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# Foreword



**T**he year 2025 marked the second year of implementing the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) 2024–2028 strategy as we continued to accompany churches in Africa in their pursuit of life, peace, justice, and dignity.

Throughout the year, the AACC remained committed to its mission of enabling churches and institutions in Africa to work together in their common witness to the gospel by mobilizing them to faithfully live the message of God’s love, nurturing a common understanding of the faith, interpreting and responding to challenges to human dignity, and acting prophetically in word, life, and service for healing.

We witnessed remarkable growth in our programmes and partnerships across the continent and beyond, for which we are deeply grateful to God.

At the institutional level, 2025 was a year of strengthening our governance structures, financial sustainability, and operational efficiency. We celebrate the achievement of becoming a debt-free institution, a milestone that reflects the grace of God, disciplined stewardship, and faithful partnerships.

We are deeply grateful to our member churches, associate members, partners, ecumenical organizations, and friends across the world for their continued support and collaboration. Your solidarity has enabled us to walk together in faith and action, continuing our work toward a more just and peaceful Africa: The Africa God Wants.

As I present this report, it is my prayer that it serves not only as documentation of our activities and impact, but also as a testimony of God’s faithfulness and a call to continued engagement in the mission of the church in Africa and beyond.

**Africa: My Home. My Future.**

**Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki**

**General Secretary**

**All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

# Acronyms

<b>AACC</b>	All Africa Conference of Churches
<b>AAYC</b>	All Africa Youth Congress
<b>AU</b>	African Union
<b>AFAN-CJ</b>	Africa Faith Actors Network on Climate Justice
<b>AGA APSA</b>	African Governance Architecture – African Peace and Security Architecture
<b>AMECEA</b>	Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa
<b>AMCEN</b>	African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
<b>AMI</b>	Alternative Mining Indaba
<b>BoT</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>CEVAWG</b>	Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
<b>CAPA</b>	Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa
<b>CEC</b>	Conference of European Churches
<b>CIDO</b>	Citizens and Diaspora Directorate
<b>CITG</b>	Compassion International Togo
<b>COP</b>	Conference of Parties
<b>CCDA</b>	Climate Change and Development in Africa
<b>CCM</b>	Council of Churches in Mozambique
<b>CCME</b>	Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organisation
<b>CWM</b>	Council for World Mission
<b>CWME</b>	Commission on World Mission and Evangelism
<b>DTCC</b>	Desmond Tutu Conference Centre

<b>EAC</b>	East Africa Community
<b>EALA</b>	East Africa Legislative Assembly
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West Africa States
<b>ECOSOCC</b>	Economic, Social, and Cultural Council
<b>EMW</b>	Evangelische Mission Weltweit / Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany
<b>ENSS</b>	Ecumenical Network on South Sudan
<b>EPEPPA</b>	Eminent Persons Ecumenical Program for Peace in Africa
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FBOs</b>	Faith Based Organisations
<b>FECCLAHA</b>	Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa
<b>FPC</b>	Finance and Personnel Committee
<b>GA</b>	General Assembly
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-Based Violence
<b>HOA</b>	Horn of Africa
<b>IAWM</b>	International Association of Women Ministers
<b>ICGLR</b>	International Conference on The Great Lakes Region
<b>ICT</b>	Information Communication Technology
<b>IGAD</b>	Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IOM</b>	International Organisation for Migration
<b>IPSS</b>	Institute for Peace and Security Studies
<b>IWD</b>	International Women's Days
<b>KAIPTC</b>	Kofi Annan International Peace Training Centre

<b>MCZ</b>	Methodist Church Zimbabwe
<b>MTEL</b>	Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership
<b>OPROGEM</b>	Office for the Protection of Gender, Children and Morals
<b>PROCMURA</b>	Program for Christian-Muslim Relations
<b>RCCN</b>	Reformed Church of Christ For Nations
<b>ROL</b>	Regional Office Lome
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>SGBV</b>	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
<b>SSCC</b>	South Sudan Council of Churches
<b>TJ</b>	Transitional Justice
<b>UNFCCC</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>UNSCR</b>	United Nations Security Council Resolution
<b>UPR</b>	Universal Periodic Review
<b>URI</b>	United Religion Initiative
<b>WCC</b>	World Council of Churches
<b>WCRC</b>	World Communion for Reformed Churches
<b>WPS</b>	Women, Peace and Security
<b>YMCA</b>	Young Men's Christian Association
<b>YWCA</b>	Young Women Christian Association

# Executive Summary

**T**his 2025 Annual Report of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) reflects a year of deepened ecumenical engagement, expanded continental influence, and strengthened institutional sustainability. Operating within a rapidly shifting African and global context marked by social inequality, climate crisis, conflict, technological disruption, and economic pressure—the AACC continued to serve as a prophetic voice, a convening platform, and a catalyst for transformation across the continent.

Throughout the year, the AACC advanced its strategic priorities across eleven inter-connected programme areas: Theology and Interfaith Relations; Ecclesial Leadership Development; Gender and Women; Sustainable Population Growth; Youth Participation in Church and Society; Ecological Justice; Economic Justice; Migration, Trafficking in Persons and Modern Slavery; Health and Healing; Peacebuilding in Africa; and Advocacy at the African Union. These interventions were implemented in collaboration with member churches, associate members, ecumenical partners, civil-society actors, and continental and global institutions.

**Theology and Interfaith Relations** – The AACC strengthened ecumenical formation through the Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership programme and facilitated continental theological consultations on decolonisation, reparations, and misleading theologies—particularly concerning Israel and Palestine. These initiatives reinforced the church’s role in promoting theological integrity, justice, and reconciliation.

**Ecclesial Leadership Development** – Churches were equipped with tools for ethical leadership, governance, and eco-stewardship. Capacity-strengthening programmes in Angola and regional training under the Ethical Leadership for Inclusive Future (ELIF) project enhanced institutional accountability, leadership integrity, and environmental responsibility within African churches.

**Gender and Women** – This programme advanced gender equality, women’s empowerment, and the elimination of gender-based violence. Through webinars, consultations, advocacy campaigns, and support for widows, the AACC strengthened inter-generational solidarity and promoted transformative masculinities and inclusive church leadership. Male champions for gender justice and youth-led initiatives played a key role in expanding reach and impact.

**Sustainable Population Growth** – The AACC developed and launched a contextual Bible-study resource titled Young People’s Resource Pack on Faith, Fertility and the Future, promoting informed, faith-based dialogue on family well-being, reproductive health, and sustainable development. Youth-led campaigns further heightened community awareness and advocacy for responsible family life.

**Youth Participation in Church and Society** – This remained a central pillar of AACC work in 2025. Through the **Africa: My Home. My Future.** campaign, continental webinars, national youth gatherings, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> All Africa Youth Congress, more than 2,500 young people were mobilised to engage in civic participation, leadership, and development. The congress produced the AAYC Nairobi Declaration, calling for inclusive governance, youth empowerment, and sustainable development across Africa.

**Ecological Justice** – The programme strengthened faith-based climate action through participation in global climate negotiations, including COP 30, Africa Climate Week, and the Africa Climate Summit. Faith actors advocated for climate justice, loss-and-damage financing, debt relief, and locally-led adaptation solutions. Contextual Bible-study materials were also launched to deepen creation-care theology.

**Economic Justice** – The AACC advanced advocacy on reparatory justice, tax justice, debt sustainability, and anti-corruption. Engagements with the African Union, United Nations, G20 platforms, and civil-society networks reinforced the role of faith actors in shaping global economic governance. The church's prophetic voice was consistently amplified in calls for equitable financial systems and structural transformation.

**Migration, Trafficking in Persons and Modern Slavery** – This programme addressed vulnerabilities affecting migrants and displaced persons through youth forums, consultations, survivor testimonies, and capacity-building. The AACC strengthened partnerships to promote safe migration, combat trafficking, and tackle gender-based violence as a root driver of irregular migration.

**Health and Healing** – The AACC promoted mental health, trauma healing, and sexual and reproductive health and rights through contextual Bible studies, regional trainings, and policy advocacy on healthcare financing. Faith leaders called for increased investment in equitable health systems and stronger collaboration between churches and health institutions.

