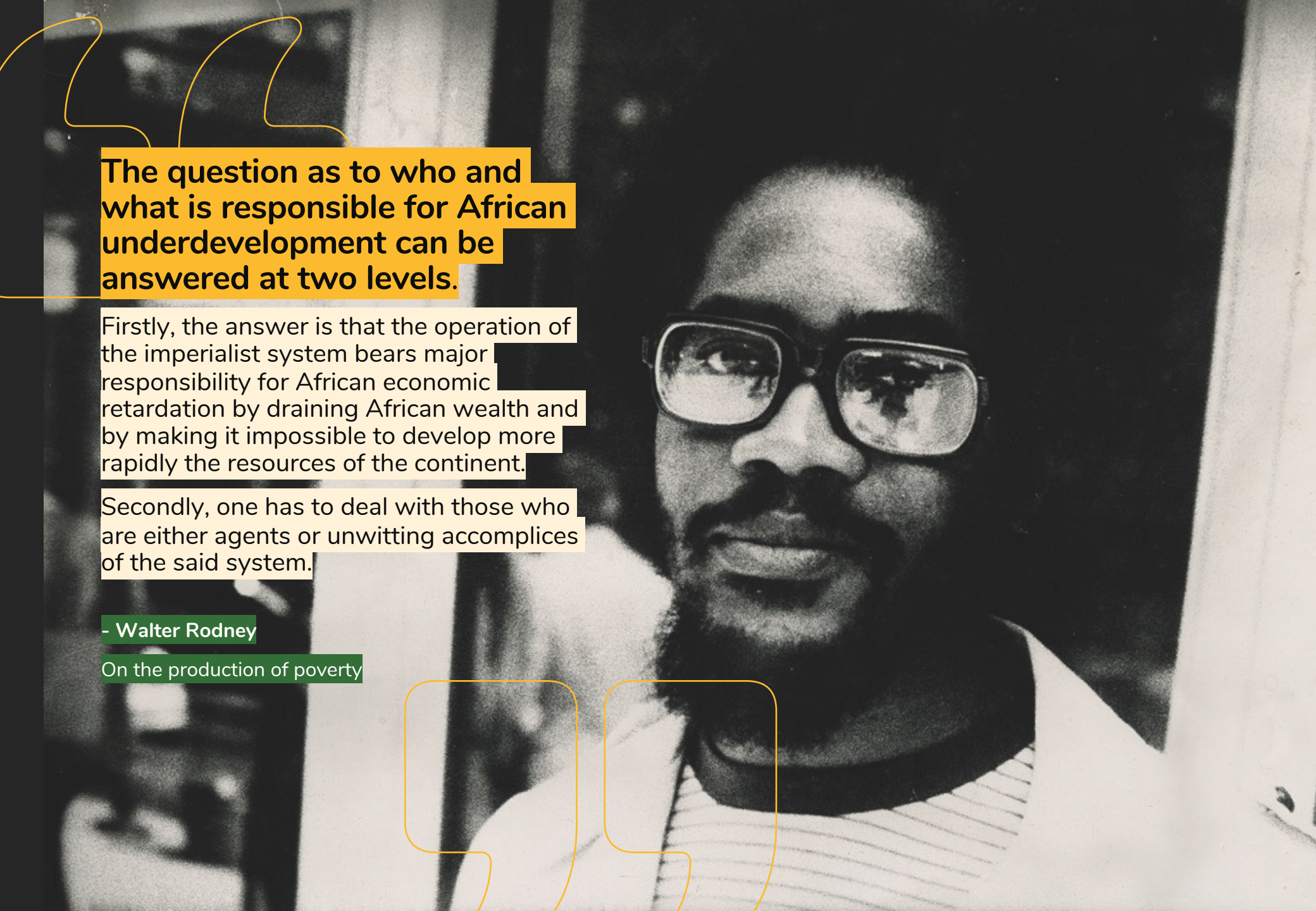


HOMEF OUTLOOK 2023 → 2028



A black and white portrait of Walter Rodney, a Black man with a beard and glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt. The image is overlaid with several yellow speech bubble outlines. One large speech bubble is at the top left, containing the main text. Two smaller speech bubbles are at the bottom, one on the left and one on the right.

The question as to who and what is responsible for African underdevelopment can be answered at two levels.

Firstly, the answer is that the operation of the imperialist system bears major responsibility for African economic retardation by draining African wealth and by making it impossible to develop more rapidly the resources of the continent.

Secondly, one has to deal with those who are either agents or unwitting accomplices of the said system.

