



COMMUNIQUE

**EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA TRAINING OF TRAINERS
(TOT) WORKSHOP ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF
(FORB)**

**14-17 AUGUST 2022
KAMPALA, UGANDA.**

We, Christian and Muslim religious leaders, women, youth, representatives of Christian and Muslim organizations; legal agencies, and the media; drawn from five (5) East and Southern African Region countries of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, and Malawi. Gathered at the Jevine Hotel, Kampala Uganda, for the Training of Trainers (TOT) seminar on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FORB), held from 14th-17th August 2022, under the auspices of PROCMURA;

Having extensively gone through the training on FORB, with particular subject areas, which among others included:

- The Introduction to FORB;
- FORB as a Human right;
- Limitations of FORB;
- FORB from the Christian faith perspective;
- FORB from the Islamic faith perspective;
- Country contextual analysis on FORB;
- Violations of FORB;
- Skills in promoting FORB;
- Tolerance and respect for religious differences;

Confidently acknowledge that we have gained more knowledge about FORB, which has helped us to understand the concept and gained skills to promote FORB for all, bearing in mind the challenges thereof;

Deeply indifferent about violent conflicts across the African continent in which human rights such as FORB are violated;

Aware of the misunderstanding surrounding the concept of FORB in Africa which is a religious continent;

Recognising our unity in diversity and some major opportunities that bring us together like our common human heritage and global challenges.

As religious leaders of various categories, do hereby pledge and affirm our commitment to work with PROCMURA and our various governments to:

- Promoting freedom of religion in East and Southern Africa;
- Respect and appreciate each other's religious values, beliefs, practices, and differences;
- Advocate against discriminatory and restrictive laws that violate freedom of religion;
- Draw the attention of leaders, including our governments to protect the rights of its citizens;
- Build community cohesion and address inherited prejudices and stereotypes that propel religious intolerance;

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Our gratitude goes to the government and people of Uganda for the hospitality accorded us;

We appreciate the PROCMURA Area Committee of Uganda for hosting the training;

Our thanks go to the Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), for collaborating with the Area Committee in the planning and implementation of this training;

We are deeply indebted to all our facilitators for imparting us with knowledge and skills on FORB;

We appreciate ourselves the participants for our constructive engagements and contributions during the training;

We are grateful to the General Adviser of PROCMURA and his Staff, and to the partner Center for Church-Based Development (CKU) who sponsored the workshop.

Done in Kampala, Uganda, on 16th August 2022.

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