



Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa
Programme des Relations Islamo-Chrétiennes en Afrique



**COMMUNIQUE BY DELEGATES OF THE CHURCH
LEADERS WORKSHOP HELD DURING THE 18th
GENERAL COUNCIL OF PROCURA IN
MOMBASA, KENYA,
FROM 8TH TO 9TH APRIL 2024.**

**Theme: "The Transforming Mission of the Church in the
Religiously Pluralistic Continent of Africa"**

We, Church leaders drawn from various Churches, National Councils of Churches and other Ecumenical institutions from various countries across Africa;

Invited by the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) to participate in a Church Leaders workshop which had the theme: ***The Transforming Mission of the Church in the Religiously Pluralistic Continent of Africa;***

Having discussed and deliberated on the Vision, Mission, and Overall Goal of PROCMURA in a religiously pluralistic Africa and comprehensively analysed the complex character of Christian-Muslim Relations in the continent,

Recognising the growing trend of religious extremism in the continent and the importance of ensuring that approaches of Christian witness in an interfaith environment must respect the spirit of good neighbourliness among others;

Being aware that the leadership of churches in Africa and governments of the various countries need to work together with all others to ensure that peace and development become the norm and not the exception of our dear continent;

Do hereby issue this communique stating clearly that:

- **We are aware** of the reality of the pluralistic nature of the African society/continent in ethnic and religious terms;
- **We recognise anew** that we are one people in this our dear continent and need to evolve mission strategies that enhance peace and peaceful co-existence;
- **We commit ourselves** to cooperating and collaborating with our Muslim brothers and sisters to work towards Social Cohesion, Peace, Justice, and Development;
- **We appreciate and recognise** the reality that there is no country in Africa where Christians and Muslims cannot be found living alongside each other;
- **We are conscious** of the inherent dangers in religious extremism and radicalization that set the African against his/her own kind, and will work together to eradicate this menace;
- **We will consciously** work together with our Muslim counterparts to caution politicians against the misuse of religion for their political interest and thereby divide our countries along religious lines;
- **We will do all** that we can to call on Political Leaders to refrain from interfering in religious matters;
- **We commit** to calling on all religious leaders to be circumspect and not get involved in partisan politics.

Having appreciated, as ever, PROCMURA's work as an African Christian organisation with decades of history and experience in Christian – Muslim relations, we do hereby declare our unwavering commitment to PROCMURA and declare that we will work hard to:

- **Ensure** that we embrace the work of PROCMURA by living up to its Mission, Vision and Core values in our respective countries and communities;
- **Accelerate** the setting up of PROCMURA Area Committees in our respective countries where Area Committees do not exist and strengthen those in operation in our respective countries;
- **Create and Provide** resources/platforms that support PROCMURA's programmes and activities in the continent;
- **Partner and collaborate** with PROCMURA in identifying committed theologians with interest in the field of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations (ICMR) for training to enable them to serve the churches in Africa on issues of Christian-Muslim relations;
- **Consciously work** towards enhancing the role of women in Christian-Muslim relations in our respective countries;
- **Deliberately work** towards enhancing youth programmes in Christian-Muslim relations as the future belongs to them;
- **Be always aware** that the context in which the church carries out its mission has changed and, therefore, requires a redefinition of theological and missiological strategies;
- **Work towards refraining** from using the term crusade in the churches' outreach programmes and rather use the term open air outreach in carrying out the mission of the church;
- **Adopt a holistic approach** to Christian-Muslim Relations in line with PROCMURA's Mission, Vision, and Core Values;
- **Be the voice** of the voiceless or rather unheard voices, crying for justice, peace and peaceful coexistence across the religious divide;
- **Engage** the wider African Church Leaders to engage the wider Muslim communities to collaborate and work towards curbing environmental degradation;

Finally, we urge our governments to engage religious leaders in Conflict Prevention, peace-building, and Reconciliation to achieve sustainable peace and development across our continent.

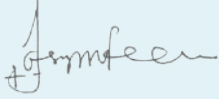


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We express our gratitude to the Government and people of Kenya for the warm welcome accorded to us during our stay.

We sincerely thank the Central Office Team and the Anglican Church of Kenya Diocese of Mombasa for their hospitality and for hosting this important event.

All glory and honour to the Almighty God for the provisions, resources, and good health accorded to all the delegates during the conference.

Signed in Mombasa, Kenya, on this day, April 10th, 2024.

NAME	Signature
The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon Chairperson of PROCMURA	
Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan Iddrisu Samwini Chairperson - Draft Committee	
Fr. James Oyet Latansio Secretary - Draft Committee	

Represented countries;

1. Kenya
2. Cameroon
3. Nigeria
4. Senegal
5. Sierra Leone
6. South Sudan
7. Tanzania
8. Togo
9. Ghana
10. Rwanda
11. Burkina Faso
12. Ethiopia
13. Liberia
14. Uganda
15. Madagascar
16. Mali