

Moulding Practice in Light of Theory: Socialism with African Characteristics

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KIGODA

KIGODA is the ideological and theoretical organ of the **Socialist Workers Movement of Kenya**. It is not a neutral platform, but a revolutionary tool designed to analyze, critique, and advance socialist theory and praxis—rooted in **Marxism-Leninism** and shaped by **Kenya's material realities**.

Our Purpose

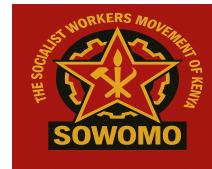
We publish with a clear ideological-political commitment. This journal is not simply a repository of the Movement's theses. Rather, it is a living contribution to the **popularization and development of Marxist-Leninist theory**, aimed at:

- Deepening ideological clarity,
- Strengthening revolutionary practice, and
- Advancing the global class struggle.

We engage with modern developments in capitalism and imperialism through a **scientific socialist lens**, and we seek to contribute to the **re-organisation of the international communist and labor movement**.

Our Mission

We aim to foster an **unrestricted exchange of revolutionary ideas**, grounded in Marxist-Leninist principles. While we may differ tactically or strategically from other movements, we **unite in theory** to push forward the intellectual reconstruction of global socialism.



Our focus is on:

- Defending the **Marxist-Leninist party model** in an era of capitalist co-option,
- Reinforcing the **central role of the working class** in the transition from capitalism to socialism,
- Resisting the ideological capture of communist parties by liberalism, reformism, or nationalism,
- Promoting international dialogue on the **future of the communist movement**.

Against Opportunism and Imperialism

In an age of global crisis and mass inequality, capitalism is proving its **historical limitations**. The collapse of neoliberal promises and the intensifying class contradictions globally remind us of the continued relevance of **Karl Marx's Capital**.

To address contemporary phenomena such as digital currency, surveillance capitalism, and new imperialist formations, we uphold the **Marxist-Leninist critique**—not as dogma, but as a revolutionary guide to action.

We take a firm stand against:

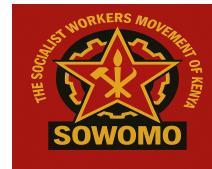
- **Social democracy** that seeks to soften capitalism,
- **Revisionism and reformism** that dilute revolutionary goals,
- **Liberal and cosmopolitan ideologies** serving capitalist hegemony,
- **Imperialist institutions** such as the IMF, NATO, and the EU,
- **Nationalist deviations** that obscure class struggle.

Socialism with African Characteristics

Our analysis is rooted in **Kenya's historical and current class contradictions**. We examine the effects of capitalism and imperialism on Kenyan workers, peasants, and the broader African continent. In doing so, we advocate for a **socialism that emerges from African struggles**, rather than imported models.

We draw inspiration from:

- The **Paris Commune** and the **October Revolution**,
- The **Communist International**,
- The **socialist experiences of the USSR and other states**,



- Kenya's **own resistance history**—from anti-colonial revolts to contemporary workers' movements.

Information, Communication, and Resistance

We recognize the **dual role of media and digital technologies** in Kenya. While often tools of state surveillance and capitalist propaganda, they also provide new platforms for **resistance, education, and organization**. We aim to critically analyze these tools as part of the wider class struggle.

Our Aims

- Promote **socialist ideas, experiences, and world outlooks**,
- Raise consciousness about **Kenya's class conflicts** and contradictions,
- Reveal the damage caused by **capitalism and imperialism** to Kenya and the world,
- Support the struggles of the **working class, peasants, and laboring communities**,
- Encourage **internationalist solidarity**, especially across Africa and the Global South,
- Critically assess the role of **information and communication politics** in society.

Join the Conversation

The revolutionary transformation of society demands both theory and action.

KIGODA is a platform for critical thought, ideological struggle, and revolutionary imagination.

We invite comrades, thinkers, and workers to engage with us, challenge us, and help build the **scientific socialist future** our world urgently needs.

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