



# Initiative for Transitional Justice in Africa

## Project Brief

The African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU) have jointly launched a three-year project to assist AU member states as they incorporate the African Union Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP) at the national level. The project, named the Initiative for Transitional Justice in Africa (ITJA), will be implemented by a consortium of three organizations led by The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and that includes the Africa Transitional Justice Legacy Fund (ATJLF) and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV).

The three-year initiative seeks to facilitate the domestic application of the AUTJP and its accompanying action plan, or roadmap, by providing technical assistance, fostering knowledge production and management, and strengthening the capacity of civil society and victims' groups. In line with the AUTJP and roadmap, the initiative will focus on empowering African women to participate in transitional justice processes more meaningfully. In doing so, the ITJA will help promote redress for victims and prevent future conflict and recurrence of abuses, particularly in countries undertaking or about to initiate transitional justice processes. Ultimately, it aims to help societies across the African continent become more peaceful, just, and accountable.

The ITJA consists of three specific objectives. The first, led by ICTJ, focuses on providing technical assistance and capacity building to AU member states, the AU organs, Regional Economic Communities (RECS), and other stakeholders. The second, led by CSV, focuses on fostering research and knowledge production and management. The third, led by ATJLF, focuses on raising awareness about the AUTJP and enhancing the engagement of civil society actors with it and transitional justice processes in Africa.

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Project Information	
Duration	15 April 2023 – 14 April 2026
Target group	AU member states, AU organs, RECS, and civil society organizations
Key stakeholders	AU Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security; AU Office of the Legal Counsel; African Commission for Human and People's Rights; and civil society organizations
Consortium	ICTJ, ATJLF, and CSVR
Budget	EUR 5,000,000

### Objective 1

To improve the capacity of relevant AU member states, AU organs, and RECs to implement the AUTJP and design and operate tailored, gender-sensitive transitional justice processes.

#### Key Activities:

- Provide technical expertise on transitional justice to AU member states and organs by deploying experts and organizing trainings.
- Support the convening of the annual Continental African Transitional Justice Forum.
- Support the convening of the annual AU-EU Experts Seminar on Transitional Justice.
- Help establish and coordinate the African Women's Platform on Transitional Justice.

### Objective 2

To build rigorous knowledge on transitional justice experiences in Africa that informs the design of strategies for peace and reconciliation consistent with the AUTJP.

#### Key Activities:

- Support African scholars and practitioners in their research on transitional justice experiences in Africa.
- Establish a research network to develop knowledge on transitional justice relevant to Africa.
- Support the coordination of a transitional justice experts reference group that advises the AU.
- Develop and disseminate an annual report on the state of transitional justice in Africa.
- Conduct studies on women and reparations and on technology in transitional justice.

### Objective 3

To raise awareness about the AUTJP and enhance the engagement of civil society actors—including victims', women's, youth groups—with it and transitional justice mechanisms in Africa.

#### Key Activities:

- Raise awareness about the AUTJP and encourage the public's participation in its implementation.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society groups to meaningfully participate in the design, implementation, and monitoring of transitional justice mechanisms.



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