

# HERITAGE AS A CATALYST OF SOCIAL COHESION

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# United Nations Security Council Statement on Conflicts in Africa

- “Conflicts breed where there is poor governance, human rights abuses and grievances over the unequal distribution of resources, wealth, and power...
- Similarly, tensions simmer where people are excluded, marginalized and denied meaningful participation in the political and social life of their countries...
- Unrest flourished where people were poor, jobless and without hope...” - **Ban Ki Moon**

# DIVERSITY IN AFRICA

- From ethnicity to religion, class, gender, language and clan, Africa is the most socio-culturally diverse continent in the world. Commonly portrayed as a liability, diversity in Africa can in fact be a remarkable resource for nation-building and unity in Africa if it is properly harnessed and constructively managed.

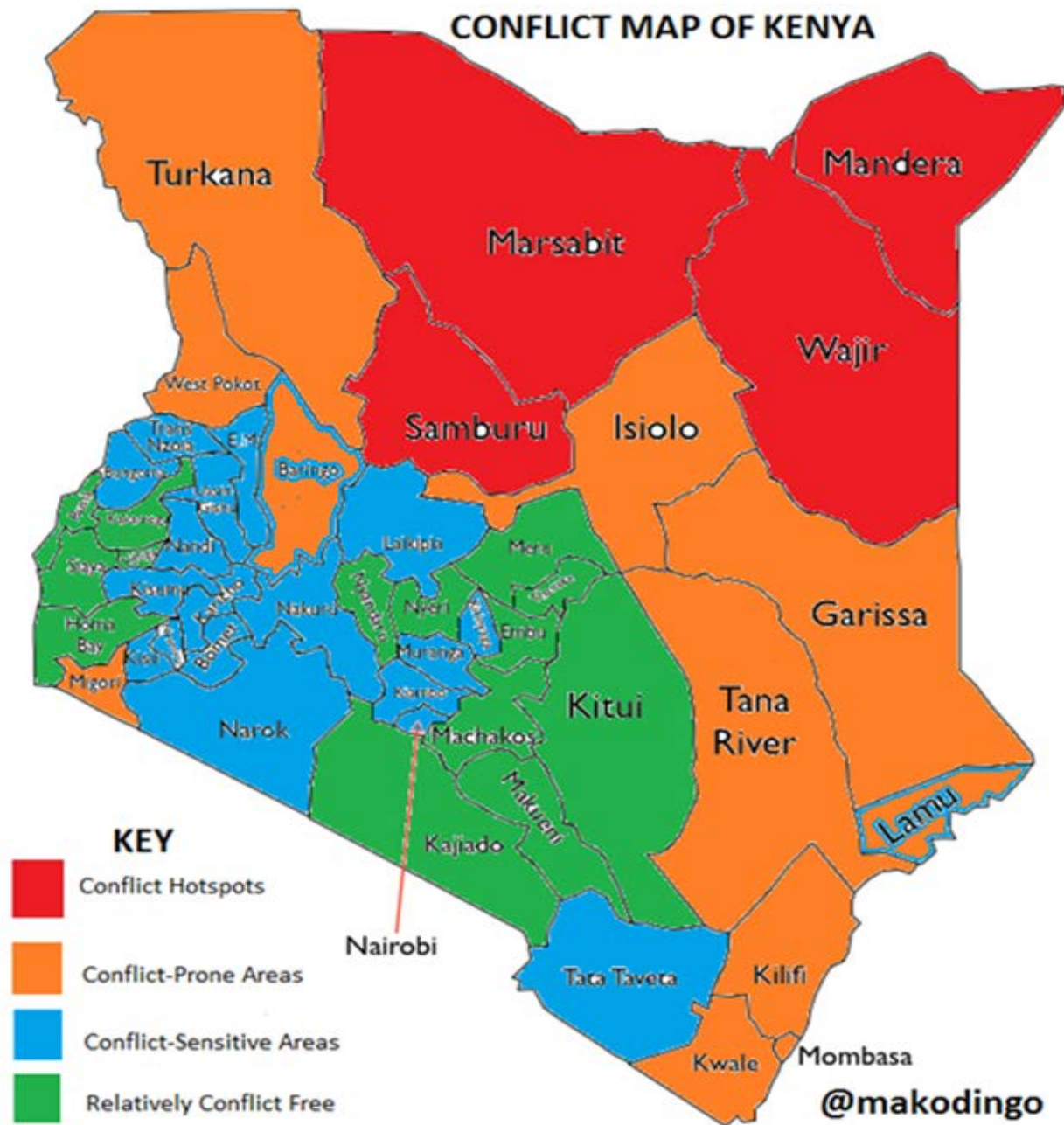
# Kenya 2007 Elections

- If mismanaged, diversity can become a liability and cause loss of life and material damage particularly where it is manipulated for political ends, especially during elections.
- A clear case in point is the 2007 post-election violence in Kenya, triggered by a mobilization of votes along ethnic lines, which cost 1,500 deaths, generated 600,000 internally displaced people and caused enormous economic turmoil.

# Kenya 2010 Constitution

- Following the crisis, Kenya adopted a new constitution that triggered sweeping changes in government and society, aimed at mending differences and promoting broad inclusion of Kenya's diverse groups in decision-making and development processes, from the local to the national level.
- The coming into force of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 ushered in 47 devolved with mandates to end the exclusion that had been associated with centralized Government and drag their people out of poverty

# CONFLICT MAP OF KENYA



# KENYA SOCIAL COHESION CHALLENGES

- Challenges brought by devolution
- Emergence of ethnic enclaves
- Boundary Disputes
- Tyranny of numbers
- Land Question
- Terrorism and ethnic profiling
- Hate speech in social media

# Kenya 2010 Constitution

- Elaborate Bill of Rights. Ethnic diversity is mentioned 15 times. Its includes,
- Equality and freedom of discrimination from ethnicity, race, sex, pregnancy and so on.