**Peacebuilding in Africa** – The programme supported conflict-affected regions through ecumenical accompaniment, mediation training, inter-faith dialogue, and strategic engagement with the African Union. Initiatives under the Eminent Persons Ecumenical Programme for Peace in Africa (EPEPPA)

and regional peace-building forums strengthened the church's role in reconciliation, early warning, and conflict transformation.

**Advocacy and African Union Liaison Office** – The AACC significantly expanded its continental and global footprint. The organisation actively participated in AU policy processes, UN forums, G20 inter-faith dialogues, ECOSOCC engagements, and global ecumenical platforms, reinforcing its role as a faith-based actor in global governance and policy shaping.

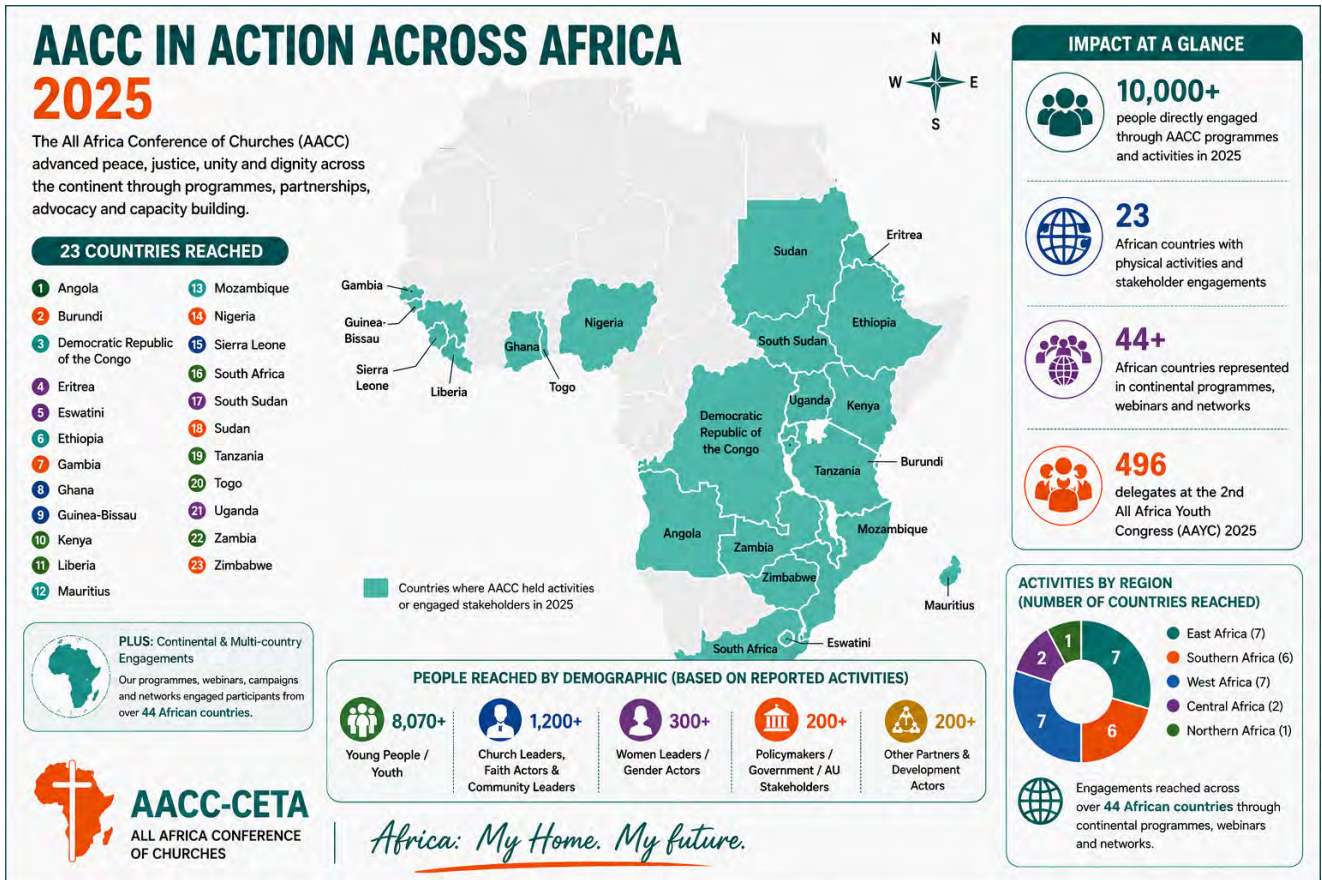
**Organizational Leadership and Sustainability** – Governance structures were reinforced through Executive Committee and General Committee meetings, membership expansion, financial oversight, and strategic planning for the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. A major milestone in 2025 was the declaration that the AACC is debt-free, marking a significant achievement in financial stewardship and sustainability.

**Human-resource capacity** – The AACC now employs 93 staff across its offices in Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Lomé, and Zambia. Investments in staff development, ICT modernisation, and systems upgrades—including cloud migration, cybersecurity enhancements, and financial-systems integration—have strengthened operational efficiency and digital resilience.

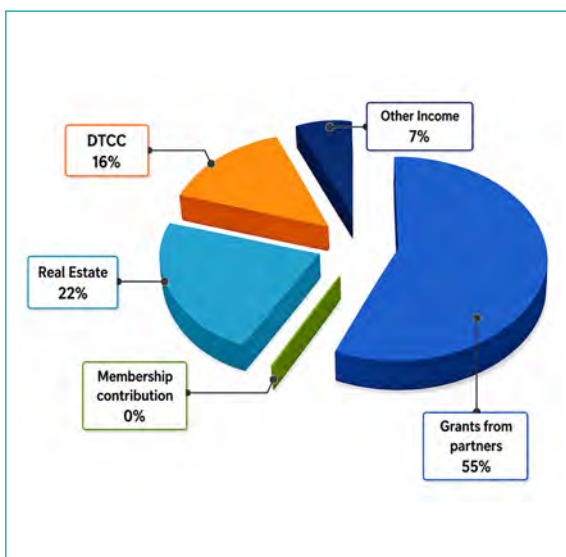
**Real-estate and infrastructure** – Improved rental management, property upgrades, and the refurbishment of the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre into a modern income-generating facility contribute to long-term financial sustainability.

Overall, the 2025 performance reflects an organisation that is increasingly influential, financially stabilised, programmatically diverse, and globally connected. The AACC continues to embody its calling as a prophetic ecumenical body committed to life, peace, justice, and dignity in Africa and beyond.

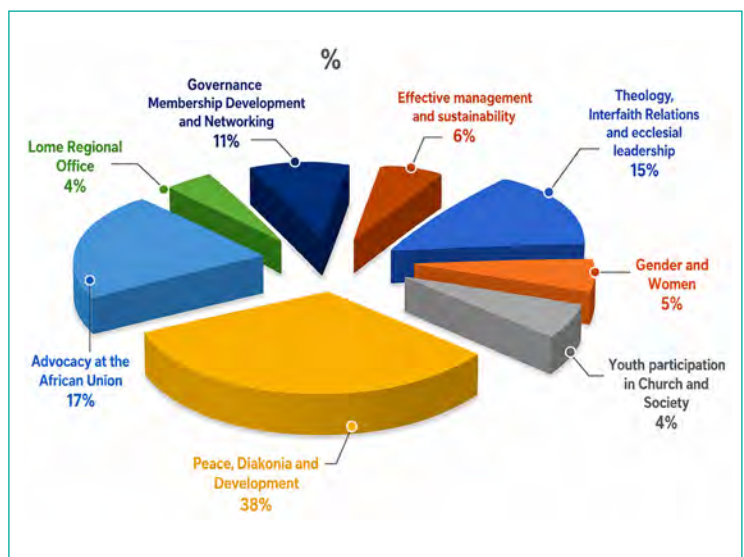
## The AACC Impact Map for the Year 2025



### FY2025 Sources of Funding



### FY2025 Budget Performance



# 01

## Introduction

**T**he All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) is the largest continental ecumenical fellowship in Africa, bringing together 217 members, including churches, national councils of churches, theological institutions, and Christian organizations across the continent and the African diaspora. Founded in 1963, the AACC exists to unite churches in Africa in their pursuit of life, peace, justice, and dignity. Currently guided by the AACC Strategy 2024–2028, the organization works closely with member churches, associate members, ecumenical partners, African Union institutions, governments, civil society organizations, youth and women’s networks, and grassroots communities to strengthen the contribution of faith communities to Africa’s transformation and sustainable development.

