



**PROGRAMME FOR
CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM
RELATIONS IN AFRICA
(PROC MURA)**

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

Promoting constructive
Christian - Muslim relations in Africa





Sixty years of constructive Christian - Muslim relations in Africa

PROCMURA

60th
year
ANNIVERSARY

1959-2019



“... SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS UPON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL”

ROMANS 12:18

OVERVIEW

The Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) is a Pan African Christian organisation, founded in 1959 with the objective of building good relationships between Christians and Muslims across the continent.

PROCMURA marked sixty (60) years of her existence in 2019. Sixty (60) years (1959 – 2019) of Christian initiatives in witnessing the gospel in an interfaith environment and constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful coexistence in Africa. The journey to where we are today, has numerous stories, lessons, challenges, pain and success stories that came as a result of the dedication, commitment and support from people all over the world.

VISION STATEMENT

A continent where Christian and Muslim communities in spite of their differences, work together for justice, peace and reconciliation, towards the holistic development of the human family.

MISSION STATEMENT

Faithful Christian witness to the Gospel in an interfaith environment of Christians and Muslims that respects the spirit of good neighbourliness and Christian constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful coexistence.

OVERALL GOAL

To see an African continent where Christians and Muslims uphold the principles of religious freedom and all that it entails; constructively relate to promote peace in the society and peaceful coexistence between Christian and Muslim communities; jointly respond to environmental challenges.

NICHE

Founded in 1959, PROCMURA is the oldest and sole Pan African Christian organisation dedicated to Christian and Muslim constructive relations to attend to various issues of mutual concern to the two communities and the wider society. Well established in twenty (20) African countries and visible in many more others, PROCMURA has well-trained grassroots workers (men and women) to attend to the growing complexity of Christian-Muslim relations.

ESSENCE AND STATUS

PROCMURA as its name makes clear is a programme for Christian and Muslim Relations and not for Christian and Muslim dialogue. PROCMURA holds that, in the Christian and Muslim encounter, building relations is the foundational base for any constructive engagement including dialogue to understand **and in some instances to resolve differing issues. Dialogue in PROCMURA's thinking can be sterile if** good relations are not promoted and worked on to become the norm.

PROCMURA's Status is that of a Faith Based Organisation (FBO) that is a movement and not an institution. Registered in Kenya as a Civil Society Organisation (CSO).

OUR CORE MANDATE

Our mandate is in two-fold:

- i. *To promote among the Churches in Africa, faithful and responsible Christian witness in an interfaith environment of Christians and Muslims that will promote and not unduly jeopardise*

- the spirit of good neighbourliness.*
- ii. *To promote Christian constructive engagement with Muslims, so that together, members of the two communities can work towards the promotion of peace and peaceful coexistence, and embark on joint actions on issues that militate against the development of society.*



Protecting vulnerable children against Covid-19



Empowerment of the girl child



PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS

Under the dispensation of the Strategic Plan (2020 - 2024), the programme priority speak to the core and designated focus areas of the organisation. Core: has the intra-Christian component and embarks on building/enhancing the capacity of the Christian leadership of men, women and youth on the **complexity of Christian-Muslim relations. Designated: Is the inter-Christian and Muslim programmes**, which focus on peace and peaceful co-existence.

- i. **Learning and Skills Development:** The programme builds the capacity of church leaders (men, women and youth) through formal and informal education.
- ii. **Women and Peace Building:** The programme builds the capacity of Christian and Muslim women in Africa on the role of women in peace building.
- iii. **Youth and Religious Tolerance:** The programme addresses the rise of religious intolerance among youth in learning institutions and provides skills development for the youth around the continent.
- iv. **Freedom of Religion or Belief:** This programme brings together various stakeholders **to enhance their capacity in identifying FoRB violations, advocate for FoRB and work to promote FoRB.**
- v. **Conflict Prevention, Peace Building and Reconciliation:** This programme focuses on **pre and post conflict prevention and religious peace building initiatives with community-based approaches in preventing violent extremism and other religious related conflicts.**
- vi. **PROCMURA Ambassador Recognition: In this programme, we recognize enthusiastic** men, women and youth, drawn from across the religious divide, who have remained committed in promoting religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence for peace and development.

