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Davinder Lamba has had an activist career in the defense of human rights work for well over 2 decades. He is the Executive Director of Mazingira Institute. He initiated in mid-90s two campaigns: Operation Firimbi (Blow the Whistle) Campaign against land grabbing, corruption and for land reform—and remains its leading light; and Advocate for Clean Judiciary Campaign, popularized by the tag line "Why bother hiring a lawyer when you can buy a judge". He participated in the formation the National Convention Executive Council (NCEC), in the mid-90s, a social movement that lead the struggle for pro-democracy and constitutional reforms and the call for 'No reforms no elections' in 1997, including Saba Saba and other peaceful mass actions. One of his major achievements is that he was a co-convenor of NCEC, which pressured the MoI/KANU regime to submit to the demand for the creation of a new constitution (Katiba Mpya). He served on the Commission of Inquiry for Illegal/Irrregular Allocation of Public Land. He has a clear past with no allegations of inappropriate misconduct.