



“Democracy, Elections and Governance in Africa”

MOOC: Democracy, Elections and Governance in Africa

Course: Civic spaces and citizen participation

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- 1. Genesis of citizen movements in the African civic space (French-speaking countries vs. English-speaking countries)**
- 2. Role of African citizen movements in the consolidation of democratic gains**
- 3. Citizen participation in the democratisation processes of African countries**
- 4. Civil society and citizen movements as key actors of good governance**
- 5. Civic tech for citizen participation, possible futures !**

Module 1

Genesis of citizen movements in the African civic space (French-speaking countries vs. English-speaking countries)



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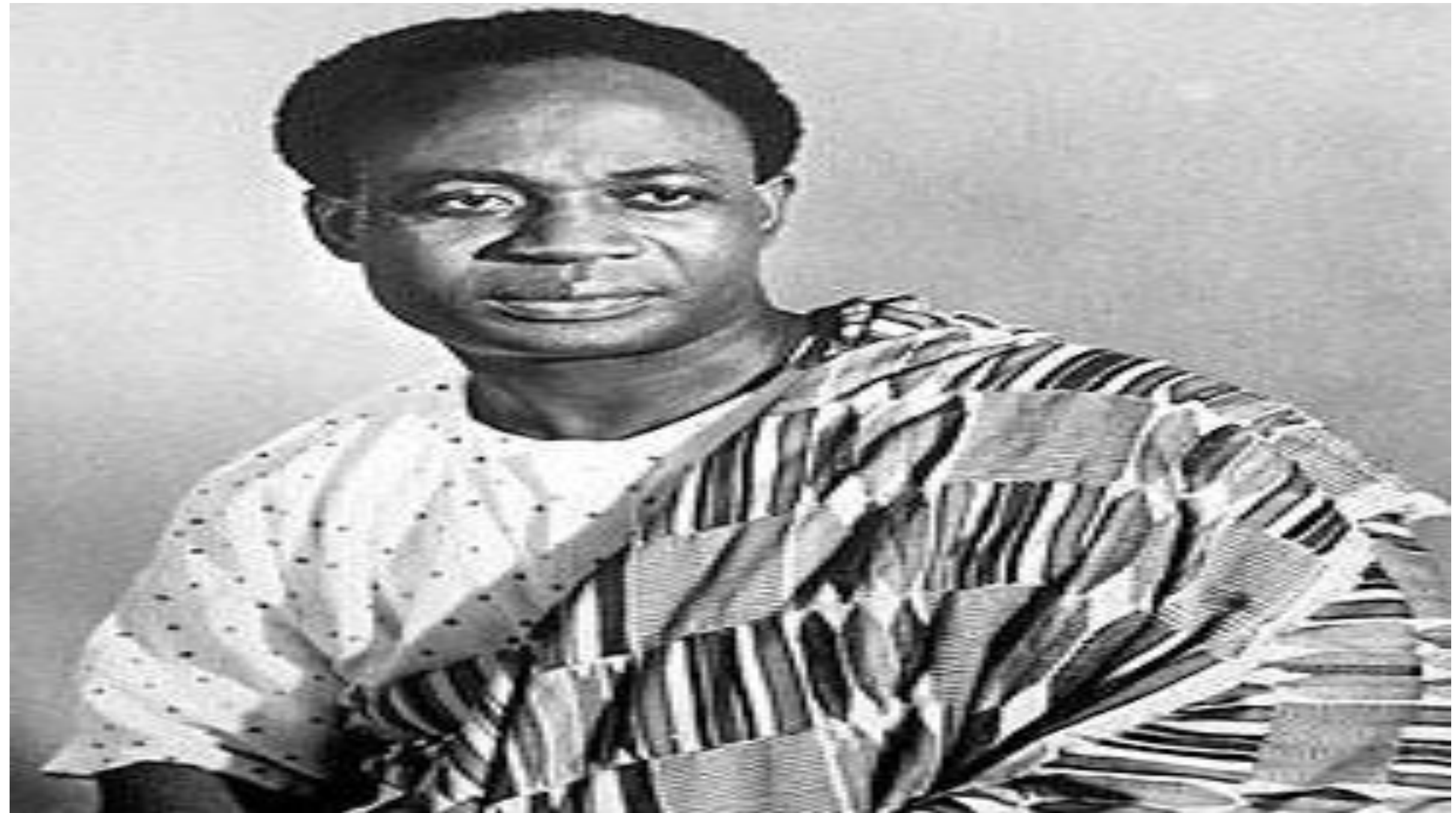
- African resistance and citizens movement building and solidarity movements with the anti-slave sentiments**
- Existence of community groups before, during colonial times and how they transformed into formal groups**
- African Independence Citizens Movements organizing against closing of civic space took place in the 20th century**
- Division/sharing of Africa by European powers between 1884 - 1885 during the Berlin Conference**

