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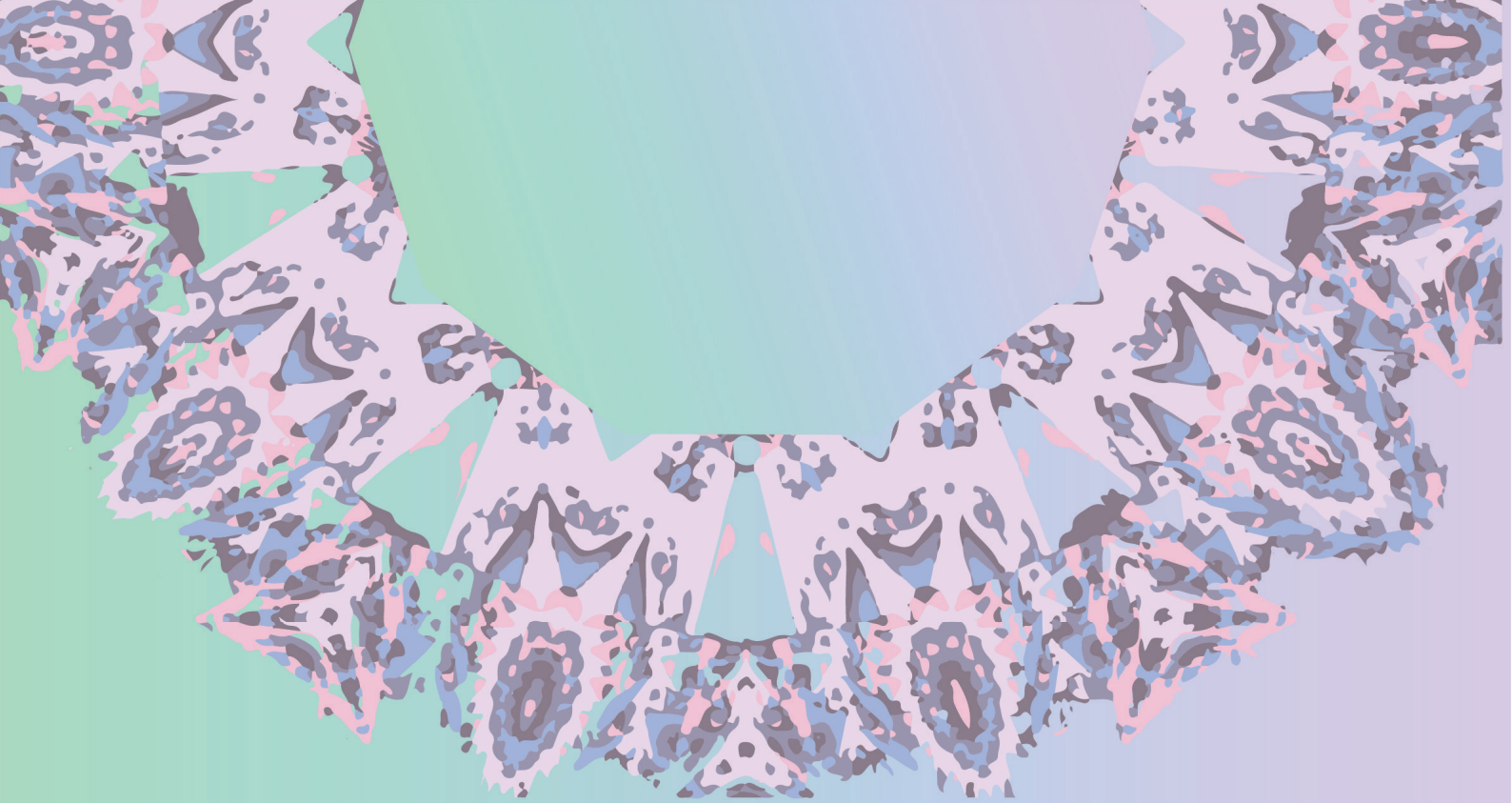
# **Kaleidoscope of Hope**

*A Three-Year Strategic Plan for Liberation Alliance Africa*

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# Welcome to the Kaleidoscope of Hope!

