LAND DISPOSSESSION

EXTRACTION

CULTURAL ERASURE

RACIALISED BORDERS

EPISTEMIC INJUSTICE

DEBT BONDAGE

STOLEN KNOWLEDGE

AFRIPHOBIA

ECOCIDE

SECURITISATION



ECOLOGICAL REPAIR

RESTITUTION OF LAND

REPARATIVE EDUCATION

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REPARATIONS AND DECOLONISATION



TRI-SECTORAL CONVENING

UFUNGAMANO HOUSE NAIROBI 21-24 OCTOBER 2026

ACTIVISTS · ARTIVISTS · SCHOLARS

Convened by the Racial Justice Network (UK) with the University of Nairobi, Mashujaa Heritage Archives & Library, and other partners.

THE RACIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

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THE THREE DAYS

UFUNGAMANO HOUSE · NAIROBI

DAY 1 — WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

UFUNGAMANO HOUSE · 09:00 TO 15:00

09:00–10:00	**Introduction, Opening Prayer and Institutional remarks** - Opening prayer by Professor Mwinzi, Introductions by Dr Wangari on behalf of RJN and partners; the Chair, Department of Education, University of Nairobi
10:00–11:00	**Keynote and Q&A** - By Esther Xosei
11:00–11:15	Tea and coffee
11:15–12:00	**Panel -** With Scholars: Isaac Mwasia, Makau Kitata, Kimani Njogu and Pamela Ngesa
12:00–12:50	**Comments and Q&A**
12:50–13:00	**Vote of thanks -** By Professor Gunga
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:00	**Networking and departure**

DAY 2 — THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

UFUNGAMANO HOUSE · 09:00 TO 17:00

09:00–10:15	**Introduction and positioning the agenda -** Dr Njuki Githethwa and Esther Xosei
10:15–11:00	**Q&A and comments -** Led by Dr Wangari
11:00–11:15	Tea and coffee
11:15–12:00	**Panel with partners -** Africans Rising, African Futures, Mwamko, Racial Justice Network
12:00–13:00	**Comments and Q&A**
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:00	**Breakout Session -** Groups to discuss key themes on Reparations and Decolonisation
15:00–15:30	**Plenary -** Groups present their conversations, insights and action points
15:30–17:00	**Closing and Departure -** Closing remarks by Esther Xosei

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DAY 3

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026

UFUNGAMANO HOUSE · 10:00 TO 20:00

10:00–12:00	**Introduction and Recap -** By Ndungi Githuku and summary by Dr Njuki Githethwa
12:00–13:00	**Feedback**
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–16:30	**Artivism performances -** See below for more information on the performers
17:00–20:00	**Mashujaa Heritage Archives and Library visit -** Followed by dinner and networking

ARTIVISM BY:

Ndungi Githuku. Dorphan, Vitali Maembe. Monaja. Sefu Sanni, and other artists.
Cultural presentations

FOLLOWED BY DINNER DINNER AND NETWORKING



ARTWORK BY VITALI MAEMBE

WHO DECIDES?

WHOSE KNOWLEDGE?

WHAT OUTLASTS US?

REPARATIONS AND DECOLONISATION

CONCEPT NOTE

THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMING

Tri-Sectoral Convening of Activists, Artivists and Scholars on Reparation and Decolonisation

Background and Context

Colonialism has profoundly shaped our world, creating and entrenching racial, economic, social and epistemic hierarchies that continue to affect societies today. Its legacies are visible in global inequalities, structural racism, the extraction of people and resources, and the marginalisation of Indigenous and racialised communities. These injustices are not artifacts of the past, but ongoing realities that demand sustained analysis, confrontation and transformative action.

Despite growing recognition of these histories, efforts to address the legacies of colonialism remain inadequate. Conversations on reparation and decolonisation are often siloed, with activists, artivists and scholars working in parallel rather than in genuine partnership. Yet each brings vital and distinct contributions: activists mobilise for change, artivists imagine and communicate alternative futures, and scholars provide critical analysis and historical insight.

