



ABOUT THE MOVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

The **Community-led Development (CLD) Movement** is a global alliance of civil society organizations (CSOs) seeking widespread adoption of grassroots initiatives to empower communities to become the authors of their own development. CLD is the process of working together to create and achieve locally owned visions, goals and systemic change rather than short-term projects. The movement was formally launched alongside the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 in New York. The CLD movement has presence in the United Kingdom, Netherlands and Mexico and in Africa, in Ghana, Benin, Malawi, Burkina Faso and Uganda and is drawing strong interest in many other countries.

The Movement is committed to the success of the **SDGs and calls for enhancing the power and capacity of communities to take charge of their own development**. In particular, CLD aligns with **SDG #16** which calls for building participatory, effective, accountable institutions “at all levels” – which must start at the level closest to the people.

CLD is a **Human Right**. Every human being has the inalienable right to participate in governance. For most of those living in hunger and poverty, this means governance within walking distance. Those in power must view people as “active citizens,” not beneficiaries.

CLD KENYA CHAPTER

The CLD movement in Kenya contributes to the transformation of Kenya’s development landscape by creating strategic partnerships and exploring how to make community-led development a high priority on development agendas of the national and local government, development partners, the private sector and other key stakeholders. We believe that the public participation model is a powerful and sustainable approach for community development that supports government developmental initiatives such as the Big 4 Agenda and Vision 2030. The movement will endeavor to work with the communities at the county level to identify and find lasting solutions to their needs.

Article 10 (2) a, b and c of the Constitution of Kenya provides for citizen participation, which is not yet fully realized. The CLD

Kenyan Chapter will systematically mobilize and promote citizen engagement in all counties and develop the capacity of county-level civil society through coordinated action.



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The full success of country government can be a beacon of hope for all of Africa - the Kenya chapter has a unique opportunity to contribute to the region through the many regional offices based in Nairobi.

WHY IS THE CLD MOVEMENT IMPORTANT TO KENYA?

- Community engagement is grounded in the Kenyan constitution.
- It will help the government to achieve its goals from devolution to the Big 4 Agenda to Vision 2030.
- Community-led development is critical for this time in Kenya's development as it transitions to a middle-income country to ensure no communities are at risk of being left behind.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CLD KENYA CHAPTER

Join us in:

- Raising the profile of community-led development in SDG-implementation discourse. We will develop a shared language for the practices, interventions and policies that enhance community-led development and we will project this language in our internal and external communications.
- Organizing and participating in seminars, side-events and experience-sharing meetings that raise the profile of our collective commitment to CLD and its principles, and our approaches to facilitate it.
 - Leading in building the evidence base for the importance of community-led development, and what works to enhance it.
- Documenting and sharing best practices or what works through coordinated social media campaigns, webinars and papers on the CLD Movement website.
- Advocating for an enabling policy environment and funding by working together to support local, national and global advocacy efforts to remove obstacles and strengthen support for community-led development.



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HOW TO JOIN THE CLD KENYAN CHAPTER

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