- Role of some independence groups in the struggle: the ANC South Africa, CPP Ghana, CCM Tanzania, SWAPO Namibia, PAIGC Guinea Bissau**
- Liberation of some African countries and the building of solidarity to support for each to fight for individual countries' independence and trends**
- The liberation of Ghana under the leadership Dr. Kwame Nkrumah has ignited solidarity and advanced the fight for a common cause – United Africa**
- The birth to the Organisation of African Union (OAU), now renamed as the African Union**



“ Our independence is meaningless unless it is linked up with total liberation of the African continent.”

Dr Kwame Krumah



Conclusion

We have just seen the genesis of citizen movements in Africa with a focus on Francophone and Anglophone Africa.

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Module 2

Role of African citizen movements in the consolidation of democratic gains

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- The journey of African citizen movements during Africa's self rule democratic system and model**
- Highlight citizen movements, trade unions or farmer associations in the struggle self rule and democratic- And some of them turned into armed resistance groups and eventually into political parties**
- Africans citizens movements lead the struggle for Africa's liberation and hence the principles of democracy across countries.**

- Citizens movements continue to hold their governments and leaders accountable in respect democracy**
- Grassroot movements leading fights against brutal dictatorship and corrupt regimes**
- The increased formations of young people led citizens leaderless movements helps to build solidarity**
- The re-organising and new formations of continental led organisations/movements provide mechanism for support**





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Conclusion

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Module 3

Citizen participation in the democratisation processes of African countries

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- Constitutional commitments for citizen participation in democratisation processes**
- Citizens participation in electing leaders and in policy making processes**
- The increase citizens lead public dialogues, hearing and protests on electoral reforms and other issues**
- Limited mechanism for redress in place for citizen movements leaders and community activists**

- The democratisation process presupposes holding of elections**
- Voter apathy due to low political awareness but also due to frustration with the governance system**
- Lack transparency, inclusiveness and limited democracy in political parties and male dominant**
- The general malaise among youth and women and marginalised groups due to their lack of enlightenment**



***“ Never doubt that A small Group Of Thoughtful
Committed Citizens Can Change The World:
Indeed It'S The Only Thing That Ever Has.”***

Margaret Mead



Conclusion

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Civil society and citizen movements as key actors of good governance

“ Good governance is the sets of measures, rules, decision-making, information and oversight bodies which see to ensuring the smooth running and control of a state, an institution or an organization, be it private or public, regional, national or international”

Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS)

- CSO's leading consensus building of citizens to effectively participate in the democratisation process**
- CSO's led capacity building of citizens and igniting of movement formation**
- The increased emergence of grassroots youth and women led movements help build citizen confidence and participation**
- The role of the media in advancing democracy and good governance**
- The role of academia's in research, analysis and raising citizen issues and voices**





Conclusion

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Module 4

Civic tech for citizen participation, possible futures

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- The emergence and growing trend of use of new media Vs increase citizen participation governance processes**
- Social media platforms as tool and spaces for organising, education and action taking for social change**
- The power of social media platforms like WhatsApp, twitter, Facebook, Instagram, telegram, signal etc for mobilisation, organising and actions**

- The growing surveillance on citizens , tech users, bloggers and activists by state agents and other forces

- Wrong use social media spaces and platforms some times perpetuation of hate and unethical attack on citizens

- The investment in building citizen capacity on how to used new emerging technologies



Conclusion

This is the end of Module 5 and of this course. As a reminder, we have just seen :

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Conclusion

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