## Grounding

We are standing in the fragments of the “current global fracture,” defined by economic volatility, climate collapse, and rising authoritarianism. This is not a new catastrophe or a sudden break in time, but rather the unmasking of a permanent state of emergency that African women have navigated for centuries. We have been taught by thinkers such as Sylvia Tamale, Amina Mama, Ama Ata Aidoo, and Nkiru Nzegwu to frame it as the latest iteration of a long-standing “coloniality of power”.

For African women and others on the margins, “the end of the world” has happened many times over: from the transatlantic exploitation and enslavement, the colonisation of Africa, the structural adjustment programmes of the 1980s, and continued capitalist exploitation of people and the planet. Survival, therefore, is not a miracle but a deliberate technology of resistance. For us, revolutionary hope is not a passive emotion; it is a political labour. It is the meaning-making found in kitchens, markets, and public and private squares, where African women and non-binary people have always negotiated survival.

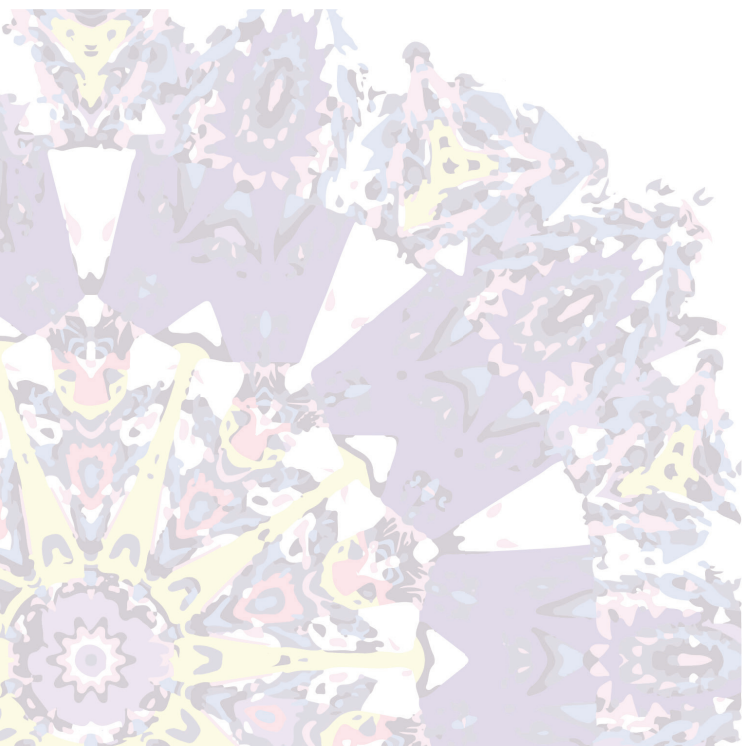
We do not seek a return to a “normal” that never truly served us. Instead, we lean into the boundless African feminist traditions of reaching back to gather the lessons of what was, not to dwell in the past, but to fuel and honour the labour of our becoming. We reject the colonial demand for linear progress. We commit to intellectual, embodied, and epistemic rigour that further exposes the layers of coloniality, patriarchy, capitalism, and erasure, and challenges normative infrastructures to find the marrow of our collective truth. We recognise that our bodies are not just targets of oppression, but cartographies of resistance and liberatory world-building. When the oppressor learns our rhythm to co-opt it, we do not falter. Our creativity is infinite. We pivot, we remix, and we birth

new soundscapes that their ears cannot yet decode. This is the fluidity of our decolonial African feminist praxis: we are never static; we are a movement in constant, rhythmic evolution, unshakable, unsinkable.

