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Metro Alliance Newsletter

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1.5 Years of Making
Waves in Nairobi!



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METRO ALLIANCE

From Our Home Base at Morningside Office Park, Ngong Road

*Hey there, Nairobi
changemakers!*

Can you believe it's been just 1.5 years since Metro Alliance burst onto the scene, shaking things up for a better, greener, and safer city? We've packed more action into these 18 months than most groups do in a decade—and we're just getting started! With our shiny new secretariat at Morningside Office Park, Ngong Road, led by our awesome Administrator Rita Zawadi, we're turning heads and planting seeds (literally!) across the city. **Ready to dive into our epic journey? Let's go!**

Born to Fight, Born to Win – Our Rockstar Beginnings!

Since our inception 1.5 years ago, Metro Alliance has been a powerhouse for change.



We kicked things off by playing a starring role in forming the Nairobi Professionals & Residents Group (NPRG), which gave birth to the fearless NPRG Civil Action. Talk about a plot twist! In a historic protest march, we rallied from Jeevanjee Gardens, stormed down University Way and Uhuru Highway, delivered a fiery memorandum to Parliament Buildings, marched up Harambee Avenue, Taifa Road, and City Hall Way, and handed another memorandum to the County Assembly.

But hold on—the governor's thugs had other plans, beating us up before we could confront him (conveniently, he'd vanished from his office!). The result? A total victory! The governor backtracked on his wild plan to approve 25-floor buildings. Boom!

We also flexed our muscles against an illegal development along Mbaazi Road, showing Nairobi that we mean business. Check out the buzz on X—our followers have been hyping these wins, with posts like “@MetroAllianceKE shutting down corruption one march at a time!” and “#NairobiRising thanks to Metro Alliance!” **Join us to keep the momentum going!**

Navigating the Deluge: Fundraising Appeal



Over **90 people** are **dead** due to the floods and over **37,000 households** affected countrywide. Nairobi has been heavily affected and the rains show no signs of abating over the next few weeks.

We would like to raise some funds to contribute to the rescue and support efforts. Mshai Mwangola will lead this drive with a team of volunteers from this group.

Please send your contribution to Mpesa Paybill **4037665** Account Number: **KIWANA**

Please also share this appeal widely with your network and respective associations appealing for contributions, however big or small. The deadline for the first round of contributions is **6 May 2024**.

There are various areas we expect the funds to go to including rescue logistics, food, and clothing. Please let's support our brothers, sisters, and children at this time of need.

Much appreciated!



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Flood Fighters – Standing Tall in the Muddy Waters!

When Nairobi faced its flood catastrophe, Metro Alliance didn't just watch—we acted!

Our statement on the floods (circulated widely on social media) called out systemic neglect and poor urban planning, spotlighting the heart-wrenching losses in South C, Kilimani, Westlands, and informal settlements like Mukuru Kwa Njenga. But we didn't stop at words—we rallied well-wishers to raise funds, bringing relief to displaced families. X posts from @NairobiResident cheered, "Metro Alliance's flood aid is a lifeline!" Visit www.metroalliance.or.ke to see how we're pushing for NIUPLAN and stricter enforcement of building codes and regulations to prevent future disasters. ***Want to help? Your support can amplify this fight!***

Green Heroes – Re-Greening Nairobi, One Tree at a Time!

*Who says saving
the city can't be fun?*

We've been planting trees in public primary schools across Nairobi, turning concrete jungles into green havens! Plus, we're setting up tree nurseries in every school we've greened, ensuring a sustainable future.

Future plans? Support environmental clubs in schools where they already exist, and establish them where they don't, to inspire the next generation of eco-warriors!



We are working on establishing a collaborative relationship with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), an international non-profit research rockstar, that is setting up pollution monitors citywide to track air quality—because clean air is a right, not a luxury. **Check out @MetroAllianceKE on X for pics of smiling kids with saplings, and join us to dig in!**



Planning Pioneers – Resilience at the Neighbourhood Level!

