Kenya National Action Plan on FoRB

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NAP OBJECTIVE 1: STRENGTHEN LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS FOR FORB

Kenya's legal environment contains strong constitutional guarantees for FoRB, but implementation barriers persist. This objective seeks to harmonise laws, strengthen enforcement, and deepen awareness of rights.

1.1 Key Actions

- Disseminate FoRB laws and Marrakesh principles through vernacular translations and community-friendly materials.
- Conduct nationwide FoRB civic education campaigns targeting religious leaders, CSOs, youth, women, and grassroots communities.
- Facilitate multi-stakeholder working groups to review FoRB-related laws and emerging issues regularly.
- Conduct legal aid clinics and mobile justice forums to address FoRB violations.
- Train paralegals on FoRB rights, documentation challenges, inheritance disputes, burial rights, and interfaith family law.

NAP OBJECTIVE 2: ENHANCE THEOLOGICAL LEGITIMACY & INTERFAITH COLLABORATION

These objective addresses harmful interpretations, theological illiteracy, mistrust, and polarisation by strengthening faith-based literacy and interreligious cooperation.

2.1 Key Actions (Integrated from Group 1)

- Train Trainers (TOTs) to interpret sacred texts in ways that promote pluralism, dignity, and peace.
- Hold regular interfaith dialogue forums addressing national issues (education tensions, burial disputes, documentation).
- Establish peer-to-peer mentorship networks across Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and ATR leadership.
- Facilitate full-scope capacity-building forums on doctrinal interpretation, FoRB norms, and peace theology.

2.2 Stakeholders

Religious leaders, scholars, theologians, peace actors, interfaith councils, seminaries, madrassa teachers.

NAP OBJECTIVE 3: BUILD COMMUNITY-LEVEL CAPACITIES & RESPONSE STRUCTURES

A strong FoRB system must be rooted in operational grassroots mechanisms. This objective ensures that counties, villages, peace committees, and religious actors are fully integrated.

3.1 Key Actions

- Establish or revitalise FoRB County Dialogue Forums, embedding them in peace and governance structures.
- Ensure FoRB is mainstreamed into all county engagements, including TWGs, development planning, and local mediation.
- Mobilise sustainable financial, technical, and human resources for FoRB work.
- Integrate FoRB into county-level religious leader engagement platforms.
- Use Articles 2.5 and 2.6 to anchor the Marrakesh Declaration within Kenya's domestic law legally.
- Promote interfaith and intra-faith dialogue at the community level.
- Strengthen media sensitisation to reduce mistrust and misinformation.
- Document and promote peaceful religious texts from all faith traditions.

3.2 Target Groups

General public, youth, children, opinion leaders, media, traditional leaders, CSOs, faith-based institutions.

3.3 Assigned Responsibilities

Establish a FoRB National Coordinating Committee, mirrored by County FoRB Committees.

NAP OBJECTIVE 4: PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS & COUNTER HARMFUL NARRATIVES

To address polarisation, hate speech, and misrepresentation of religions (e.g., Islam equated with violence), this objective focuses on public education and media transformation.

4.1 Key Actions

- Implement national and county-level counter-narrative campaigns.
- Deploy trained religious leaders to speak on FoRB in public forums, sermons, and local media.
- Foster interfaith visits to places of worship (e.g., Jamia Mosque open days).
- Develop educational materials and FoRB learning modules for schools, academia, and community spaces.
- Support art, storytelling, cultural festivals, and sports initiatives promoting FoRB.
- Train women religious leaders to speak in schools and villages.
- Produce local content addressing misinformation, stereotyping, and mistrust.

4.2 Stakeholders

Media houses, regulatory boards, influencers, interfaith councils, universities, cultural institutions, and women leaders.

NAP OBJECTIVE 5: ESTABLISH ROBUST MONITORING, ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING MECHANISMS

This objective ensures continuous oversight, structured learning, and accountability for FoRB.