In 2025, the AACC continued the implementation of its five-year strategy, which was adopted in Abuja, Nigeria, in 2023. During the year under review, the fellowship accompanied its member churches through a rapidly evolving continental and global landscape characterized by both significant challenges and emerging opportunities. Across Africa, communities continued to face the effects of climate change, economic instability, heavy debt burdens, irregular migration, conflict, political tension, and growing inequalities.

The year was marked by ongoing concern over violent conflicts and insecurity in several regions, particularly in Sudan, the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Sahel, and parts of the Horn of Africa. The rise of violent extremism, political instability, unconstitutional changes of government, and shrinking civic spaces in some contexts continued to threaten social cohesion and sustainable development. At the same time, the continent witnessed increasing youth agency, stronger continental advo-

cacy on reparatory and climate justice, expanded digital engagement, and renewed efforts toward democratic governance and peacebuilding.

These realities compelled the AACC to strengthen its ecumenical accompaniment and prophetic witness through peacebuilding initiatives, high-level ecumenical diplomacy, mediation, advocacy, and capacity-strengthening programs. Key initiatives included the Eminent Persons Ecumenical Programme for Peace in Africa (EPEPPA), the Africa Faith Actors Network for Climate Justice (AFAN-CJ), and the All Africa Youth Network, among others.

This Annual Report presents the major activities, achievements, milestones, partnerships, and lessons from the work of the AACC during 2025. The report demonstrates how the fellowship continued to accompany African churches and communities in promoting peace, justice, healing, dignity, active citizenship, ecological stewardship, and sustainable development.

The report is organized into the following thematic sections, which reflect the AACC's programmatic pillars and institutional functions:

**a) Programmatic Activities (2025):** This section contains eleven subsections organized according to the AACC's programmatic focus areas in the 2024–2028 strategy: Theology and Interfaith Relations; Ecclesial Leadership and Development; Gender and Women; Sustainable Population Growth in Africa; Youth Participation in Church and Society; Ecological Justice; Economic Justice; Migration, Trafficking in Persons, and Modern Slavery; Health

and Healing; Peace in Africa; and Advocacy at the African Union.

**b) Organizational Leadership and Sustainability:** This section includes two subsections: Governance, Membership Development, and Networking; and Effective Management and Sustainability.

Together, these sections provide a comprehensive overview of the AACC's ecumenical witness and its contribution toward building a peaceful, just, healthy, and prosperous Africa in 2025.



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## Activities Implemented in 2025

In 2025, the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) continued implementing its 2024–2028 Strategy through a wide range of continental, regional, national, and local initiatives aimed at advancing life, peace, justice, and dignity in Africa as shown in the following sub-sections.

### 2.1 Theology and Interfaith Relations

Under this focus area, the AACC accomplished the following in 2025

debates through a continental consultation as shown below.

#### 2.1.1 Ecumenical Formation

The AACC fostered ecumenical formation for young theologians and through the Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership (MTEL) and also facilitated a theological colloquium and essay writing on Decolonization and reparations

##### a. The Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership

In 2025, AACC supported ten young theologians who successfully completed the inaugural cohort of the MTEL, a flagship programme designed to strengthen



1<sup>st</sup> MTEL Cohort with their certificates of excellence



MTEL Graduates with the SPU heads of department for theology and the AACC Executive Secretary

leadership within churches and ecumenical institutions across Africa. Hosted at the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (MEF) in partnership with St. Paul's University, the programme nurtured participants' theological depth, leadership capacity, and commitment to Christian unity. Enrolled in June 2024, the first Cohort was decamped from MEF in April 2025 and graduated at St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya in November 2025. The Graduation ceremony was graced by the AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki as the keynote speaker.

In May 2025, the AACC enrolled the second cohort of the MTEL consisting of 10 students and these began their studies at MEF in the following month. Below are two reflections from two members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort documented by the communications team.

*"Learning, staying, and worshipping with people from different countries and*

*backgrounds has been nothing short of amazing. I appreciate this opportunity, and I know this is a great opportunity given to us by AACC to enhance our leadership skills and function properly in every sphere around the world. I am confident that after completing the course, AACC will continue to engage us."* Ms. Favour Oladapo from the Baptist Church - Nigeria,

*"I thank God. It is a great privilege to be part of this programme. We need to appreciate the good work AACC is doing in nurturing young generations to fill the leadership gap and sustain the future of the ecumenical movement in Africa."* Rev. Felix Yao Fiabu.

#### **b. Continental consultation on Decolonization and Reparations Debates in Global Christianity**

In response to the African Union theme for 2025, *"Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparation,"*

the AACC convened a continental consultation to articulate African church perspectives on decolonization and reparations. Held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Desmond Tutu Conference Center, the gathering brought together 40 church leaders, theologians, and educators from across the continent to examine the intersection of mission, history, and justice, explore decolonization beyond political independence, and also

engage with the theological dimensions of reparations, reflecting on repentance, reconciliation, and present-day injustices within African societies. The consultation laid the groundwork for the development of a publication to guide churches in engaging meaningfully with ongoing continental and global conversations on justice, identity, and the future of African Christianity.



Group photo of the participants

### 2.1.2 Addressing Misleading Theologies

In 2025, AACC's work on addressing misleading theologies in Africa focused on the African Churches theological perspectives on the relations between Israel and Palestine through the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Theological Symposium. The Symposium took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 on theme "African Churches on Israel and Palestine." Over 100 church leaders and scholars participated and together

explored topics such as Israel as a people of God, Israel as an apartheid state, the Sacred Heritage and the Struggle for Peace in the Holy Land, Ecclesial Authenticities and Identities in the Context of African Churches' Relations with Israel and Palestine, the Geopolitics of African Churches, Israel and Palestine, among others. The symposium concluded with plans to develop a resource book to guide churches in addressing misleading theologies on the relations between African churches and Israel and Palestine.



Participants during the symposium's opening session



R-L (AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, AACC President, Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe and AACC General Committee member, Rt. Rev. Dr. Akanji Israel at the symposium)

### 2.1.3 Sustaining Interfaith Relations

Under its mandate to sustain interfaith relations in Africa, the AACC participated in the African Council for Religious Leaders–Religions for Peace (ACRL-RfP) 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The assembly took place at Ole-Serena Hotel under the theme, *“Shared Sacred Flourishing: Interfaith Leadership for Peace and Justice in Africa.”* The AACC, as a Governing Board

member, was represented by Rev. Angele Wilson-Dogbe, AACC’s Director for the Regional Office in Lomé and Migration, and Rev. Fr. Dr. John Njoroge, AACC’s Executive Secretary for Theology and Interfaith Relations. Rev. Dogbe delivered a goodwill message emphasizing interfaith leadership as action-oriented. The Assembly concluded with a renewed commitment to advancing peace, justice, and cooperation across Africa.



Rev. Fr. John in dialogue with Prof. Abba Girma from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church at the ACRL-RfP 5<sup>th</sup> General assembly. [Courtesy - ACRL]

## 2.2 Ecclesial Leadership Development

Churches in Africa were accompanied and equipped with skills for ethical leadership, conflict transformation and ethical resource management through the following activities.

### a. **Regional Capacity Strengthening on Ecclesial Ethical Leadership Development and Eco-Stewardship in Angola**

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the AACC organized a Regional Capacity Strengthening on Ecclesial Ethical Leadership Development and Eco-Stewardship in Luanda, Angola. The workshop brought together church leaders, theologians, women and youth leaders, as well as representatives of national councils of churches and other ecumenical partners from Southern Africa.

During the workshop, participants reflected on Biblical and theological foundations for ethical leadership and discussed practical approaches to strengthening governance within church institutions. Key issues affecting churches and church-related institutions were highlighted, including weak institutional systems, inadequate financial accountability, misuse of resources, and limited strategic planning.

The discussions emphasized the importance of transparency, accountability, and servant leadership in promoting credible and effective church governance. The workshop also addressed the concept of eco-diakonia, emphasizing the church's responsibility to care for creation and advocate for environmental and economic justice. Participants reflected on how



*Group photo of participants at the capacity strengthening program*

environmental degradation and unsustainable exploitation of natural resources are often linked to weak governance and unethical leadership.