As we journey into the future as a collective, Liberation Alliance Africa stands at the confluence of the intellectual and the embodied. We weave together—The Grief: Honouring the deaths and losses that have paved our way; The Erotic: Reclaiming joy and love as radical, transgressive forces; The Solidarity: Building a politics of care and solidarity through networks that refuse to leave anyone behind.

We are dreaming of new worlds through the patterns of a kaleidoscope. Each turn of the lens creates a new geometry of liberation—one that prioritises communal care over individual gain, radical honesty over polite silence, recognises that the future will arrive already burdened, and that our lives, stories, histories, and liberation form part of that future.

Our last strategic plan (2023–2026) ushered us into new galaxies and new frontiers. In the next three years, we invite you into the kaleidoscope of hope, where we mirror the times and one another, open space for patient excavation and engagement, and repair and construct our individual and collective futures. We journey into the future not as pioneers of an empty land, but as weavers of our liberatory tapestry, co-labouring, co-organising, and consolidating, lighting our kaleidoscope of defiance and hope using these very fragments as building blocks of a future where our rhythm is finally, entirely our own.



# About Liberation Alliance Africa

## Who Are We?

We are a feminist, anti-colonial collective dreaming of liberatory futures through critical consciousness raising. We embody the shift from hegemonic constructions of knowledge, value, and dignity, and co-create space for rigorous epistemic and embodied inquiry that interrogates power structures and normative assumptions through a decolonial feminist lens.

## Our Dreams and Vision



We dream of a radical shift in historical patterns of power in relation to knowledge, social order and expression that have hindered African thought, expertise, and radical organising.



We dream of an end to the fascist, imperialist machine characterised by geopolitical unrest and rendering African bodies, minds, and land as battle grounds.



We dream of rigorous intellectual, social, epistemic, and embodied resistance, where knowledge is valued and valuable for the flourishing of African peoples and the planet.



We dream of disrupting the legacies and harm of historical colonial inequalities and domination using African feminist scholarship—recognising that we cannot continue to live with the memories of others as ours and that our future will not be born in a vacuum.



We envision beauty, joy and laughter, a world where knowledge is decolonial, and love is political. We envision feminist, liberatory economies of care for the people and the planet, where food is plentiful, and people are free—an end to imperialism and capitalist extraction, epistemicide, and colonialism.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to repair epistemic devastation and educate the revolution by creating knowledge spaces that reclaim and produce critical knowledge and traditions through rigorous intellectual inquiry and communing. **We create space for patient excavation, examination, and dreaming; sustaining knowledge practices that disrupt oppressive systems and advance African feminist liberation.**

## Our Goals



To contribute to the African feminist knowledge landscape through decolonial, dynamic and multidisciplinary approaches.



To resource African feminist scholarship and centre collective knowledge practices for decolonial feminist liberation.