5.1 Monitoring & Evaluation Architecture

- Create a unified **national FoRB reporting mechanism**.
- Develop baseline, mid-term, and end-term evaluation frameworks.
- Produce annual FoRB status reports.
- Standardise data collection tools for state and non-state actors.

5.2 Institutional Oversight Structures

- Designate NRTP as the lead promoter of Marrakesh domestication.
- Establish a Steering Committee including government, CSOs, religious bodies, county actors, and academia.
- Establish thematic working groups (TWIGs)

5.3 County-Level Reporting

Strengthen grassroots documentation and integrate findings into national reviews.

NAP OBJECTIVE 6: STRENGTHEN MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION (WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT & WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY)

This objective ensures the NAP is not fragmented but implemented through a unified national architecture.

6.1 Key Actions (

- Operationalise a national FoRB coordination platform.
- Hold quarterly coordination meetings across faiths, counties, and government.
- Institutionalise partnerships with private sector actors (KEPSA, telecoms, digital companies).
- Commission thematic research (FoRB trends, early warning, drivers of intolerance, community resilience).

- Showcase positive FoRB initiatives such as the South B Church Model, Ufungamano Initiative, and county peace champions.

6.2 Indicators - "Vital Signs" for FoRB

- Levels of FoRB awareness nationally
- Number of interfaith collaborations
- Acceptance of FoRB at the grassroots level
- Gender equality in FoRB spaces
- Reduced inequalities and inclusion of minorities

PILLAR 1: Strengthen Legal & Policy Frameworks

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
1.1 Improve legal literacy and community awareness on FoRB	Translate and disseminate FoRB laws, constitutional provisions, and Marrakesh principles in plain and vernacular languages	Ministry of Justice; KNCHR	NCIC, CSOs, Faith Councils, Media	Y1–Y5
	Conduct FoRB civic education and community legal awareness campaigns	CSOs; Faith Leaders	County Govts; Women & Youth Groups; Media	Y1–Y5
1.2 Harmonise legal & administrative frameworks affecting FoRB	Establish multi-stakeholder legal review platforms (legal bodies + faith actors) to examine FoRB-sensitive laws (documentation, interfaith family law, school regulations, burial law, inheritance)	Attorney General; Judiciary	Legal Scholars; CSOs; Religious Councils	Annual
1.3 Improve access to justice & redress mechanisms	Conduct mobile legal aid clinics on FoRB-related cases (ID vetting, inheritance, burial, custody, discrimination)	Judiciary; Kadhis' Courts	Legal Aid Providers; CSOs; County Govts	Y1–Y2
	Train paralegals on FoRB, documentation rights, mediation processes, interfaith family law	KNCHR; Law Schools	CSOs; Legal Aid Fund	Y1

PILLAR 2: Enhance Theological Legitimacy & Strengthen Interfaith Collaboration

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
2.1 Strengthen theological literacy across religious actors	Train Trainers (TOTs) to interpret sacred texts through FoRB-consistent, peace-oriented theological frameworks	IRCK; CICC; SUPKEM; NCCK	Theological Colleges; Seminaries; Madrassa Institutions	Continuous
	Facilitate structured theological literacy forums for clergy, madrassa teachers, catechists, women theologians, and youth faith leaders	Religious Councils	Universities; Faith Training Institutions	Continuous

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
2.2 Deepen interfaith engagement on societal and doctrinal issues	Convene regular interfaith forums addressing FoRB-sensitive issues (school tensions, burial, inheritance, ID vetting, conversion)	IRCK; CICC	County Peace Actors; Civil Society	Continuous
2.3 Promote ethical and accountable religious leadership	Establish peer mentorship between senior clergy and emerging leaders (including women and youth)	Senior Clergy & Scholars	Youth Faith Leaders; Women Faith Leaders	Y1–Y10
	Deliver ethical leadership training, doctrinal guidance tools & sermon/khutbah integration of FoRB values	Faith Umbrella Bodies	Peace Practitioners; Academics; CSOs	Annual