Church leaders were encouraged to promote responsible stewardship of natural resources and support advocacy efforts on issues such as tax justice, debt management, and illicit financial flows that affect the development prospects of African communities.

Overall, the program strengthened participants' understanding of ethical leadership and eco-diakonia as integral to the church's mission, while encouraging them to apply the knowledge gained to strengthen governance, accountability, and environmental stewardship within their respective institutions and communities.

#### **b. Joint Implementation of the ELIF Project**

The AACC, in partnership with Globethics, flagged off the Ethical Leadership for Inclusive Future (ELIF) Project following the completion cycle of the African Church Assets Programme Five (ACAP5). The ELIF Project aims to strengthen the capacity, systems, and structures of selected church and church-related organizations and civil society in six pilot countries, namely, Zambia, Togo, Nigeria, DRC, Cameroon, and Ghana.

It is structured to engage four Senior Trainers, thirty Masters and two hundred forty-two hundred forty trainers from sixty direct institutional beneficiaries for the capacity strengthening interventions. The processes are coordinated by Globethics. The Senior Trainers developed

the training manuals and the Master Trainers have completed their training sessions. The Master Trainers are expected to train the two hundred forty trainers from the direct beneficiaries.



## 2.3 Gender and Women

The following were accomplished under this programmatic pillar.

### 2.3.1 Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

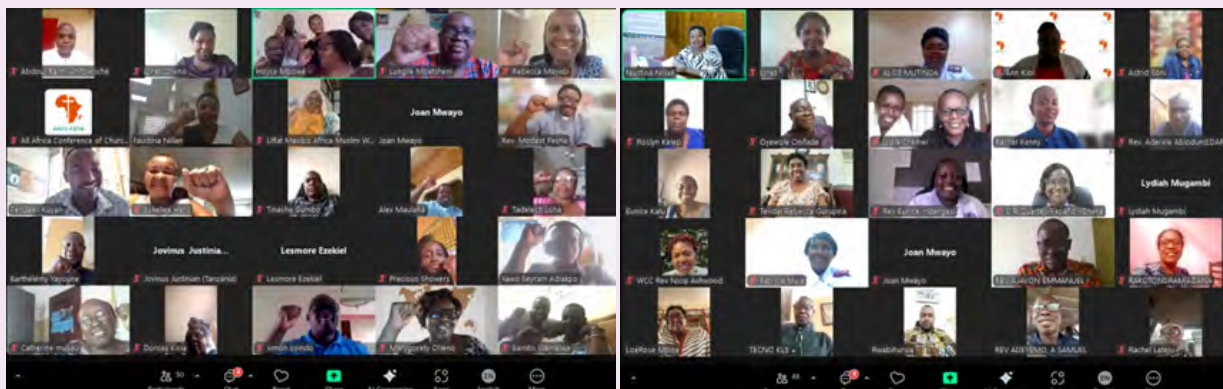
This was done through the following activities:

#### a. Webinars Commemorating the International Women's Day called for accelerated action for Gender Equality

The All Africa Conference of Churches marked the International Women's Day

of Prayer on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 through a virtual gathering of faith leaders across Africa, featuring a Bible reflection on Psalm 139:1–18 emphasizing human dignity and divine creation. On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the AACC convened a virtual commemoration of International Women's Day under the theme, "Accelerate Action," engaging 113 participants.

The webinar strengthened advocacy for gender equality and ending gender-based violence, with participants committing to advance inclusive policies and transformative action in their contexts.



The group photo during the International Women's Day March 2025

**b. Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Women's Ordination of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus**

The AACC participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Ordination in the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Addis Ababa. The event celebrated 25 years of women's leadership in ministry, reflecting on progress, challenges, and impact.

AACC leadership contributed to theological and policy discussions, emphasizing women's transformative role in church and society. The engagement strengthened advocacy for inclusive ordained ministry and encouraged churches to harness women's gifts for sustainable and holistic growth.



*Ms. Faustina Nillan (L) receiving AACC's award of recognition during the anniversary*

**c. Southern Africa Regional Capacity Strengthening Workshop on Promoting Women's Participation in Church Leadership**

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, AACC conducted a regional capacity strengthening workshop on promoting women leadership in churches. The workshop took place in Angola targeting senior church leaders both men and women and youth leader's representative from various platforms and academic leaders across Southern Africa region. About 30 participants were equipped with knowledge and ability to respond effectively to both contextual and global challenges through quality training, learning, mentorship, research, knowledge generation, information sharing and dissemination, partnership and collaboration with potential entities and stakeholders.

**Webinars Fostering Intergenerational Solidarity in Gender Leadership**

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025, the AACC hosted a continental webinar series focused on bridging inter-generational gaps in leadership for gender justice.

The virtual sessions brought together 79 participants, including women and men from across the continent, to examine how generational divides affect collaboration in addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and promoting inclusive leadership. Discussions highlighted barriers such as technological gaps, sociocultural change, and differing communication styles, and proposed mentorship structures and intergenerational platforms as solutions.

### 2.3.2 Addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence

The AACC fought Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Africa through the following interventions.

#### a. The Ecumenical Interfaith Taskforce on Ending Femicide and GBV Meeting

On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the AACC convened its Ecumenical Interfaith Taskforce on combating femicide and GBV at Waridi Paradise Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The meet-

ing brought together multi-faith and development partners to address rising cases of femicide and gender-based violence across Africa.

Participants identified key gaps, including limited access to justice and weak data systems, and developed a joint action plan to strengthen advocacy, policy engagement, and awareness. The initiative reinforced unified faith-based commitment and established sustained bi-monthly engagements to advance protection for women and girls.



Taskforce members after their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### b. Distribution of Widows Fund

The AACC distributed widow's grants totalling USD 10,000 to five-member churches. The beneficiaries were:

**a) Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church:** Conducted workshops for widows, provided food for the elderly and those living with

HIV/AIDS, and supplied sanitary materials to 50 widows.

**b) Church of Uganda (RPCA):** Facilitated training on climate-smart agriculture and financial literacy, while strengthening community support for 100 widows.

- c) **Calvary Methodist Church, Accra:** Empowered 25 rural widows through digital financial literacy training.
- d) **Lutheran Church in Liberia:** Provided empowerment packages and start up capital to 10 widows.
- e) **Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana:** Facilitated livelihood skills training and community engagement programs for 25 widows.

On May 30, 2025, the AACC team visited the Angolan Council of Churches

(CICA) to monitor the progress of projects implemented under the widow's grant initiative. During the visit, the team met with 22 widows; 12 at the CICA office and 10 at their business sites who shared testimonies on how the grants had positively impacted their lives emotionally and financially.

Many have successfully launched small businesses, enabling them to provide for their families despite the challenges they face. In the afternoon, the team visited two of these businesses to witness their progress firsthand. These women are among the 24 widows who benefited from the previous AACC widow's fund.

### c. Commemoration of the 2025 International Widows Day

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, the AACC commemorated the International Widows Day through a 3-hour virtual continental event under the theme, *"The Love of Christ Compels Us to Restore Dignity and Secure Justice for Widows in Africa."*

The engagement brought together 52 participants and featured theological and policy dialogues addressing widows' socio-economic and legal challenges. Testimonies from grant beneficiaries highlighted community-level impact. The event strengthened advocacy, promoted economic empowerment, and mobilized churches to advance policy reforms and inclusive support systems for widows across Africa.



**d. Cultural and Religious Dialogue on Reforming Socio-Cultural Practices to Address GBV in Cameroon.**

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the AACC convened a cultural and religious dialogue on reforming socio-cultural practices to address Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Cameroon. The dialogue brought together 30 participants, including religious leaders, traditional authorities, civil society, youth, and government representatives, to examine harmful cultural norms contributing to GBV. The participants deeply interrogated the role of faith and cultural leadership on reforming customs that undermine women's dignity. The consultation strengthened community-led efforts to transform socio-cultural practices, enhance GBV prevention mechanisms, and advance sustained protection of women's rights and dignity in Cameroon.



*His Majesty Alain Dissaké MOUANGUE, traditional chef of Douala, Cameroon posing with Rev. DOGBE after his presentation during the dialogue.*

**e. Capacity Strengthening Workshop for Male Champions for Gender Justice**

The AACC convened Male Champions for Gender Justice from nine African countries for a capacity strengthening consultation on ending Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and advancing gender equality in Africa. The consultation took place between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Nairobi. The four-day engagement

involved theological reflections, partnership building, and knowledge exchanges. Participants developed a joint action plan to enhance collaboration and scale community-based interventions.

