After years of neglect, religion as a factor in development aid in Africa is currently gaining increasing attention. This new interest has spurred research on the role of faith-based organizations and religiously-driven development initiatives, and how these relate to general humanitarian principles within development theory. A largely ignored aspect of this phenomenon is the significant increase of Muslim-based development activities, embodied in the expansion of a number of local and international Muslim NGOs across Africa. This symposium seeks to fill this void by exploring the nature, role, and impact of Muslim NGOs in Africa. It aims to analyze how these NGOs enact broader principles of Islamic humanitarianism, how their work intersects with broader political trajectories, and how they affect socio-economic developments in different African contexts.