Rationale

There is an urgent need to bring activists, artivists and scholars together in a shared space to deepen dialogue, build solidarity and explore collective strategies for reparation and decolonisation. Such a convening can foster cross-sectoral learning, strengthen alliances and generate more holistic and effective approaches to addressing the enduring impacts of colonialism.

Reparative and decolonial transformation is not only a matter of redress, but also a pathway to more just, equitable and sustainable futures. By centring the voices, knowledge and creativity of those most affected, this convening seeks to contribute to a broader movement for systemic change.



OVERALL AIM

To bring activists, artists and scholars together in a shared space to deepen dialogue, build solidarity and explore collective strategies for reparation and decolonisation, centring the voices, knowledge and creativity of those most affected.

OBJECTIVES

- Foster cross-sectoral learning and collaboration between activists, artivists and scholars.
- Explore practical strategies for reparation and decolonisation.
- Centre African and diasporic knowledge, leadership and creativity.
- Strengthen collective advocacy for systemic change.
- Generate outputs and partnerships for continued action beyond the convening.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can activists, artists and scholars work together more effectively on reparation and decolonisation?
- What practical strategies can advance justice and address the enduring impacts of colonialism?
- How can African and diasporic knowledge and creativity shape more just and sustainable futures? What forms of collaboration and solidarity are needed to sustain this work?

METHODOLOGY

The convening will use participatory and creative methodologies, including structured dialogue, artistic expression, collective reflection and strategy building, ensuring equitable participation and valuing diverse ways of knowing and sharing.

PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS

The convening will bring together activists, artists, scholars and partners working on reparation, decolonisation and related justice issues, with a focus on those from African and diasporic communities, alongside allies and organisations committed to these goals.

GEOGRAPHIC AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

The convening will have a strong international dimension, connecting perspectives and experiences from Africa, the diaspora and other regions, and fostering global solidarity and knowledge exchange.

ROLE OF THE RACIAL JUSTICE NETWORK – UK AND PARTNERS

The Racial Justice Network (RJN) - UK, in collaboration with partners, will convene, coordinate and facilitate the event, drawing on its networks and experience in racial justice organising. RJN will ensure that the convening is inclusive, accessible and grounded in the lived experiences of communities most affected by colonialism, and will work with partners to shape the agenda, invite participants and support the development of outputs and follow-up actions.

SUSTAINABILITY AND FOLLOW–UP

The convening aims to generate lasting impact by strengthening relationships, developing collaborative initiatives and identifying practical next steps for advocacy, research, artistic projects and community-led action. Follow-up activities will ensure that the conversations, partnerships and outputs continue to contribute to systemic change beyond the event.



WHY WE ARE HERE



The Racial Justice Network (RJN) – UK began its work on decolonisation nearly seven years ago through its International Solidarity Programme, bringing together artivists, scholars and activists. Over the years, this work has grown through workshops, conferences, symposiums and creative collaborations. We now reconnect the three sectors, this time with reparations and decolonisation at the centre of collective inquiry, dialogue and action.

As the legacies of colonialism continue to shape contemporary political, economic, cultural and ecological realities across Africa and the wider world, this convening aims to create a transformative cross-sectoral space for activists, artivists and scholars to collectively interrogate the legacies of colonialism and develop shared visions and strategies for reparation, decolonisation and social transformation.

QUESTIONS WE BRING

- Who should define the terms of reparation, in Africa and in the diaspora?
- What are we defining decolonisation to mean, and from whose position?
- Where does repair pursued through the coloniser's own institutions extend coloniality? What does Kenya's 2013 settlement teach us?
- What forms of self-repair are our communities already carrying out, and what would sustain them?
- Who is authorised to speak for affected communities, and on what basis?
- What would we build, beginning now, that outlasts this gathering?

WHAT COMES AFTER

This convening is the beginning of a process, not a one-off event. Join the Tri-Sectoral Network for Reparations and Decolonisation.

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