*Our fight for smart city planning is
straight out of a superhero comic!*

The "Resilience at the Neighborhood Level" document showcases our push for Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans (LPLUDPs) in Zones 4, 5, 6, and 12—think Spring Valley, Lavington, Kileleshwa, Loresho, and Karen. We're ensuring low-density vibes stay intact with clear zoning and infrastructure upgrades. X users rave, "@MetroAllianceKE is saving our neighbourhoods!" Visit our website for details on how we're partnering with built-environment professionals to make this happen.

Ready to be a planning hero? Sign up!

Public Participation Champs – Your Voice, Our Mission!

We've been the people's mic at public participation forums, like the Land Use Policy gig on November 22, 2024, and debates on the Development Control Policy and presented a memorandum on the Nairobi City County Fiscal Strategy. Representing residents all around the city, we've demanded transparency, data-driven plans, and community input! **Join us to amplify your voice!**



Building Collapse Crusaders – Safety First!

The Kahawa West building collapse broke our hearts, but it fueled our fire!

Our statement slammed corruption and poor oversight, vowing to hold Nairobi County accountable. We're pushing for reformed building approvals and inspections—because no family should lose their home to negligence. **Support us to build a safer Nairobi!**



Source: X



Green Metro Vision – A Circular City Dream!

Inspired by GREEN METRO, we're championing urban re-greening, wetland rehab, and a circular economy. Planting indigenous trees, vertical gardens, and protecting wetlands are game-changers for air quality and flood control. Our impact? Better health, economic opportunities, and sustainability! **Partner with us to make Nairobi a green icon—visit our site for more!**



Metro Alliance Citywide Roadshows – Uniting Nairobi for Change!

Since November 2024, Metro Alliance has hit the ground running with a series of energetic and impactful roadshows across Nairobi. These events, designed to popularize our movement, evangelize our cause, and galvanize citywide action, have drawn impressive numbers and even greater momentum.



Metro East kicked things off with a roaring success—over 60 resident associations from the Eastlands area came together, making it the most attended of all.

Metro South followed and, while attendance was more modest, it helped reinforce our presence and set the stage for further growth.

Metro West reignited the flame with a powerful showing—more than 45 associations turned up to show solidarity, share insights, and align on our urban reform agenda.

Metro North brought the series to a strong close with 33 associations engaging deeply on planning, infrastructure, and the collective demand for accountability.



At the heart of these gatherings was one resounding call: a demand for an inclusive, well-enforced master plan for Nairobi. From dilapidated infrastructure to unregulated development, residents across all regions spoke with one voice—enough is enough. The roadshows weren't just events—they were a movement-building experience, and momentum is growing.

As we roll into the next phase, Metro Alliance continues to push for a master-planned, better-managed city, rooted in transparency, sustainability, and community engagement.

The Team



Ndirangu Maina

Role: Chairman

Professional Background: Businessman

Metro Alliance Contribution: Rallying interest and support for the alliance.

Interest Areas: Urban planning

Vision: "Together, we can build the city we can all be proud of."



Geoff Luseno

Role: Vice Chairman

Professional Background: Project Manager and Community Worker

Metro Alliance Contribution: Spearheaded strategic partnerships, resource mobilisation, and sustainable urban development initiatives

Interest Areas: Improving informal settlements, securing public land, fostering inter-community collaboration, and green spaces

Vision: "Let us build a city where no community stands alone—united by sustainable partnerships and equity."



Teddy Obiero

Role: Executive Committee Member

Professional Background: ICT entrepreneur (security networks, solar energy, green tech)

Metro Alliance Contribution: Mobilised 28,000+ trees, launched Nairobi's largest school tree-growing drive, pioneered plastic recycling (56,000 kg), and advocated for inclusive bylaws

Interest Areas: Climate action, circular economy, urban equity, and green energy.

Vision: "Sustainable cities begin with empowered communities."



Victoria Wamuyu

Role: Urban Planning Advisor

Professional Background: Urban and regional planning.

Metro Alliance Contribution: Promoting active resident participation in shaping their neighbourhoods.

Interest Areas: Sustainable and resilient urban planning.

Vision: "Nairobi residents must actively shape resilient neighbourhoods where they thrive."