The consultation strengthened the role of male champions as advocates for justice, promoting positive masculinity and sustained action toward eliminating GBV across the continent.



Group photo of the participants

**f. Supporting Male Platforms for Gender Justice Country Level Programs**

The AACC supported national male champions by distributing funds amounted USD 8,000 to nine (9) AACC member churches namely;

- I. *CCAP Blantyre Synod: - to facilitate training and community dialogue session to 75 male champions to equip them with knowledge on how to respond effectively to GBV challenges.*
- II. *Nigerian Baptist Convention - EDAPI to support - Hybrid Workshop on gender justice, facilitate the Gender Justice Rally and Press Conference.*
- III. *Eglise Protestante Méthodiste Du Benin to facilitate training for Ministers / preachers and Muslim preachers in the community to 300 preachers.*
- IV. *Eglise Methodiste De Guinee to support raising public awareness about harmful effects of GBV to 2 churches and 2 mosques.*
- V. *Eglise Du Christ Au Congo to support awareness raising on gender justice and gender-based violence to 1000 university students.*
- VI. *Anglican Church of Cameroon to support an open dialogue and interactive session on gender justice to 200 gender champions.*
- VII. *Church of Uganda North Kigezi Diocese to support table of men dialogue to 300 Students round table discussions 50 Male staff round table discussions and facilitate Male friendly sports competition themed on the role of men in GBV prevention.*
- VIII. *Eglise Evangelique Du Gabon to conduct training of male champions for gender justice in Central Africa Gabon and strengthening leadership and communication.*
- IX. *Methodist Church of Togo to support capacity building to 15 male champions on gender justice, counselling and advocacy and facilitate Radio broadcasting on gender justice.*

### **g. In-country Youth Led Initiatives Against SGBV in Africa**

The AACC supported and accompanied 100 youth leaders in the AACC member churches in Kenya, Tanzania, Gambia, Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco, DRC, Congo Brazzaville, Ethiopia and Uganda to initiate and implement 60 in-country activities and campaigns promoting awareness on SGBV, mobilizing young people to shun SGBV and to pledge to do so all their lives, facilitating intergenerational dialogues promoting on Gender Justice and Equality within Christian communities and create awareness on policies and laws against SGBV, and available response mechanism in their communities. 15 initiatives were implemented in March aligned with the international women's day, 15 in June aligned with the Day of the African Child, 15 in August aligned with the international youth day and 15 between 25<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 during the 16 days of activism against SGBV. All initiatives were run on the theme, **"Let Love Lead: End GBV Now"** under the churches campaign against SGBV in Africa.

### **h. Supporting 10 AACC Members to Roll Out and Localize the Churches Campaign Against SGBV**

10 AACC members churches in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Ghana were supported to roll out and localize the churches campaign against SGBV in their communities. These included the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, Eglise du Christ Lumiere du Saint Esprit, African Christian Churches

& Schools – Thika Church, Church of Uganda, Zion Apostolic Church in Mozambique, Methodist Church, Masivingo, Midland Bulawayo, Eglise Protestante Methodiste du Benin and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana. With their youth leaders leading the processes under the mentorship of senior church leaders, the supported churches organized radio and TV talk shows and developed advocacy messages for advertisement on banners, bill boards ad posters promoting the campaign, produced contextually relevant messages against SGBV and distributed them in their communities and held several community outreaches promoting gender justice and equality. Additionally, 5 Online meetings were held with the senior and youth leaders of the benefiting churches accompany them integrate anti-SGBV advocacy in church budgets and annual calendars to ensure sustainability of the campaign.

### **i. Intergenerational Conversations on Transformative Masculinities and Femininities in Africa**

In 2025, the AACC convened 5 virtual intergenerational conversations interrogating gender stereotypes and promoting transformative masculinities and femininities. The first sessions, held in April in collaboration with the WCC, introduced over 150 participants to the concept of Transformative Masculinities and Femininities. Follow-up webinars in June examined socialization and SGBV, challenging how religious and social institutions normalize inequality. The series continued through August, September, and December 2025 applying contextual

bible studies as an advocacy framework for youth and church leaders to dismantle gender stereotypes and promote godly and transformative gender norms, values and practices.

A screenshot from the first intergenerational conversation



**j. Side event on Justice for African Women at the ACHPR NGO Forum in Gambia**

The AACC hosted a side event on “Justice for African Women in the Year of Reparations,” at the NGO Forum preceding the 85<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR) held from in Banjul, Gambia from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The side

event brought together participants from the civil society, religious and traditional leaders, and human rights advocates to strategize on tangible actions for women’s empowerment and restorative justice across the continent. The highlight of the session was the keynote address by Hon. Janet Ramotaoulie Njie, the ACHPR Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa.



Group photo of AACC delegation at the NGO Forum L-R Kokou Atohoun – Male Champion, Ann Kioj, Mavis Mavis Naa Korley & Felicity Mburugu representing the All Africa Youth Network and Gorden Simango.

**k. Mobilizing faith actors for the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV**

The AACC mobilized African faith actors to participate in the 2025 16 days of activism marked between 25<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025. This began with the virtual a launch of the season through a webinar held on 24 November 2025 on the UN theme, *“Unite Against Digital Violence on Women and Girls.”* The discussions examined both the

opportunities and risks of digital platforms, noting their role in advancing education, financial inclusion, and civic participation, alongside widening inequalities in access and language representation. Participants further highlighted threats such as cyber harassment, misinformation, hate speech, impersonation, and digital manipulation targeting vulnerable groups. Member churches were encouraged to actively participate in the 16 days of activism in ways that are relevant to their contexts.

**l. Participating in the Global Consultation on Transformative Masculinities Against GBV**

Between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the AACC participated in a Global Consultation on Transformative Masculinities Against Gender-Based Violence held in Johannesburg, South Africa. The three-day consultation, hosted by CWM, brought together ecumenical partners, gender justice advocates, youth, and

faith leaders to reframe masculinity as a positive force for ending GBV. Discussions focused on faith-based and cultural interventions, youth engagement, and practical frameworks for churches. The engagement strengthened collective ecumenical commitment to transformative masculinities and produced actionable strategies for advancing gender equality and eliminating GBV in church and community contexts.



Group Photo of Participants at the consultation. Photo: CWM

## 2.4 Sustainable Population Growth

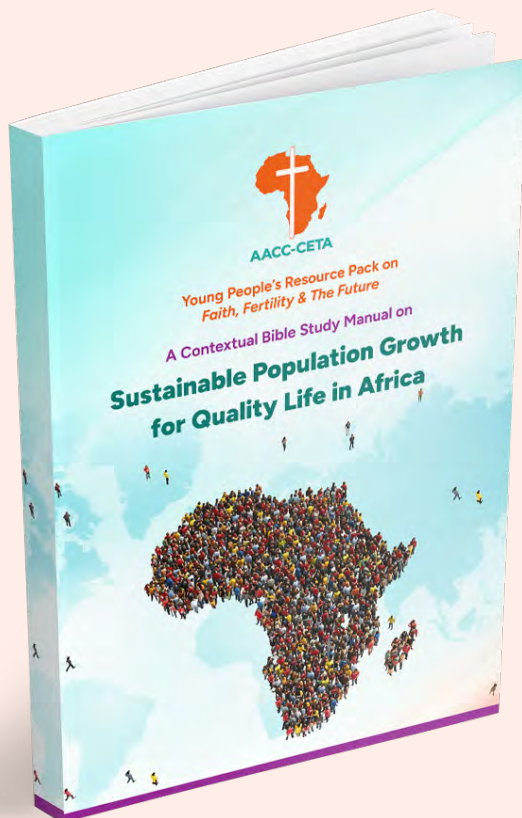
The AACC invested in promoting sustainable families for sustainable population growth in Africa through the following activities.