WHAT WE DO

- * We build the capacity of religious leaders, women and youth in Christian-Muslim relations;
- * We ensure peaceful learning environments for all: we empower the youth in learning **institutions to embrace religious tolerance and actively participate in conflict prevention** through the PROCMURA Chapters in learning institutions;
- * We put a smile on the faces of women and the girl child: we empower them with knowledge and skills to enable them address issues of particular concern to them;
- * We empower disadvantaged youth in the communities with technical skills;
- * **We build community resilience against enablers of violent conflict;**
- * We provide humanitarian aid to people in need



Capacity Building on women issues in Christian-Muslim relations



Public Campaign against radicalization and violent extremism

OUR JOURNEY/ACHIEVEMENTS

- The organisation marked its sixtieth (60) years anniversary in 2019;
- **Received a Prestigious Award from Global Ministries (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ** in the USA for its work on building bridges of understanding, promoting mutual respect and peaceful coexistence between Christians and Muslims in Africa;
- Received the Golden Rule Ambassador Award;
- PROCMURA Chairperson received the Cross St. Augustine Award;
- The organisation has gained recognition as a primary Christian organisation in Africa with primary source of information and action in Christian-Muslim Relations (CMR);
- PROCMURA has endeared itself to the African Union as a credible body of advocacy for Christian and Muslim collaboration for peace and development;
- The organisation has created conducive environment for Muslims and Christians to come together for mutual learning and sharing;
- **The organisation has imbibed technical aspects, such as: Basic Degree in Theology or Divinity and MA in Islam Christian Muslim Relations (ICMR) as prerequisite for undertaking PROCMURA's work;**
- **PROCMURA Executive Committee member received the Imam Khomeini Legacy Award.**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PROCMURA being a Christian organization that extends a hand of friendship to our Muslim brothers and sisters, and indeed to those from all other religions in Africa and world over, is guided by a set of guiding principles as outlined herein among others;

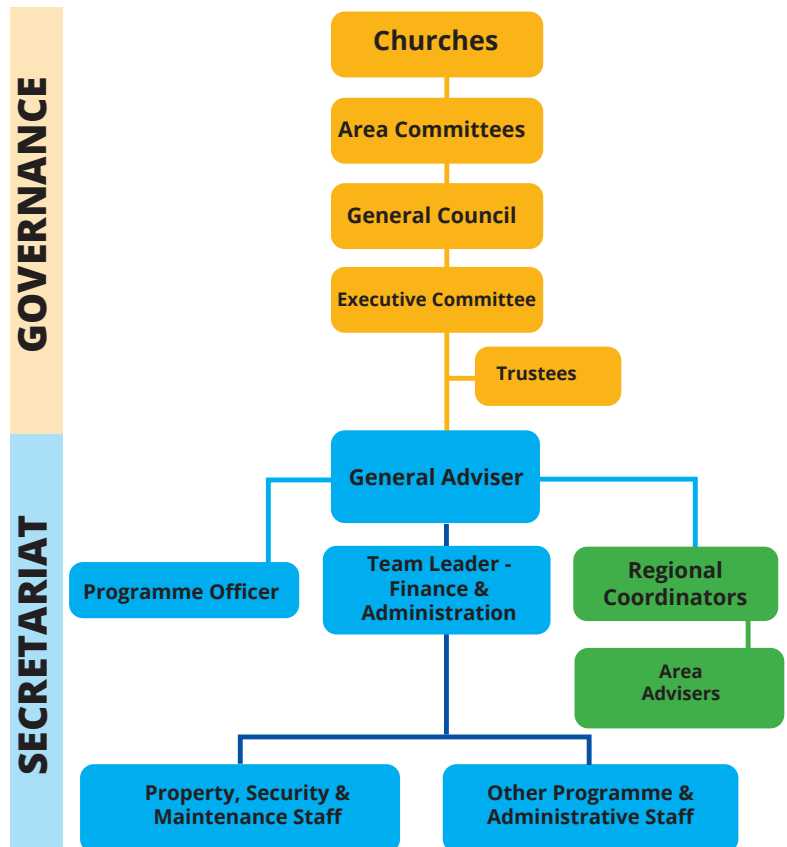
- i. *We believe in understanding and respecting religious differences; upholding religious freedom and all that it entails.*
- ii. *We believe that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding can only be found in community based upon right relations. Through our work, be it at the local, regional or global level, we seek to build community by supporting and aligning with all others that struggle for peace, justice and the integrity of creation, seeking to uphold God's inclusive call to promote the dignity of all human beings.*
- iii. *We believe in stewardship over resources entrusted to us by God. In this respect, we seek to make the best use of resources at our disposal.*
- iv. *We believe in commitment to professionalism and hard work. This demands the mobilisation of all resources at our disposal; to give of our best and in keeping with our mission and vision.*
- v. *We believe that in Christian-Muslim relations, the development of the youth for tomorrow's world begins in today's world.*
- vi. *We believe in gender equity in our staffing and service delivery with positive discrimination by*

- vii. *ensuring that women issues in Christian-Muslim relations are part of our core programme. Finally and perhaps most importantly, we believe that Christian witness is part of Christian identity and therefore obligatory, as Christian vocation in working for peace and peaceful co-existence is also mandatory. For Jesus the Christ who said "...you are my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) is the same Jesus who is referred to as "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).*

THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE

PROCMURA governance and administration operates on a two (2) tier structure, made up of a General Council and a General Secretariat. The General Council is the policy-making body of the organisation.