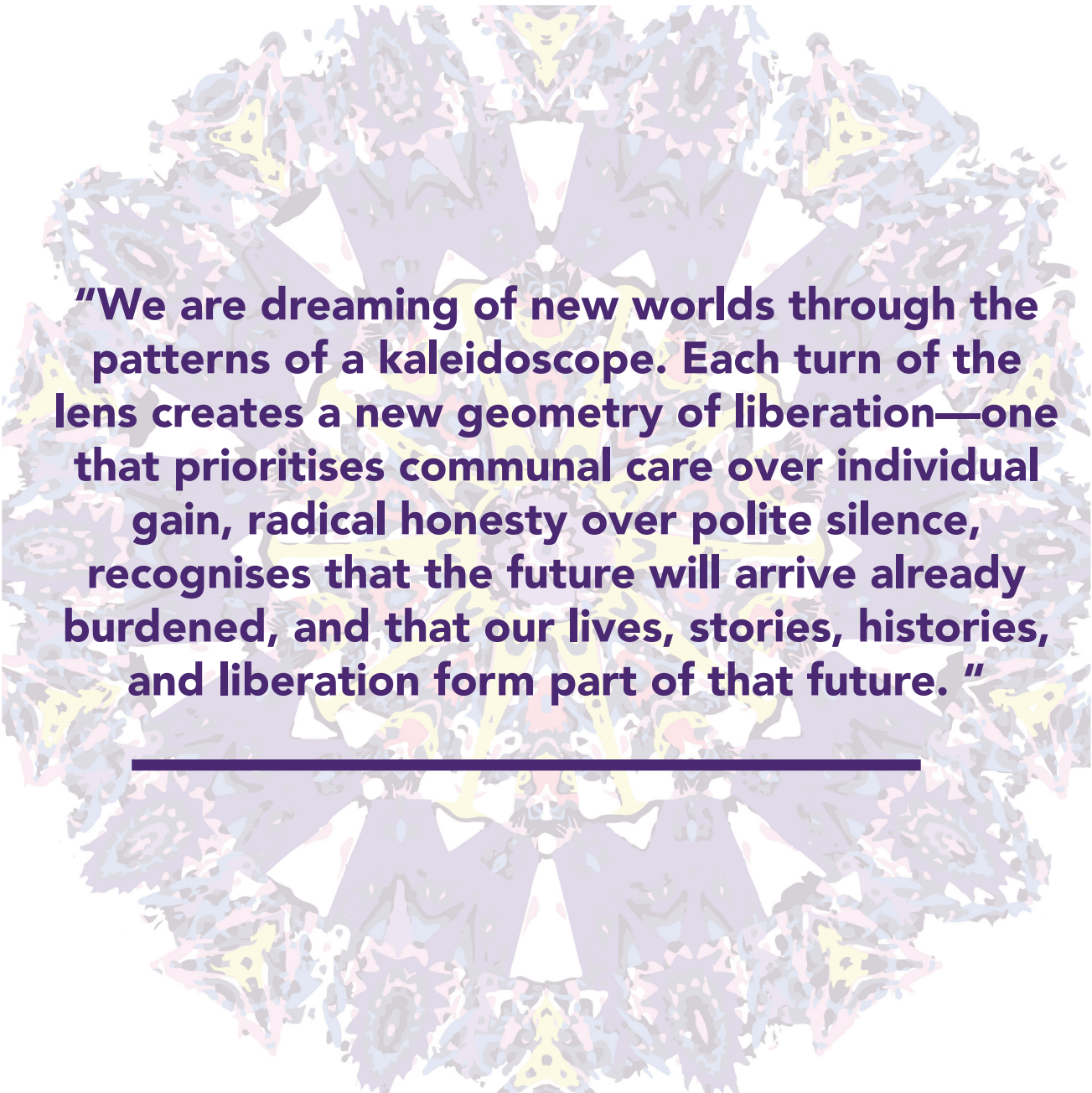
To educate the revolution through critical consciousness raising.



To explore emergent and intentional learning frameworks as a tool for reflection and improvement.



To hold space for the courage of individual and collective world-building for liberated afro futures.

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# Our Pathways

## Building a Collective with a Soul

At Liberation Alliance Africa, we believe that building a collective with a soul is a process of transforming ourselves and our societies to embrace a feminist vision of leadership, equity, and justice. Our leadership approach is not about amassing power and control. It is about dismantling power structures and modelling feminist values and politics in our everyday dealings. **We are committed to living, breathing, and moving in ways that liberate us and exemplify the dreams of feminist leadership.**

### Pillars

- Prioritise people over process
- A healthy feminist culture of work is adopted and advocated
- A participatory approach to work, allowing for co-creation
- An equitable remuneration scale
- A recruitment process that is equitable and diverse.

# Building Knowledge Bridges

Our work will build knowledge bridges that reflect our struggles and our collective hope. This work connects knowledge practices and inspires **critical consciousness-raising** through knowledge networks with other feminist collectives across the continent and in the diaspora, for our collective feminist liberation.