### a. E-Publication of the CBS Manual on Promoting Sustainable Population Growth for Quality life in Africa.

Between June and October 2025, the AACC developed a Contextual Bible Study (CBS) Manual on Sustainable Population the Growth for Quality Life in Africa titled, *“Young People’s Resource Pack on Faith, Fertility and the Future.”* This was informed by a series of intergenerational theological dialogues and consultations held in June and July 2025 between members of the AAYN and church leaders from AACC member churches. The engagements created a reflective platform for discussing the relationship between faith,

population dynamics, family wellbeing, environmental sustainability, and Africa’s future development. The consultations further established the thematic framework, writing approach, and contextual priorities that guided the development of the manual. From the twenty youth leaders who participated in the consultations, eight volunteered to work closely with the AACC Youth Office in drafting and refining the resource material. The manual was officially launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The CBS manual is a home-grown resource that bridges African wisdom and scriptural truth to ignite critical dialogues on population dynamics, family planning, family health, and resource management in families for quality of life in Africa.



### b. Youth leaders in Nigeria supported to lead country level initiatives promoting Sustainable Population Growth

Between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the Motailatu Church, Cherubim and Seraphim Worldwide Youth Fellowship was supported to conceptualise and launch the **‘THRIVE Campaign’** to promote responsible family formation and Sustainable Population Growth (SPG) in Nigeria. During the campaign period, the youth leaders held peer-facilitated capacity building sessions on faith-based advocacy for family planning. They also developed training materials for use to facilitate intergenerational and peer-to-peer dialogues on family planning.

The youth regularly held bible studies on various topics around SPG and also preached in their local congregations, sermons imploring people to learn to plan for their families and take care of members of their households. Additionally, three online theological discussions aiming at

addressing misconceptions on family planning and misleading theologies and religious teachings on production and multiplication were also held via Zoom, bringing together seventy participants to share and exchange knowledge and experiences.

## 2.5 Youth Participation in Church and Society

To advance youth participation in church and society, the following were done in 2025.

### 2.5.1 Promoting Pan-Africanism and Active Citizenship

The AACC promoted Pan-Africanism and Active Citizenship among young African people through the activities below.

#### a. Popularising Africa: My Home. My Future. Campaign

This was done throughout the year by members of the All Africa Youth Network (AAYN) through mobilising youth in their respective countries to be actively involved in shaping the leadership, governance and development of their countries. They did this through 4 continental youth webinars on *Advancing Pan-Africanism and active citizenship for the Africa we want, and a social media campaign on Africa: My Home. My Future*. While popularising the campaign, the AAYN members also led local initiatives mobilising fellow youth to register and pledge to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC). To spearhead the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC, a Steering Committee of 10

youth leaders was formed from among the AAYN members. Over 2500 young people participated in the webinars and social media campaign and over 2000 of these registered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC.

#### b. Utilising National Youth Gathering to Mobilise Youth Agency for Sustainable Development

In 2025, AACC mobilized youth to summon their Christian and Pan-African agency to address the challenges to the well-being and prosperity of their communities and countries through two national youth Gatherings: The national youth gathering and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee of the Youth Society of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Youth and Students Convention of the Anglican Church of Uganda.

At the Evangelical Congregational Church, a youth gathering took place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and the AACC was represented by Mr. Nataniel Jochua Mandlhate, a youth leader from Mozambique. He delivered the keynote address, mobilizing the participants, including 300 teenagers and over 10,000 young peo-



Nataniel delivering the key note address in Angola.

ple from all the provinces of Angola, to shun all forms of Gender Based Violence (GBV) to build an Africa free of violence under the **Africa: My Home. My Future. Campaign.**

The Anglican Church of Uganda's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Youth and Students' Convention took place between 7 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, in Mbarara, Uganda, under the theme "*Leadership That Imitates God's Goodness*" (Galatians 6:9) and it attracted more than 900 youth leaders from across the country.

The Keynote address was delivered by the AACC Executive Secretary, Youth, Brian Muyunga. In his address, he emphasized the role of Christian young people in ending GBV and in creating the Africa We Want.

### c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> All Africa Youth Congress

Between 31<sup>st</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 496 youth leaders from across Africa and the diaspora gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, for the second All Africa Youth Congress. The AAYC-2025 was a time for ecumenical fellowships with delegates worshipping together every day. It was also a special time for promoting Pan-Africanism and celebrating the African young people's agency in the continent's sustainable development and their African heritage. While at the congress, participants engaged in enlightening plenary discussions, showcasing and celebrating African cultures, innovations and creativity, team building activities,

and various intergenerational and peer-to-peer trainings aimed at enhancing youth Agency in Africa's leadership and sustainable development.

The second AAYC featured 10 side events on various thematic and these included:

- 1 *An Exchange Forum on Active Citizenship*
- 2 *An Exchange Forum on Entrepreneurship*
- 3 *The Young People's Theological Forum on Sustainable Population Growth*

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4 *An Intergenerational Conversations and Capacity Strengthening workshop on promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*

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5 *A Capacity-strengthening workshop on influencing policy for economic and ecological justice*

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6 *A Youth forum on ending irregular migration and human trafficking*

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7 *A Training of Trainers workshop on Addressing Tech-facilitated GBV*

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8 *Round table conversations Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB): A Pillar for Peace and Justice in Africa*

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9 *An Ecumenical Dialogue on Youth and Climate Mitigation*

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10 *A Youth Workshop Eradicating Tech-facilitated violence*

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continental institutions to foster joint initiatives and peer-to-peer learning, offered opportunities for capacity building and skill development and affirmed the role of faith and African cultures in Africa’s growth and development.

At the end of the congress, the participants issued the AAYC Nairobi Declaration highlighting strategies for enhancing active citizenship among African youth and urging churches, African governments, and multilateral bodies to:

- *Strengthen inclusive youth engagement frameworks*
- *Expand opportunities for young people in governance and decision-making processes*
- *Invest in skills development and ethical leadership training*
- *Promote economic empowerment and entrepreneurship and,*
- *Collaborate intentionally with youth-led organizations to implement policies that advance sustainable development, peace, and social justice across the continent.*

The gathering provided a strategic platform for networking among youth organizations and



Some of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC participants during a morning devotion on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025



Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC steering Committee with Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, AACC General Secretary, Ms. Ann Kioi, AACC Director for Gender, Women, Youth and Sustainable Population Growth and MUYUNGA BRIAN, AACC Executive Secretary, Youth, during the Congress' onsite evaluation meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025



AACC General Secretary showcasing his Portrait from All Africa Youth Network presented to him by the leadership of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC Steering Committee during the congress' opening ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025. The portrait was gifted to Rev. Dr. Fidon in recognition and appreciation of his unwavering trust, visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to the development of the African Youth.

## 2.5.2 Leadership development for young people

Under this thematic focus, the AACC contributed to leadership development for young people through:

### a. Supporting one South Sudan youth leader participate in the KAIPTC leadership course

The AACC supported one member of the AAYN, Mboriini Ceaser Eliaba Younis from South Sudan to participate in the leadership and peacebuilding course conducted by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Following the training, Caesar facilitated

3 community engagements on the role of youth in building sustainable peace in South Sudan for young people in Juba.



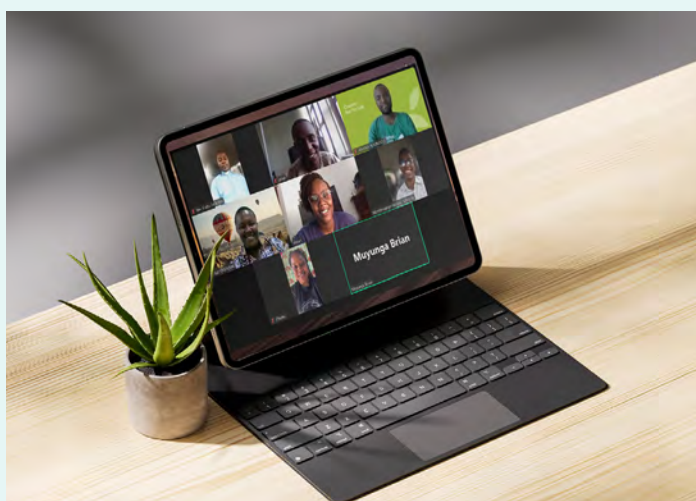
Mboriini Ceaser Eliaba Youni during the training in Accra.

### b. Empowering youth participation in Church leadership and Ecumenism

In 2025, the AACC empowered youth participation in church leadership and ecumenism by establishing three programme-specific youth working groups, each consisting of at least 5 young people from the AACC member churches, were established to offer leadership to the design, implementation and reporting of AACC's youth projects and activities under the different programmatic pillars of the strategy. These included.

