

REIMAGINING RESILIENCE

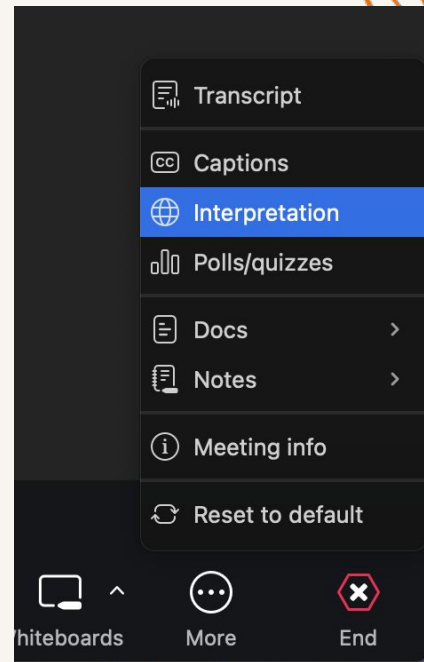
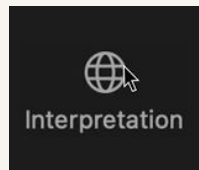
SESSION 1:
**Reckoning with changing
funding realities**

April 22



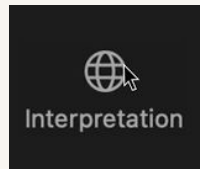
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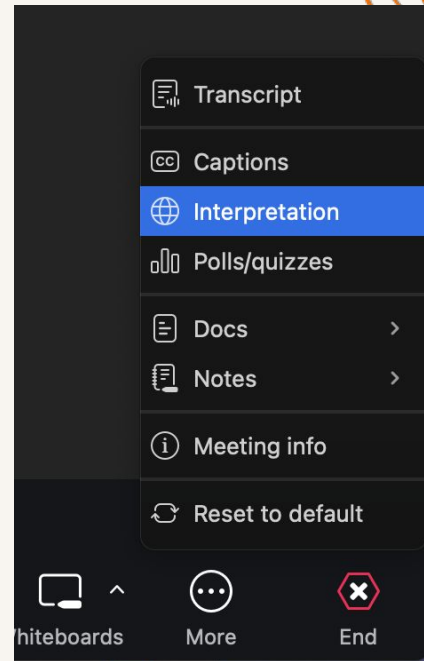
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Reimagining Resilience: Sustaining our mission in a changing world

PURPOSE: To explore how in a time of intersecting crises and deep uncertainty, we can sustain our missions. How can rights and justice leaders, organizations, and movements make sense of the rapid shifts around us while staying grounded and resourced for the long haul?

OUR 3-PART SERIES SESSIONS:

- **Today, April 22:** Reckoning with changing funding realities
- **May 8:** Exploring alternative funding models: what are the possibilities?
- **May 22:** Thriving together: Collaborating with care and creativity