## Pillars

- **The Sawaba Institute for Critical Consciousness Raising:** To hold space for the critical work of excavating and reconstructing colonial worldviews and to encourage curiosity and decolonial dreaming. The Institute will offer scholars, feminist organisers, queer rights organisers, lawyers, judges, grassroots activists, and other interested people the tools to question existing power structures and to birth new individual and collective realities. The Institute will house the Sawaba Journal and the Sawaba Fellowship.
- **A digital knowledge repository** to house free articles, books, and other knowledge materials for both academic and non-academic purposes.
- **Communities of Practice:** Building systems of collective critical inquiry and reflection focused on creating a shared identity and a collective intelligence garnered over time.
- **The Library of Perspectives** is an interdisciplinary platform that uses feminist multimedia and the archiving of oral knowledge to raise critical consciousness. We honour our engagements with the peoples, lives, histories, and ideas as part of the decolonial process. The human library allows readers to cultivate knowledge which acknowledges the struggle for liberation and our embeddedness in a world full of inequalities. The human books contain lived experiences, stories, and ideas that engender liberatory praxis. It seeks to diversify how people access knowledge and democratise access to information.

# Amplifying Voices, Building Community Power

We understand that injustice and inequality are symptoms of unequal and exploitative power structures. **Therefore, our work democratises power by amplifying the voices of marginalised and minority groups** through resourcing knowledge production, strategic communications, and influencing spaces for creativity to raise public consciousness and inspire decolonial knowledge practice.

## Pillars

- **Solidarity Sessions:** A reflection-based conversation series with feminist activists, academics, and other liberation workers on the continent and in diaspora to co-create our liberatory dreams within the movement. The solidarity session will hold space for anger, grief, joy, and expressions of solidarity and creativity.
- **Critical Consciousness Pop-Up:** An organising series that nurtures anti-imperialist feminist solidarity and revolutionary hope. We aim to identify and collaborate with feminist pan-African crusaders, organisers, activists, researchers, thinkers, and influencers in Africa to co-create spaces for decolonial feminist thought through critical consciousness-raising. This organising series aims to initiate and sustain conversations on decolonial feminist politics, knowledge, and organisation through the lens of local issues and emerging challenges. The communities we organise with will set the agenda and pace for these conversations while we work as conveners and knowledge weavers.

# Dreaming New Liberatory Worlds

Our work questions existing knowledge frameworks that sustain colonial legacies of harmful stereotypes institutionalised by culture and religion. By holding space for contestations that interrogate new and emerging global agendas through a decolonial lens, we foster critical awareness of Western policies, agendas, and theories that pursue global dominance.

## Pillars

- **Use traditional and digital media** to publish knowledge, influence narratives, and respond to emerging issues centred on liberation, justice, and collective care.
- **Name and Frame:** A publication that interrogates the imperialist agenda through globalisation. Name and Frame functions as a political economy analysis grounded in the understanding that we can no longer cede the agency and power to be “namers and framers” of our reality. It is a space to be disruptors and creators of knowledge in our pluriversal realities.

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# Join us in the Kaleidoscope of Hope

In revolutionary love, we call you to journey with us into new frontiers of revolutionary hope. For us, revolutionary hope is not a passive emotion. **It is political labour grounded in collective consciousness-raising, liberation, and care.** We commit to feminist principles of teachability and accountability, constantly co-creating and building bridges for liberation. We affirm that if oppression can be planted, liberatory practices, if cultivated and nurtured, can take root.

## What's Next?

To usher us into this kaleidoscope of hope, Liberation Alliance Africa invites you to:

- **Fund our work**
- **Join our communities of practice**
- **Subscribe to our quarterly newsletter**
- **Collaborate with us**
- **Experience the Library of Perspectives**
- **Learn more about our work.**



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# A Kaleidoscope of Hope

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