

UMBAYA e.V. — 10th Anniversary Statement (2015–2025)

A Decade of Courage, Solidarity and Resilience

Founded on 5. December 2015, UMBAYA has spent a decade building a platform of advocacy, education, solidarity, and transnational connection. The organization emerged from the 2014 Refugees Protest Camp in Hanover and is named after “Umbaya” (the trumpet)—a symbol of resistance and voice for justice.

We have realised core Achievements & Initiatives, that include: Voices of Sudan Campaign to amplifying the plight of civilians, displaced persons, and activists in Sudan and exile, Umbaya Economic Forum (UEF): Since 2017, as a platform for dialogue on economy, democracy, and justice, Learn to Change which is a Global education and civic training to build leadership and critical citizenship, Kaschta Café as a Social enterprise offering cultural space, training, and empowerment for migrants and refugees, The Future Is a Woman which is a Transnational campaign for women’s storytelling, leadership, and advocacy and the 3rd Place Global (2025–26 launch) as a visionary initiative creating inclusive democratic community “third spaces” for refugees, migrants, and locals.

UMBAYA honors Sudanese youth, women, and activists who sacrificed their lives, especially during the December 2018–2019 Revolution. The organization acknowledges that progress is marked by war, pain, displacement, and inequality—but reaffirms its refusal to remain silent or neutral.

As a part of our Future Commitments we pursue to Deepening grassroots ties in diaspora and Sudan, Strategic advocacy to connect community voices with policy change, Institutional resilience & sustainability through leadership and resource-building, Democratic imagination to envision just economies and governance and Solidarity in action with humility, accountability, and love.

We celebrate our 10th. anniversary through a series of upcoming Events that include: Umbaya Economic Forum 2025 (October 18, online): “Bridging State and Citizen Economies”, Launch of The Future Is a Woman campaign (December 6, 2025, Hannover) and Hannover–Sudan Forum (HSF) and exhibitions (January 31, 2026, Hannover).

UMBAYA thanks partners, supporters, volunteers, donors, educators, activists, and allies for shaping its journey. It reaffirms solidarity with those in Sudan whose courage continues to inspire.

“May the trumpet continue to sound. May our voices, together, be a call to transformation.”

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