PILLAR 3: Build Community & County-Level FoRB Capacities

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
3.1 Institutionalise FoRB in county governance structures	Establish or revitalise County FoRB Dialogue Forums integrated into existing peace, cohesion, and security platforms	County Govts; Ministry of Interior	Peace Committees; Elders; Faith Councils	Within 6 months
	Integrate FoRB into CIDPs, county technical working groups (TWGs), and mediation mechanisms	County Planning Units; Peace Directorates	CSOs; Legal Actors; HR Bodies	Y1–Y2
3.2 Strengthen county-level FoRB capacity	Train chiefs, assistant chiefs, county staff and administrators on FoRB, conflict sensitivity, and mediation	Ministry of Interior	KNCHR; CSOs; Faith Councils	Y1–Y5
	Mobilise county-level resources (budget lines, technical staff, partnerships) for FoRB	County Govts	Donors; Private Sector; Development Partners	Continuous

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
3.3 Strengthen interfaith cooperation at grassroots level	Facilitate interfaith & intra-faith dialogues within villages, settlements, refugee camps and mixed-faith communities	Local Faith Leaders	Women & Youth Networks; Elders; Interfaith Councils	Continuous
3.4 Promote positive religious narratives and local practices	Document, preserve, and publicise peaceful religious-text interpretations, rituals, and stories of coexistence	Scholars; CSOs	Media; Cultural Centres	Continuous

PILLAR 4: Transform Public Awareness & Counter Harmful Narratives

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
4.1 Improve public understanding of FoRB and inclusive citizenship	Implement national FoRB awareness and messaging campaigns across TV, radio, print, and digital platforms	Govt Spokesperson; Media Council	CSOs; Influencers; Faith Councils	Y1 onward
	Develop FoRB learning materials for schools, teachers, and universities	Ministry of Education; Arigatou	Teachers' Colleges; Universities	Y1–Y4
4.2 Counter misinformation, stereotyping, and religious hate	Train journalists and digital content creators in religion-sensitive reporting and FoRB standards	Media Council	Interfaith Councils; Human Rights Bodies	Annual
	Create counter-narrative content (radio dramas, social media content, documentaries, theatre, art, storytelling)	CSOs; Youth Networks	Artists; Media Outlets	Y1–Y10
4.3 Strengthen interfaith visibility & solidarity	Organise interfaith open days (mosques, churches, temples, shrines), cultural exchange visits	Interfaith Councils	Schools; Community Groups	Quarterly
4.4 Elevate women & youth voices in FoRB discourse	Train women religious leaders & youth communicators to speak in schools, public forums & media	Faith Umbrella Bodies	Women's Associations; Youth Movements	Annual

PILLAR 5: Establish Monitoring, Accountability & Learning Systems

Objective	Key Actions	Lead Actors	Supporting Actors	Timeline
5.1 Create a unified FoRB monitoring and reporting mechanism	Establish a National FoRB Reporting & Documentation Mechanism	NRTP (Lead)	KNCHR; NCIC; CSOs; Faith Councils	Jan–Feb 2026
	Standardise FoRB reporting templates, indicators, tools across counties	KNCHR; Research TWG	County Peace Units; CSOs	Y1
5.2 Conduct evidence-based tracking and reviews	Conduct national FoRB baseline study	National M&E Working Group	Universities; Research Institutions	2026
	Conduct mid-term and end-term FoRB evaluations	M&E TWG	Academia; State Agencies	Mid-term 2031; End-term 2036
	Produce Annual State of FoRB Reports	FoRB Steering Committee	County TWGs; Media	Annual
5.3 Strengthen shared learning & knowledge production	Convene annual FoRB symposiums, learning forums & practitioner exchanges	NRTP; Universities	Faith Institutions; CSOs	Annual
	Commission thematic FoRB research (e.g., early warning, harmful narratives, identity vetting, interfaith family law)	Universities; Think Tanks		