Richard Vaughan

Role: Executive Committee Member.

Professional Background: Documentary film director and management consultant.

Metro Alliance Contribution: Advocacy against illicit developments violating zoning laws.

Interest Areas: Preserving green spaces in congested urban areas.

Quote: "For evil to succeed, good people need only do nothing."



Rita Zawadi

Role: Assistant Manager. Professional

Professional Background: Management expert in operational efficiency and strategic planning.

Metro Alliance Contribution: Ensuring project execution aligns with organisational goals.

Interest Areas: Green initiatives and equity for marginalised communities.

Vision: "Your future self is watching—make sure they stand in awe, not regret."



Samora Sikalieh

Role: Secretary

Professional Background: Businessman

Metro Alliance Contribution: Advocacy for resident participation and sustainable urban planning.

Interest Areas: Urban sustainability and community engagement.

Metro Alliance Members

1 Karen & Langata District Association

Miotoni Residents Association
Karen Brooks Residents Association
Ooloolua Residents Association
Mwitu Estate Association
Windy Ridge Residents Association
Lower Pepo Lane Residents Association
Rhino Park Residents Association
Mutero Muhugu Residents Association
3 Dee Lane Residents Association
Karen Ngong View Residents Association
Hardy Residents Association
Giraffe Area Residents Association
Tree Lane Residents Association
Mukoma/Banda Residents Association
Quarry/Kibo/Moran Lane Association
Forest Lane Residents Association
Mbagathi Ridge Residents Association
Saiffee Park/Bohra Community
Karen Ridge Residents Association
Ndovu Road Residents Association
Marula Lane Residents Association
Kuja Lane Residents Association
Silanga Road Residents Association
Comboni/Fair Acres Residents Association
Marist Residents
Sandalwood Residents
Kuwindia Road Residents Association
May East Road Residents Association
Nzohe-Pofu Road Residents Association
Ndege Road Residents Association
Kasuku Close Residents Association
Kasuku Drive Residents Association
Bogani East Residents Association
Bosto Villas Residents
Mokoyeti Residents Associatio
Karen Plains Residents Association
Forest Edge Grove Residents Association
Forest Edge Road Residents Association
Langata Forest Edge Residents Association
Murishu Road Residents
Karen Triangle Residents Association
Karen Woodlands Residents Association
Karen Dukas Association

2 Alliance of Nairobi Metro Residents Association

Nyayo Estate
Baraka Estate
Simba Villas Estate
Fedha Estate
Skyline Estate
Taj Village
Tassia 3
Pride Park Apartments
Airview Apartments
Green Valley

3 Northern Block Residents Association

Peponi Road
Spring Valley
Kitisuru
Lakeview Estate
Mitini Estate
Gigiri Road
Kunde Road
New Muthaiga Residents Association
Nyari Estate
Rosslyn Alliance
Rosslyn Heights
Rosslyn Lone Tree

4 The Loresho-Mount Community Alliance

Loresho Kaumoni Road Residents Association
Kibagare Way Residents Association
Loresho North Residents Association
Loresho South Residents Association
Waterfront Gardens Residents Association
Mountain View Residents Association
Kyuna Neighbours Association

5 KIWANA

Kileleshwa East
Kileleshwa West
Riverside Drive
Muthangari
Waruku

6 Individual Associations

Lavington Five Roads Association
Kunde Road Residents Welfare Association
Mbagathi Ridge Residents Association
Kilimani Project Foundation
Parklands Residents Association

Why Join Metro Alliance?

*In just 1.5 years,
we've protested,
planted, planned,
and partnered our
way to the top!*

From beating back 25-floor madness to greening schools and fighting floods, we've achieved great milestones in a brief period. With SEI's pollution monitors, LPLUDPs in progress, and roadshows rocking the city, the future is bright—and you can be part of it! Visit www.metroalliance.or.ke, follow @MetroAllianceKE on X, or drop by Morningside Office Park to join or donate.

***Together, let's make Nairobi
the city of our dreams!***



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Let's grow this movement—see you on the front lines!