- Walter Rodney

On the production of poverty

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EXAMINING THE ROOTS OF EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES, PEOPLES, AND NATIONS

Working with
movements for the
recovery of memory,
dignity and harmonious
living with Mother
Earth.





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the world hurtles towards climate catastrophe, response and action have continued to be more than lacklustre. From the sluggish movement of the fossil fuel industry, the purely performative gestures of world governments and smoke screen solutions such as carbon tax and blue economy, we are in dire need of decisive and collective action to avert calamity.

It is critical that our solutions and thinking are ecologically centred, rooted in an ideology of living in harmony with nature and the environment. As opposed to the capital centric growth-at-all-cost approach that has brought us to this point, our movements must be built around the dignity and respect of people living in symbiosis with the natural world around us. People power over capital power.

It is this ideology that has been HOMEF's driving philosophy over the past 10 years. We align with grassroots movements and do extensive work with communities to platform their concerns and link these ground swells to global movements around the world.

Our work runs on the defined tracks of Fossil Politics & Hunger Politics examining the exploitation and despoliation of resource rich communities as well as the looming threats to food sovereignty and security. A third main track that continues to grow in prominence for us is Ikike, where we create spaces for knowledge creation and sharing between HOMEF and communities and between generations of activists and organisers.

This 2023-2028 strategic plan re-commits Health of Mother Earth Foundation to the important work of creating a just world, where the rights of nature are respected and we work together in harmony to thrive today and empower subsequent generations to do the same.

Nnimmo Bassey

FEBRUARY 2023

ABOUT HOMEF

We are an ecological think tank organization advocating for environmental justice, climate justice and food sovereignty in Nigeria and Africa at large.



WHY HOMEF?

Exploitation of Nature is a reflection of the unjust relations between people and the social, political, gender, economic crises in society.

Dissatisfied with the impunity in our environment, we believe that



The rights of Mother Earth must be safe guarded



Communities should be equipped to reject oppression and pollution in their environment



Justice must prevail in our engagement with the environment, food systems and nature's cycles at policy, corporate, and individual level

OUR APPROACH

Historically Africa has been dependent on externally generated ideas and subservient to the forces of colonialism, neo-colonialism and neoliberalism.

In contrast...



We believe in locally generated knowledge and practice, and the need for people-centred dialogues.



Our thinking is ecological minded, rooted in an ideology of living in harmony with nature and the environment.



We are focused on unearthing the systemic roots (social, political and economic factors) of environmental and food challenges.

What must be done?

**SCALING UP OF CLASS STRUGGLE
THROUGH THE GLOBALISATION OF
PEOPLES AS AGAINST THE
GLOBALISATION OF CAPITAL.**



Build Knowledge

Enhance Social Justice

Enhance participation for change in environment and resource ownership/governance (ownership is critical to good governance and the usurper of ownership cannot implement governance). We work to propagate re-source democracy

Maintain the dignity of the people and the planet

Build Solidarity

OUR KEY OBJECTIVES



TOOLS & ACTIONS

We employ several tools to enable us execute our objectives with the above outlook, such as:

Knowledge Building

ECO THINK TANK

- Community Diagnostic Dialogues
- Sustainability Academy
- Research and publications

Movement Building

ECO DEFENDER

- Strengthening Alliances
- Advocacy Rallies
- Taking up spaces

Strategic Action

ECO INSTIGATOR

- Engagement with policy and decision makers to influence policies to meet actual needs at grassroots levels.



HEALING TERRITORIES

Wellness is to be free from disruptions, exploitation and ecological corruption. It is a condition of being that is a basic human and environmental right.

We seek wellness for all, on the individual, communal and territorial level.

Our focus in 2023 is on the cultivation of wellness and the healing of individuals and their communities and territories.

A territory is healthy when the members (beings) are respected, enjoy dignity and have control over their objective conditions.

It is a state of wellness that spans beyond geography to the cultural, spiritual, social and economic spheres.

The guiding philosophy is that of balance, meaningful (individual & collective) activity and intentional recovery.

WORK TRACKS

2023 - 2028



Fossil Politics



Hunger Politics



Ikike



Community and
Culture



Comms, Research &
Publications

Climate Change

Extractivism

Eco Defence

FOSSIL POLITICS

This track investigates our massive dependence on fossil fuels and builds from the power of the communities who subsidise this perverse industry and who suffer gross despoliation. We believe that a transition from fossil fuels must be rapid and urgent and devoid of distractions by way of fixes that depend on the status quo.