- *The 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC Steering Committee*
- *The Youth Working Group on the church's campaign against SGBV with 5 members*
- *The Youth Working Group on tax and economic justice*

These worked under the guidance and mentorship of the various AACC staff to ensure that their involvement builds and strengthens their leadership capacity.



Members of the AAYN steering committee during one of their online meetings.

## 2.6 Ecological Justice

The AACC promoted environmental care and climate justice across Africa and beyond through the following activities.

### a. Commemoration of World Environment Day

The Africa Faith Actors Network for Climate Justice (AFAN-CJ) marked World Environment Day 2025 through coordinated, locally led actions across 30 African countries in June 2025. Under the theme *"Beat Plastic Pollution,"* faith actors mobilized communities to address

the environmental and health impacts of plastic waste. Activities included public awareness campaigns, stakeholder engagement with national policymakers, and partnerships with schools, civil society, and public institutions. Through these efforts, AFAN-CJ strengthened faith-based advocacy for sustainable production, responsible consumption, and improved waste management, reinforcing the role of churches and faith actors in advancing ecological justice and safeguarding creation.



Clean up exercise in Zambia led by AFAN-CJ Secretary, Evelyne Chirwa, to mark WED 2025. Photo courtesy of Evelyne Chirwa

### b. Nairobi Reality Tour

From 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the AFAN-CJ participated in the Nairobi Reality Tour

2025 held in Nairobi. Organized by the Climate Reality Project, the training brought together over 700 climate advocates, policymakers, scientists, and youth

leaders. The AFAN-CJ strengthened its capacity on climate justice advocacy, engaged with key stakeholders, and elevated faith-based voices on creation care. The engagement fostered strategic partnerships and reinforced AFAN-CJ's commitment to collaborative, faith-driven responses to climate change across Africa.



Members of the AFAN-CJ on the first day. Photo credit: Bishop Dr Emily Onyango

### c. Participation in the Nairobi Debt and Climate Summit

The AACC participated in the Nairobi Debt and Climate Summit convened by the International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) and the Movement of Catholic Students Kenya on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 in Nairobi, as part of the Jubilee Caravan of Hope.

The youth-led summit brought together African youths physically and virtually to mobilize faith actors and stakeholders on debt and climate justice. Representing AACC, Dr Tinashe Gumbo, Programme Executive for Ecological Justice, challenged young people to actively engage in national advocacy processes, including budget consultations. He also presented on Africa's debt trajectory from colonial to post-colonial times and emphasized the need to address odious debt while strengthening youth participation in policy dialogue.

### d. Continental Advocacy Meeting on Economic and Ecological Justice

Faith leaders from 21 African countries convened in Nairobi from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 for a Continental Economic and



Dr Tinashe Gumbo making a presentation at the Debt and Climate Justice Youth Summit, 23 July 2025, Glint Mint Studios, Nairobi

Ecological Justice Advocacy meeting organized by the AFAN-CJ. Ahead of the Africa Climate Summit and COP30, participants called for increased financing for climate adaptation to support vulnerable communities. Discussions addressed mitigation, debt burdens,

renewable energy, and reform of global financial systems. Engagement with the United Nations Environment Programme highlighted the role of faith actors in climate action, informing advocacy at global climate forums.



*Group photo of the continental meeting delegates.*

#### **e. Launch of Contextual Bible Studies on Climate Justice in Kenya**

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, the AFAN-CJ convened faith actors to launch Contextual Bible Studies (CBS) resources on climate justice at the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre in Nairobi. The resources equip clergy, students, and lay leaders to connect scripture with environmental challenges and climate action. The launch strengthened faith-based approaches to ecological justice and affirmed the prophetic role of churches in promoting stewardship. The CBS materials were piloted during the Season of Creation, with continued technical support to expand their use and deepen locally grounded responses to climate change.

#### **f. Participation in Africa Climate Week and Second Africa Climate Summit in Ethiopia**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the AFAN-CJ and partners participated in the Africa Climate Week 2025 and the Second Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa. Faith actors engaged in advocacy and media outreach, calling for equitable, Africa-led climate solutions. A pre-summit interfaith workshop, convened with partners, produced a joint declaration urging increased adaptation finance, action on loss and damage, and support for locally led responses. The engagement strengthened faith-based advocacy, fostered partnerships, and amplified calls for debt relief and accountable climate financing to enhance community resilience.



Faith actors during the press conference, reading the faith statement

**g. Faith-based advocacy for climate justice at COP30**

The AFAN-CJ participated in COP30 held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 in Belém, Brazil, advocating for urgent climate justice for grassroots communities at the frontline of the climate crisis. The delegation, which included AACC's Programme Executive for Ecological Justice, called for concrete implementation of commitments rather

than recurring pledges. Key demands and three members of the AFAN-CJ, included the rapid operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund, provision of grants instead of loans, and stronger accountability in climate finance. The AFAN-CJ emphasized the moral leadership of faith actors in advancing locally led climate solutions and amplifying the voices of vulnerable communities in global climate negotiations.



AFAN-CJ Delegates Participating in one of the daily reflection meetings for non-state actors. Photo Credit: Rev Dr. Olivier Munyansanga

## 2.7 Economic Justice

The AACC worked for economic justice for all in Africa through the following activities:

### a. African Faith Actors Consultation on Reparatory Justice

In partnership with the Zimbabwe Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, Christian Aid, and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), the AACC convened a consultation on reparatory justice in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, alongside the 46<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the AU

Executive Council. The meeting brought together faith leaders, AU representatives, diplomats, experts, civil society, and the diaspora to build consensus on a faith-based perspective on reparatory justice. Participants emphasized the Church's prophetic role in racial healing and advocacy at the AU and global levels. Delegates also engaged with various embassies in Ethiopia to strengthen global collaboration on reparatory justice ahead of the AU Heads of State Summit.



*Participants during the opening ceremony of the consultation [Courtesy - Justice Oman]*

### b. Workshop on tax justice in Mauritius

Having participated in AACC's activities on tax and economic justice in 2024, two youth leaders; Ms. Grace Cangy and Ms. Faniriso Razanatovo organized and facilitated a capacity-building workshop equipping 15 other youth leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Mauritius to interrogate for the tax policies of their country and seek for tax accountability and justice as part of the church's mission work. The workshop took place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Jean Le Brun Centre in Rose-Hill, Mauritius.



*Grace Cangy introducing her session during the workshop*

**c. Commemoration of Africa Anti-Corruption Day through Faith-Based Advocacy**

From 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the AACC marked Africa Anti-Corruption Day 2025 (officially commemorated on 11th July) through coordinated, locally led activities across multiple African countries. Economic Justice Champions convened dialogues with policymakers, anti-corruption bodies, and civil society to advance

transparency and accountability at all levels of society. A continental virtual forum further amplified shared experiences and advocacy messages from the AACC constituency. The initiative strengthened the role of faith actors in promoting ethical governance, while a joint statement underscored the need for concrete political and legal action to combat corruption and uphold human dignity across the continent.



*Rtd Rt. Rev Eliud Wabukala (left) and Dr. Tinashe Gumbo (both on left) being introduced during the special Church Service on anti-corruption at Anglican St Paul Osutua Church, Tuala on 20 July 2025*

**d. Participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> African Conference on Debt and Development**

On behalf of the AACC, Dr Tinashe Gumbo, Programme Executive for Ecological Justice, participated in the Fifth African Conference on Debt and Development (AfCoDD V) held in Accra, Ghana, from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Convened by AFRODAD and partners, the conference was characterised by plenary sessions, side events, and public engagements focusing on Africa's debt crisis, climate finance, and reparative justice. Discussions highlighted historical injustices such as slavery, colonialism, apartheid,



*Dr. Tinashe Gumbo, AACC Programme Executive, Ecological Justice during the Pan-African Rally on Africa's Debt, marching in Accra*

and extractive global systems as key drivers of Africa's structural inequalities. The engagement strengthened AACC's commitment to equipping faith actors to advocate for justice-oriented responses to Africa's public debt challenges.

