

# RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS INSTITUTE AFRICA

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## ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

*Africa's Leading BHR Think-and-Do Institute*

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## WHO WE ARE

### An Independent African Think-and-Do Institute

Responsible Business Institute Africa (RBI Africa) is an independent, non-partisan policy research and advocacy institute headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. The institute exists to advance responsible business practice, corporate accountability, and access to remedy across Africa.

RBI Africa is designed as a think-and-do institute — combining evidence generation, legal and policy engagement, movement building, and practical institutional support. It is positioned to respond to the growing need for African-led expertise on business and human rights, especially in the context of global supply chains, extractives, digital transformation, climate transition, and corporate governance.

The institute's work is rooted in the African context while remaining globally relevant. RBI Africa bridges local realities and international standards by equipping governments, businesses, civil society, and communities with the tools, knowledge, and partnerships needed to promote rights-respecting business conduct.

OUR VISION	OUR MISSION	OUR VALUES
<i>An Africa where business activity respects human rights, strengthens communities, and contributes to equitable, accountable, and sustainable development.</i>	<i>To advance responsible business and human rights in Africa through independent research, policy engagement, capacity strengthening, convening, and practical action.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilient</li> <li>• Bold</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul>

## ORGANISATION AT A GLANCE

<b>Legal Status</b>	Independent Non-Partisan Policy Research & Advocacy Institute
<b>Founded</b>	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>Headquarters</b>	Suite 12B, 12th Floor, Kingston Residences, Ngong Road, Nairobi
<b>Geographic Scope</b>	Pan-African, with operational presence anchored in East Africa
<b>Thematic Focus</b>	Business & Human Rights (BHR), Corporate Accountability, Access to Remedy
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<b>Office Hours</b>	Monday – Friday, 08:00 am – 05:00 pm

## OUR PROGRAMMES

RBI Africa's programme architecture translates our institutional mandate into four thematic areas, each designed to move from policy theory to practical change through research, reform, partnerships, and field-level engagement. Our programmes are aligned to the Nairobi Declaration on Business and Human Rights, Kenya's National Action Plan on BHR, and the strategic priorities of leading development partners.

<b>BHR Policy &amp; Legislative Reform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Action Plan development and review</li> <li>• Policy and legislative reform across African jurisdictions</li> <li>• State-based remedy systems and institutional accountability</li> <li>• Governance and regulatory accountability mechanisms</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible Supply Chains &amp; Corporate Accountability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human rights due diligence (HRDD) frameworks and training</li> <li>• Corporate accountability systems and compliance advisory</li> <li>• ESG advisory and supply chain governance</li> <li>• Sector-specific accountability partnerships</li> </ul>
<b>Climate Justice &amp; Just Transition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate justice and community rights in extractives</li> <li>• Critical minerals governance and transition pathways</li> <li>• Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) frameworks</li> <li>• Just transition policy research and practice</li> </ul>
<b>Digital Rights, Ethical AI &amp; Access to Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethical AI governance and digital human rights due diligence</li> <li>• Data protection, platform accountability, and digital rights</li> <li>• Access to justice through technology</li> <li>• Digital transformation and responsible innovation</li> </ul>
<b>Civil Society Resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal and regulatory compliance advisory for CSOs</li> <li>• Governance diagnostics and board development</li> <li>• Financial resilience, donor due diligence, and fundraising</li> <li>• Digital security and organisational resilience</li> </ul>

## CSO SUPPORT UNIT

The Africa Nonprofits Compliance Support Unit is a pro bono initiative run by RBI Africa, providing legal and governance support for nonprofits across the continent. The unit specifically supports organisations championing inclusion, gender equality, responsible business practices, and the human rights of women, girls, and marginalised communities.

The unit ensures that African nonprofits can access high-quality professional legal advice and compliance support without being constrained by the financial burden of employing full-time compliance staff. Core services include registration and restructuring advisory, regulatory compliance guidance, donor due diligence support, legal health checks, and organisational development structuring.

## OUR APPROACH

### Think-and-Do: From Evidence to Action

RBI Africa does not separate research from action. Our think-and-do model ensures that knowledge generation feeds directly into policy influence, stakeholder capacity building, and practical institutional reform. We operate at the intersection of four action pillars:

<p><b>01 Research &amp; Evidence</b></p> <p>Independent, peer-informed research and publications that generate actionable insights on BHR in Africa.</p>	<p><b>02 Policy &amp; Legal Engagement</b></p> <p>Targeted policy submissions, legislative reform support, and engagement with national and continental governance bodies.</p>
<p><b>03 Capacity Building &amp; Training</b></p> <p>Structured training programmes, toolkits, and practitioner guides equipping stakeholders to embed human rights in business conduct.</p>	<p><b>04 Convening &amp; Partnerships</b></p> <p>Cross-sector convenings, knowledge-sharing platforms, and strategic partnerships linking governments, businesses, and civil society.</p>

### Strategic Alignment

RBI Africa's work is anchored in globally recognised frameworks and African-specific instruments, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), the African Union's Agenda 2063, the Nairobi Declaration on Business and Human Rights, Kenya's National Action Plan on BHR, and the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD). Our thematic pillars are aligned to SDGs 8, 13, and 16.

## OUR TEAM

RBI Africa is led by a multi-disciplinary team of practitioners, researchers, and governance experts with deep expertise across law, policy, finance, and institutional development.

Wangari Kagai	Board Chairperson
Patrick Karanja	Executive Director — Advocate of the High Court of Kenya & Notary Public; 18+ years in BHR, legal advisory, and international development
Flaviana Charles	Director
Dr. Conrad Bosire	Director
Peter Kioko	Finance Director
Eddah Ngahu	Head of Governance and Compliance

## PARTNERSHIP & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Invest in Africa's Business and Human Rights Future

RBI Africa invites donors, development partners, corporate institutions, and civil society organisations to co-design programme partnerships that advance responsible business practice and human rights accountability across the continent. We offer multiple engagement pathways:

- Programme co-funding and thematic partnerships with development finance institutions and bilateral donors
- Corporate engagement partnerships for ESG advisory, HRDD capacity building, and responsible supply chain support
- Research partnerships with academic institutions, think tanks, and BHR knowledge networks
- Civil society partnerships to expand the reach and depth of the Africa Nonprofits Compliance Support Unit
- Convening partnerships for continental and regional BHR dialogues, forums, and policy consultations

RBI Africa is positioned as a trusted, African-led partner for global institutions including development agencies, regional bodies, and international standard-setting organisations. Our independence, contextual expertise, and track record make us uniquely placed to deliver high-impact, rights-respecting programmes.

### WHY PARTNER WITH RBI AFRICA?

#### African-Led Expertise

Contextual knowledge and local credibility combined with global BHR standards and international frameworks.

#### Multi-Sector Convening Power

Established networks spanning governments, businesses, civil society, academic institutions, and development partners across Africa.

#### Independent & Non-Partisan

Our independence protects the integrity of research, policy positions, and advocacy — a critical quality for BHR credibility.

#### Research to Reform Pipeline

A proven model of translating rigorous evidence into practical policy change, capacity building, and institutional reform.

### CONTACT & CONNECT

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