The Executive Committee oversees the implementation of laid down policies. **The administration operates from its Central Office in Nairobi, Kenya, and is the brain house of the organisation's ethos in its commitment to serve the churches in their bid to constructively relate with the Muslim communities, in virtually every aspect of human and religious endeavours.**



EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA PARTNERS



ECUMENICAL PARTNERS



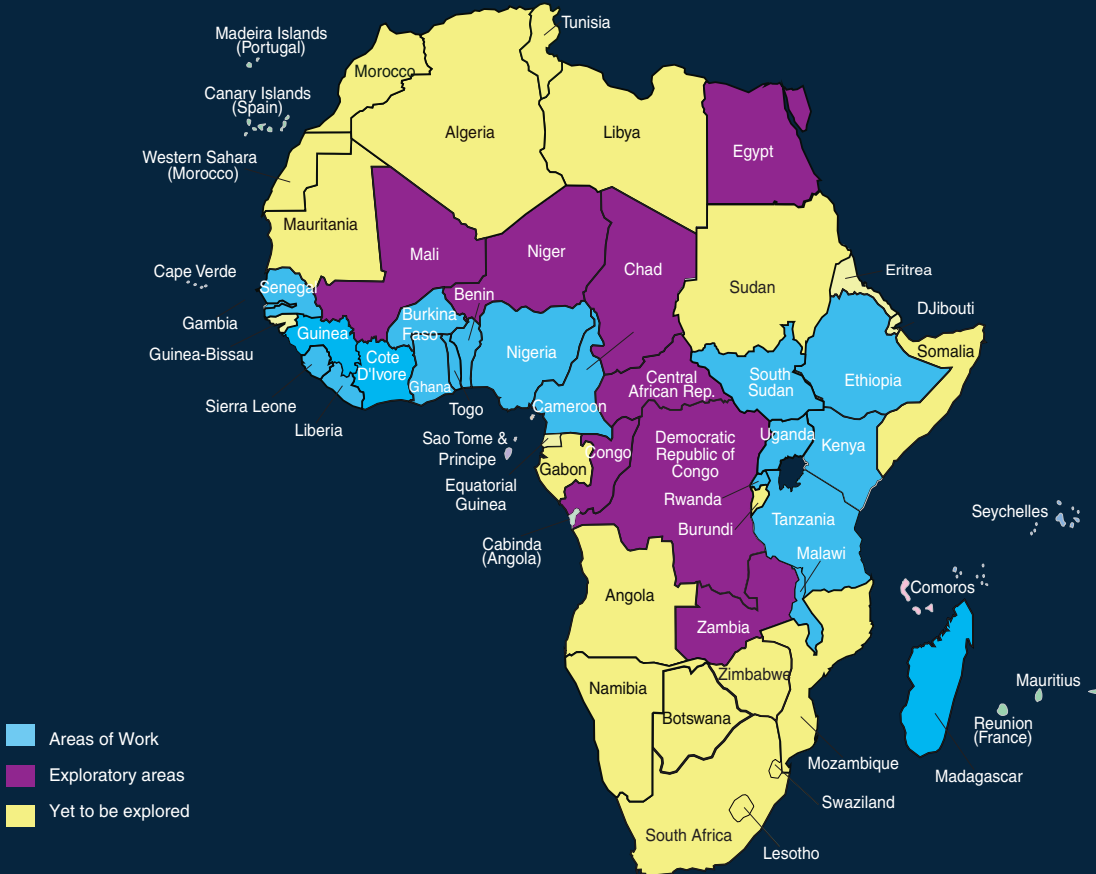
OUR REGIONS - AREAS OF WORK

ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA: Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Gambia.

FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA: Togo, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Benin, Guinea and Ivory Coast.

CENTRAL AFRICA: Cameroon: Central African Republic, Mali and Chad.

EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA: Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Madagascar, South Sudan, Rwanda, Malawi and Tanzania.





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