

ROOTS2JUSTICE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Three-Day Best Practice
Africa Forum 2026:** Sharing
Peer & Community-Led Legal
Strategies to Tackle Corporate
Environmental Harm and
Related Abuses.



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Roots2Justice invites applications from grassroots leaders and lawyers working with communities across Africa who are confronting human rights and environmental abuses — including those linked to climate change — driven by corporate interests and actions.



The Forum will bring together grassroots activists and legal experts from different jurisdictions to share expertise, lessons learnt and innovative strategies to address local legal challenges. It will be practical and solution-oriented. It will also provide a safe space to build strategic alliances and draw on local, regional and global expertise. The venue for the Forum is still to be confirmed but Nairobi, Kenya is under consideration. **The main language used in the Forum will be English.**

Those wishing to attend are asked to submit an application form (see below). Successful candidates will be chosen from those short-listed after interview.

Selected participants will be awarded a bursary that will cover their travel, accommodation, and meals to attend the 2026 Africa Forum.

ABOUT ROOTS2JUSTICE

Roots2Justice supports grassroots communities and lawyers assisting them working at the intersection of human rights, environmental protection, and climate justice.

We believe that legal action, community empowerment, and international solidarity are essential to resisting harmful corporate and State practices. Our work is dedicated to helping communities build resilience and strengthen their legal tools and strategies.

Learn more about our work: <https://roots2justice.org>



ABOUT THE 2026 AFRICA FORUM

The Three-Day Best Practice Africa Forum will convene in mid-2026, tentatively between July and August, with Nairobi under consideration as the host city. Final dates and location will be confirmed based on applications received.

Topics to be covered include:

- Pros and cons of initiating legal proceedings in domestic and foreign courts
- Strategies for compiling and presenting evidence
- Security risks faced by human rights defenders, environmental advocates, and legal professionals when pursuing justice
- Approaches to bringing cases before non-judicial intergovernmental bodies
- Legal clinics and moot court exercise
- Exploring links between human rights violations, environmental harm, climate change and corporate interests and actions.

Format:

Discussions will be interactive, and Roots2Justice encourages all participants to actively contribute by sharing their knowledge and experiences related to the topics addressed.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a community representative or lawyer working with communities affected by human rights violations or environmental harm resulting from corporate activities. This includes:
 - Violations related to resource extraction, land dispossession, or climate-induced impacts.
 - Violations stemming from corporate attempts to monopolize or exploit natural resources — especially where those resources have already been depleted due to corporate operations and climate change — and where communities are being denied access to them.
- Be actively involved in, or planning to initiate, legal proceedings and or any other legal actions against corporations/State actors responsible for these harms.
- Be ready to share experiences and knowledge and participate actively in sessions.
- Demonstrate a commitment to sharing knowledge gained at the Forum with their community and broader networks.
- Be available for an online interview to discuss your application and the specific legal needs related to your cases.

Please complete [this online form](#) by 17 January 2026.

Interviews will be held in February 2026 (possibly during the second week of the month).

For additional questions about the Forum please email us on coordinator@roots2justice.org