

ABOUT GACS

The Great Africa Cycling Safari (GACS) is a high-level continental cycling expedition designed to promote regional integration, patriotic youth development, sustainable mobility, and measurable social impact across East Africa.

Over 6,000 kilometres and 55 days, cyclists will traverse multiple East African nations, engaging governments, security institutions, youth groups, private sector actors, and communities in a structured program aligned with the vision of the East African Community.

GACS is not just a ride. It is a moving platform for unity, discipline, sustainable transport advocacy, and regional transformation.

WHO WE ARE

GACS is a bicycle-led regional integration and sustainable mobility initiative rooted in discipline, service, and African unity. We bring together cyclists, policymakers, planners, community leaders, institutions, and partners under one structured mission: to build a more connected, secure, climate-conscious, and prosperous East Africa.

Our leadership combines endurance sport, civic education, environmental responsibility, and structured engagement with state and non-state actors. We work alongside government ministries, security institutions, urban planners, civil society, and corporate partners to ensure that every kilometre ridden translates into measurable community impact and policy dialogue.

GACS operates as:

- A continental endurance expedition
- A patriotic youth development platform
- A regional policy and mobility advocacy forum
- A cross-border community impact vehicle
- A sustainable mobility demonstration project

We believe Africa's integration will not be achieved by policy alone — it must be carried by disciplined citizens who understand, move, and live the vision.

OUR VISION

One Africa, Integrated World, Connected Sustainably

We envision a fully integrated East Africa that serves as the foundation for a united and globally competitive continent.

An Africa where:

- Borders connect rather than divide
- Youth are disciplined, skilled, and patriotic
- Regional security is strengthened through cooperation
- Trade, mobility, and shared prosperity move freely
- Transport systems are inclusive, affordable, and environmentally sustainable
- Communities actively participate in integration

Through structured endurance expeditions, GACS promotes practical Pan-Africanism — not as a slogan, but as lived experience across borders and communities.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to use long-distance cycling as a structured platform to:

- Promote East African regional integration at grassroots level
- Build disciplined and patriotic youth across the region
- Strengthen cross-border security awareness and cooperation
- Advocate for sustainable mobility and non-motorized transport solutions
- Deliver measurable community impact in health, water, food security, and mobility
- Engage policymakers and institutions in people-centred integration

Each stop along the 6,000 km journey includes formal engagements, community dialogues, youth mentorship sessions, institutional visits, and mobility advocacy discussions, ensuring that GACS is both symbolic and strategic.

WHY CYCLING

Cycling is more than sport; it is discipline in motion.

- It builds endurance and character. A 55-day, 6,000 km expedition demands resilience, teamwork, and discipline.
- It symbolizes unity and sustainable movement. Bicycles cross borders quietly, affordably, and inclusively reflecting the integration we seek.
- It promotes sustainable mobility. As African cities urbanize rapidly, cycling offers low-cost, zero-emission, people-centred transport solutions that reduce congestion and environmental pressure.
- It strengthens economic access. Bicycles improve last-mile connectivity for trade, health access, and education.
- It supports climate resilience. Non-motorized transport aligns with global and regional climate commitments and green growth strategies.
- It carries a continental message. When cyclists move across nations under one African banner, they demonstrate that integration is practical, visible, sustainable, and achievable.

OUR IMPACT FRAMEWORK

GACS converts endurance into measurable results through:

- Youth discipline and patriotic mentorship forums
- Cross-border institutional engagements
- Community service activities
- Corporate social responsibility partnerships
- Public dialogue on regional integration
- Every kilometre is intentional
- Every stop is strategic
- Every engagement is structured for long-term impact