Bondo to pay tribute to the late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. As we stood alongside those who have spent decades in the trenches of reform, we honored a titan whose life was the ultimate blueprint for the struggle for democratic change. His sacrifice was the engine that opened Kenya's civic spaces and gave us the constitutional freedoms we exercise today.



Inuka Kenya Board Chair John Githongo and fellow CSO leaders at Kango ka Jaramogi, honoring the legacy of the Late Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga.

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## Integrity Walk 2025: Stepping Forward for Transparency and Accountability

On September 27, 2025, Nairobi's streets pulsed with purpose as Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! joined Transparency International Kenya for the annual Integrity Walkathon. Under the theme "Stepping Forward for Transparency & Accountability," thousands marched the 8-kilometer route from Freedom Corner, calling for the ethical leadership envisioned in Chapter 6 of the Constitution. For Inuka, this was more than a walk—it was a declaration that integrity remains the only foundation for a just and dignified Kenya.



Inuka Kenya Team During the Integrity Walk 2025

# Partner Events

## 5th Civic Space Protection Summit in Nakuru

At the 5th Civic Space Protection Summit (#CSPS5) in Nakuru, Inuka Participation reaffirmed its leadership in promoting civic wellness and resilience among Kenya's youth and human rights defenders. Through the Inuka Resilience Hub, our signature tent at the summit, we created a safe and restorative space for participants to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with the essence of activism.



Our Resilience Hub tent during the #CSPS5

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## 5th Civic Space Protection Summit in Nakuru

The Hub offered a unique blend of art therapy, mindfulness, and creative expression, demonstrating that self-care is not a retreat from the struggle but a vital part of sustaining it. Our presence underscored Inuka's commitment to integrating mental health and wellness into civic engagement, ensuring that those on the frontlines of democracy remain strong, grounded, and inspired. Inuka's participation at #CSPS5 highlighted our ongoing mission to nurture resilient movements and protect civic space across Kenya, standing firmly with the youth who continue to shape the nation's democratic future.



John Owegi immersed in colouring therapy during #CSPS5 in Nakuru

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Thank you for your interest in Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! and the work we do.

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