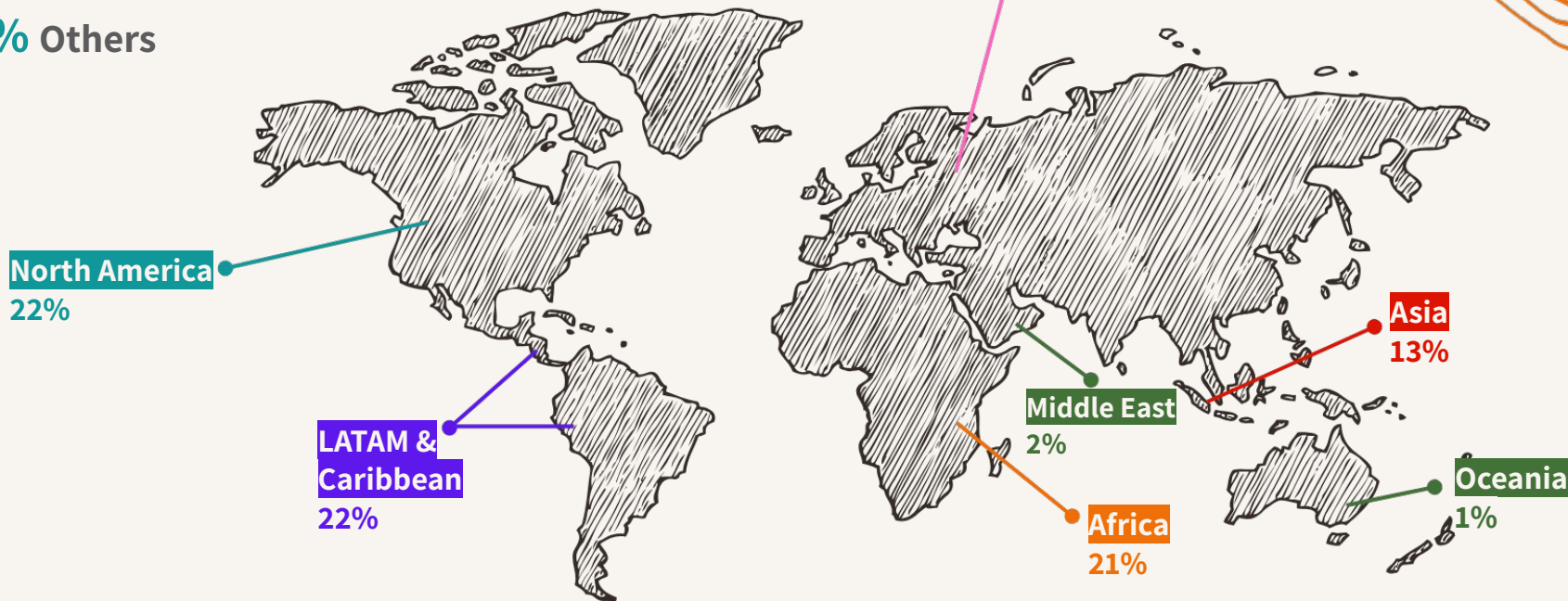


Snapshot of Organizations Joining

69% Civil Society Organizations

16% Funders

15% Others

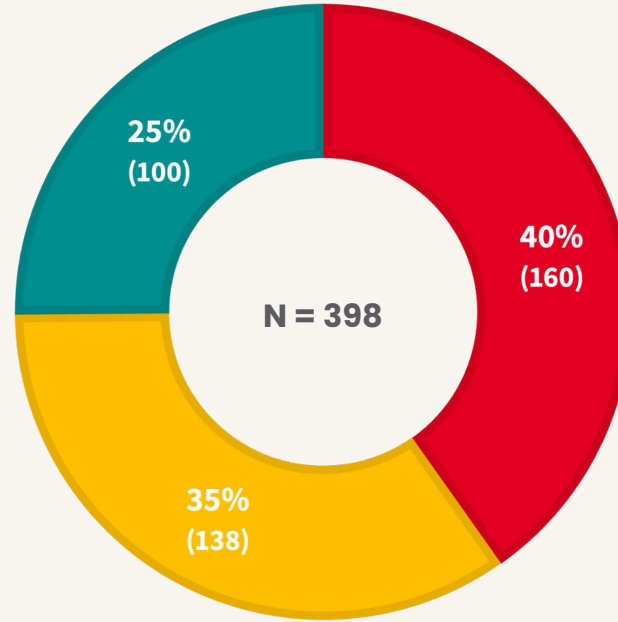


Source: FIRE registration survey, April 2025

Are the current shifts in the funding landscape affecting your organization? (as per April 21)

Not at the moment /
Not sure

Yes, we've lost significant
grants/donors



Yes, but the impact has
been minor

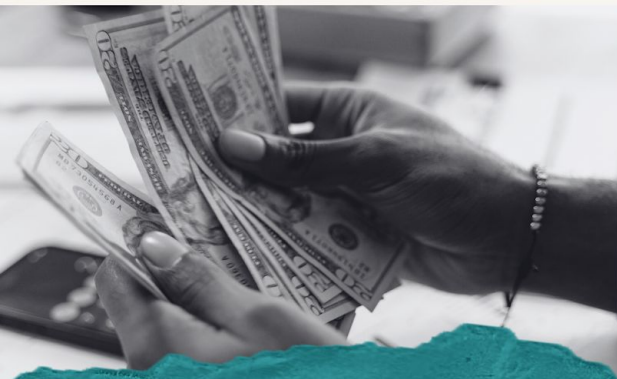


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Agenda

In today's session we'll:

- Understand shifts in the funding landscape for rights and justice work.
- Connect and exchange with peers and leaders in the field from around the world on how funders and civil society are navigating turbulent waters.
 - Speakers: Kellea Miller and Ikal Angelei
- Explore possibilities and opportunities for how we do and sustain this work into the future.



US Funding Cuts & Legal Environment Shifts

- **At least \$12 billion in cuts from USAID** contracts representing 24-53% of USAID's total work.
- **New policies, executive orders and government memos** resulting in an more restrictive fundraising and operating environment for philanthropy and civil society.
- **Global health (especially SRHR), gender equality and humanitarian work** likely to be heavily hit.
- **Sub-Saharan Africa** likely to be the most impacted region
 - historically, the largest regional recipient of US funding
 - newly-proposed elimination of State Dept bureau of African affairs



High-Level Trends: Global ODA Cuts

In 2024 –even before the Trump Administration took power–
7 wealthy countries + EU announced \$17.2b in cuts to ODA, all to
take effect* over the next five years, including:

- Germany
- France
- Sweden
- Netherlands
- Finland
- Norway
- Switzerland
- EU



****While we know cuts are likely to be severe and disruptive, the nature, volume, and thematic/geographic implications of these cuts are not necessarily determined or final as of today.***

Strategic advocacy or future electoral shifts may further shift the nature of these cuts from some countries more than others.

High-Level Trends: ODA

- Increasingly seen as a tool for **delivering domestic priorities**
- Increasing **ODA spent domestically** on refugee costs
- More **power shifting out of development ministries** and bureaucracies
- **Defense spending going up** - with likely further cuts to ODA
- Only **1% of total ODA goes directly to CSOs as core support** and **0.1% goes directly to CSOs in the Global South** (OECD data)
- Estimated annual **gap of ODA for human rights of \$1 billion by 2027** (HRFN)



Philanthropic Response

- **Philanthropic coordination gaining momentum**
 - Emergency grants and flexibility
 - Increased endowment payouts
 - Meet the Moment Pledge & Council on Foundations Statement
- **Chilling effect in the US**; culture of fear, mitigation, and deference to legal teams, heightened by threat of new Executive Orders regarding tax status. Some consideration of moving assets out of the US.
- Many **large foundations still waiting** to get more official clarity on the final “landing place” of changes
- **Corporate giving in the US seems to be slowing down** (at least temporarily) in response to change in political environment + increasing caution around tariffs



Breakout – 10 minutes

- How are changes in the funding landscape impacting your work?





HRFN

Human Rights
Funders Network

Network of funders in the Global South, East & North dedicated to resourcing human rights action around the world.



Kellea Miller

Executive Director



Friends of Lake Turkana

An indigenous, women-led organization that works with and for communities within the greater Turkana basin to demand collective social, economic, cultural, environmental, and territorial justice



Ikal Angelei

Co-founder and Director

Save the dates: next in the series

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM UTC

May 8: Exploring alternative funding models: what are the possibilities?

May 22: Thriving together: Collaborating with care and creativity





Thank you!