- ❑ Expansion of the FishNet Alliance and the West Africa Climate Justice Movement (WACMo) across Nigeria/Africa - with various units at local and country levels active and functioning optimally.
- ❑ National/regional climate change summit held yearly (before the COPs)-to advance REAL climate solutions.
- ❑ Become a leading voice in CBD spaces.
- ❑ Barefoot Guide to Biological Diversity Hot-spots in Nigeria/Africa produced and widely used in Nigeria and Africa.
- ❑ EcoDefenders networks strengthened across Nigeria.
- ❑ Annually organise the Niger Delta Alternatives Convergence (NDAC) and a continental version started.

5 YEARS PROJECTION



ALLIANCES — FishNet Alliance, Platform for Ocean, ORA-A, Oilwatch

Food Sovereignty

Biosafety

Biodiversity

Pesticide Action

HUNGER POLITICS

This track asks the basic question: why are people hungry? HOMEAF works in the paradigm of food sovereignty and exposes the false premises of food aid and its exploitative and contaminating linkages.

5 YEARS PROJECTION

- ❑ GMO-Free Nigeria becomes an active (with at least 5,000 members) national force against GMOs - commanding food justice and food sovereignty in Nigeria
- ❑ GMO-Free Africa set up and active with at least 20,000 members
- ❑ Moratorium on GMOs and other forms of gene editing in Nigeria/Africa
- ❑ The government of Nigeria actively supports agroecology with a policy/implementation plan on agroecology set up.
- ❑ Handbook on Agroecology developed and actively used by NGOs, farmers groups and government in training of farmers on Agroecology principles and practice.
- ❑ Biosafety and biodiversity brief developed and widely used to engage government and other relevant stakeholders
- ❑ Impact of GM Cowpea and others in Nigeria researched and documented
- ❑ A local network of Agroecology/organic agriculture farmers set up



ALLIANCES — Alliance for Action on Pesticides in Nigeria (AAPN), GMO-Free Nigeria, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)

IKIKE

Ikike is the fundamental vehicle for the attainment of the change HOMEF seeks to build by creating spaces for knowledge creation, interrogation and sharing.



AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

A. KNOWLEDGE

1. Sustain-Ability Academy
2. School of Ecology
3. Community Dialogues/Trainings
4. Conversations & Learning from the Wise
5. Affiliations & Exchanges

B. RIGHTS/LEGAL MATTERS

1. Rights of Mother Earth — *Global Alliance for Rights of Nature*
2. Ecocide
3. Environmental & Human Rights
4. Legal matters

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5 YEARS PROJECTION

- ❑ Ikike (School of Ecology and Sustainability Academy) firmly structured as a one-stop Africa Center for Ecological, Environmental, and Climate Justice studies and re-source center - with the possibility of having exchange programmes
- ❑ Increased and strengthened collaborations with institutes of higher learning (in and outside Nigeria)
- ❑ Cohorts of environmental justice advocates built through our Sustainability Platform
- ❑ A pool of like-minded instigators/fellows built for our learning spaces

COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

These are our fundamental tools to pass across our uncovered knowledge, interrogations and learnings to our target audiences – Peoples, Government/policy makers and CSOs/CBOs in order to effect the desired changes of the organization.



AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

1. Websites
2. Podcasts & Short videos / Vlog – Social Media
3. Media coverage/relations (statements etc)
4. Photo stories
5. HOMEF TV

B. RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

1. Research
2. Eco Instigator
3. Policy Papers
4. Books

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5 YEARS PROJECTION

- ❑ Running and expansion of ecological and research centres
- ❑ HOMEF communication and visibility in the international space strengthened
- ❑ Consistent publication of Eco-instigator/ making it a global resource for knowledge/updates on the environment and food systems
- ❑ At least 5 research publications on key environmental and food issues
- ❑ HOMEF TV set up and running
- ❑ Podcasts produced and released at least on a quarterly basis

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Our Community & Culture track is key for building wellness in communities, mobilizing and accompanying them in their transformative pathways. This is a movement building platform that utilizes the arts and other cultural modes of learning, sharing, and living.



AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

A. COMMUNITIES ACTION

1. Grassroots mobilization
2. Culture & wellness
3. Artistic expressions for community transformation

B. YOUTHS ACTION

1. The Young Environmentalist Network (TYEN)
2. Environmental change
3. Volunteers

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5 YEAR PROJECTION

- Local communities empowered to actively participate in multilateral spaces.
- Annual celebration of culture and art exhibitions
- Stronger links to oil-impacted communities across Nigeria
- A barefoot guide on food and culture developed


5 YEARS PROJECTION



NETWORKS & ALLIES



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