

# PLACE

PEACE AND  
LIBERATION IN AFRICA  
THROUGH CHANGE  
AND ENGAGEMENT





## THE PROJECT

PLACE - Peace Liberation in Africa through change and engagement is the non formal african network of social and grassroots movements, civil society organisations, academics and journalists, promoted by LIBERA associazioni nomi e numeri contro le mafie which decided to take action in Africa, a huge continent that has wide historical, social and economic differences, in which Crime - with more or less evident mafia traits - is constantly growing, in addition to endemic corruption and negative stereotypes dictated by migration and beyond.

At the same time, associations and movements, from local to international action, are dedicated to building possible alternatives to criminal violence and have the skills and ability to tell us the other side of the story of the African continent's peoples.

## THE MISSION

This path grows with the collective action of realities spread throughout the various regions, with different agendas and priorities, united by the same needs for paths of dignity and reconciliation in the promotion of a just and peaceful society.

The goal of this path is to eliminate easy simplifications and stereotypes that too often create a wrong common opinion about what is linked to crime and mafia and what is not.

The goal is to shed light on the protagonists of the daily alternative to criminal violence among peoples that represent the African continent.

Hence, a network was born – **PLACE Peace and Liberation in Africa through Change and Engagement** – starting from a common declaration of intent whose main areas of intervention are:

- Restorative justice, remembrance, and victim support
- Corruption, investigative journalism, and freedom of expression
- Promotion and protection of human right
- Protection of the environment and ancestral communities as a strategy to combat land grabbing and mining
- Countering trafficking and smuggling
- Prevention in terms of educational, cultural, sport, and artistic paths, all with a gender perspective

**The declaration of intent “for peace, social justice and solidarity in Africa”** represents a shared work platform that is the basic tool for the paths of:

- training and exchange of good practices with meetings aimed at more familiarity with the various associations' activities and the exchange of experiences at the local level, and also at international level if expanding;
- Sharing project ideas, common planning, and accreditations;
- Action aimed at sharing articles and news on themes of mutual interest.

## LIBERA

### Associazioni, nomi e numeri contro le mafie

Libera is a network of associations, social cooperatives, movements and groups, schools, unions, dioceses, parishes, and scout groups, established in 1995, over the years it has maintained its ethical and practical orientations. The fight against mafias and corruption cannot be based solely on indignation: it must follow the proposal and the project. Mafias and corruption are not only a criminal issue, but also a social and cultural one, to be tackled by joining forces.

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## RED ALAS

### America Latina Alternativa Social

The ALAS Network - Latin America Alternativa Social - promoted by Libera and constituted since 2015, is a space for collaboration and coordination between Latin American organisations that work in the prevention and fight against criminal violence, corruption and impunity, from and for civil society. ALAS is made up of more than 60 organisations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and the Dominican Republic.

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## CHANCE

### Civil Hub against organised crime in Europe

The European network CHANCE - Civil Hub Against organised Crime in Europe - is promoted by Libera and has been officially launched in April 2019 at the European Parliament. It is a network of associations, non-governmental organisations, collectives and activists that oppose organised crime and corruption, with the aim of promoting a more equitable and united Europe. CHANCE includes more than 20 organisations from Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Malta, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom.

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## Africa

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With our partners in the network – 39 till today from 16 countries, we have developed projects, actions, and appeals by far based on common principles.

The network is articulated starting from a declaration of intent to build a common path of peace and social justice starting from 10 principles and values that will lead to the first founding assembly in 2023 that will take place in Ivory Coast.



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