- County assembly and party assembly seats must have regional and ethnic balance.
- No political party on the basis of ethnic, religious, race and so on
- Representation of marginalized groups including ethnic and other minorities
- National executive, Defence forces, Police force, and Independent Commissions, comprise regional and ethnic diversity



# STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING NATIONAL COHESION

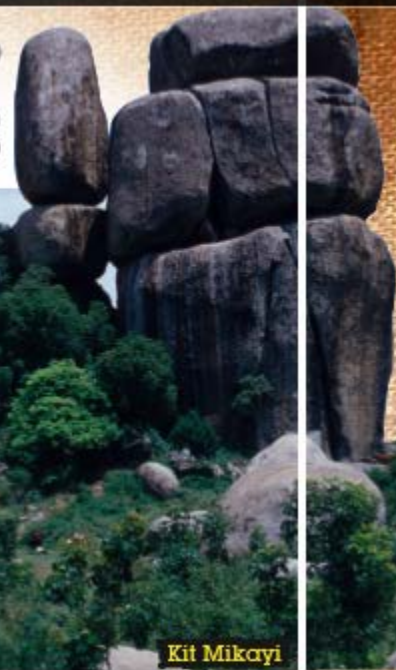
- Promoting National Cohesion and Integration through Policy, legal and Institutional Framework:
  - Conduct County Cohesion Conversations.
  - Review of Policy and Legal framework that hinder National Unity.
- Promotion of National Identity and Nationhood:
  - Stimulate Conversation and discussion on County and National Identities.
  - Identify Common Values that are upheld across Counties.
  - Promotion of the Symbols of National Identity



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# NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO DEVELOP & PROMOTE 100 BEST MONUMENTS



Kit Mikanyi

Old Pc Office



Takwa



Kipande House



*Dear Governor,*

The National Government intends to launch a National Campaign to develop and promote 100 Best Monuments in Kenya.

The campaign will include conducting research on the monuments, building an interpretation center around them and the provision of livelihoods for communities.

Please identify two monuments in your County that you consider to be of wide appeal to your community, Kenyans and that can contribute to County and National Tourism.

Send your submission via email or post through the contacts below. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Names of identified Monuments should reach us via email or post by:  
**3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2016**



Gedi Ruins

# 100 Best Monuments Initiative

- Identification of 100 sites/monuments of National/County importance
- Research
- Develop interpretations centres
- Development of livelihoods
- Create avenues for creative industry innovations

# Outcomes

- Social cohesion – Shared icons, Identity and Pride
- Creation of livelihoods
- Spur interest in Applied Heritage and Time travel method
- Heritage tourism
- Innovations anchored in Heritage



# THANK YOU - ASANTE SANA!



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