**e. Consultation on Public Accountability and Debt Management in Sierra Leone**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, the AACC, in collaboration with the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone, convened a stakeholders' consultation in Freetown, Sierra Leone to strengthen public accountability and debt management. The meeting brought together religious leaders, policymakers, civil society, and other actors to address public debt and corruption in the country. Participants enhanced their capacity to track public resource management

and engaged in Africa's debt crisis. The consultation reinforced the role of faith leaders in advocating for transparency, responsible debt governance, and sustained public accountability.



*Hon. Cathrine Zainab Tanawully presenting on the role of Parliament in public debt management. Photo credit: Dr. Tinashe Gumbo*

**f. Faith Actors Participation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation**

The AACC participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation, convened by Tax Justice Network Africa in collaboration with the AU, African Tax Administration Forum, and the UN Economic Commission for Africa. Held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 under the theme "Honouring a Legacy, Building a Future," the conference brought together AU representatives, civil society, and faith-based actors. Discussions reaffirmed that curbing illicit financial flows and advancing progressive tax reforms are central to Africa's economic justice agenda. The engagement strengthened

AACC partnerships and reinforced its commitment to advocating for equitable fiscal systems grounded in human dignity and sustainable development.



*Former South African President Thabo Mbeki delivering Opening Guest Speech at the PAC (Credits: TJNA)*



L-R Rev. Dube (Lutheran Church of Zimbabwe), Mr. Admire Mutizwa (Zimbabwe Council of Churches), Mr Mandla Hadebe (EJN FOCISSA) Mr Adrian Chikowore (AACC Programme Executive for Economic Justice) Mr. P. Sibanda (ZCC) on the sidelines of the TJNA 13<sup>th</sup> Pan African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Tax, Johannesburg, SA.



Cross-section of participants of the Interfaith Prayer and Actions on Tax held at the AACC Headquarters (Cred: Act Alliance)

**g. Faith Actors Call for Progressive UN Tax Negotiations**

In collaboration with the Lutheran World Federation, the Methodist Church, World

Council of Churches, NCA, and other partners, the AACC participated in the third round of negotiations for the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

November 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. The process began with an interfaith prayer meeting of all faith leaders participating in the negotiations. The prayer breakfast was held at the AACC Chapel on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Thereafter, Faith actors advanced tax justice policy positions grounded in initiatives such as the Zachaeus Tax Campaign and the Jubilee

debt cancellation agenda. Through coordinated advocacy, they submitted input on Article 9 on Sustainable Development, highlighting gaps in global development finance and the impact of tax evasion, avoidance, and illicit financial flows. Their proposals were reflected in the negotiation texts, strengthening faith-based influence on global tax reform processes.



Cross-section of participants at the AU-ECOSOCC Pan African Solidarity Forum on the G20 (Credits AU-ECOSOCC)

#### h. **Joint advocacy with the AU-ECOSOCC for Economic Justice at the G20 Social Summit**

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025, the AACC partnered with the African Union Economic and Social Council (AU-ECOSOCC) to advance civil society and faith actors' policy advocacy into the G20 process, including participation in the Pan African Solidarity Forum and the G20 Social Summit in South Africa. Through high-level virtual dialogues, the AACC contributed

to shaping Africa's unified messaging under the theme *"From Burden to Breakthrough: Reimagining Africa's Economic Inclusion in the G20 Era."* Key advocacy areas included debt cancellation, tax justice, and equitable climate finance, with emphasis on grants rather than loans. The engagement reinforced the role of faith actors as moral voices in global economic governance and ensured integration of debt, governance, and peacebuilding priorities into the G20 Social Summit Declaration.



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*Mr. Adrian Chikowore, Programme Executive for Economic Justice deliberating on reform of the global financial architecture at the G20 Pan African Solidarity Forum*

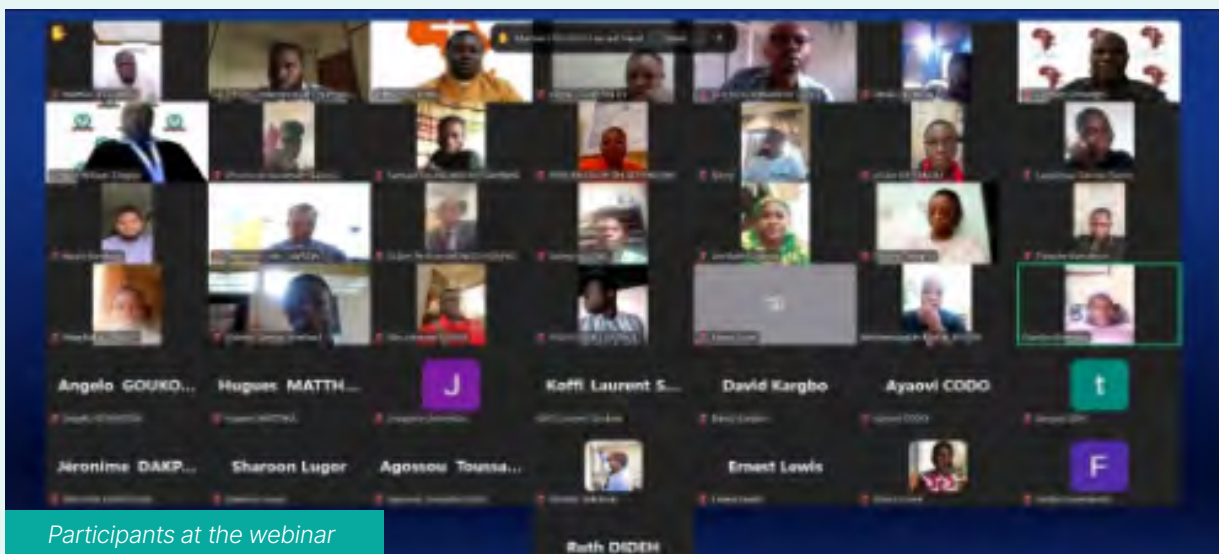
## 2.8 Migration, Trafficking in Persons and Modern Slavery

Activities implemented under this programmatic pillar aimed at safeguarding human dignity in the context of Migration, Trafficking in Persons and Modern Slavery and they are as follows.

### a. Youth Webinar Exploring Linkages Between Labour Agreements, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the AACC Regional Office in Lomé convened a webinar on migration, human trafficking, and modern slavery under the theme, “*Bilateral*

*contracts: a source of human trafficking and modern slavery.*” The session brought together young people from 20 African countries, member churches, and AACC staff to reflect on migration dynamics in Africa. Presentations explored the intersections between religion, youth, and migration, as well as the opportunities and gaps in bilateral labour agreements. The engagement strengthened awareness of migration-related exploitation and highlighted the need for faith actors to advocate for safer and more just migration governance frameworks.



### b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Europe Ecumenical Forum on Migration

Between 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, the AACC, in partnership with the Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe, convened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Europe Migration Forum in Addis Ababa, bringing together stakeholders to address migration governance challenges. The forum examined issues of externalization of migration, fairness in bilateral agreements, and

the role of the AU in shaping migration policy. Participants highlighted rising anti-migrant sentiments and the need to prioritize human dignity over border security. Deliberations explored equitable labor mobility, climate-induced displacement, and strengthened church advocacy. The forum concluded with a joint commitment to advancing human rights-based, just, and sustainable migration approaches across Africa and Europe.



Participants of the Forum and staff of the AUDivision for Labour, Employment and Migration, in front of the Mandela Hall at the AU offices in Addis Ababa.

### c. Youth workshop on Human Trafficking as Organized Crime

To mark the International Day Against Human Trafficking, celebrated on 30 July, a capacity-building workshop was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 under the theme, *“Human trafficking is organized crime, let’s put an end to exploitation,”* the workshop aimed to strengthen awareness on

the transnational and organised nature of trafficking and equip youth with tools for prevention and advocacy. Fifty youth from various churches, Christian organizations, and civil society participated and were trained by government experts and a trafficking survivor. The engagement enhanced youth’s capacity to identify risks and act as community-based advocates against human trafficking and exploitation.



A group photo of participants and facilitators.

**d. Mobilizing Churches as Local Allies in the Fight Against Human Trafficking in Togo**

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the International Day Against Human Trafficking, Rev. Angele Wilson-Dogbe participated in a panel discussion hosted by Compassion International Togo, where she highlighted the critical role of churches as frontline actors against trafficking. In her presentation, she underscored human trafficking as a major violation of human dignity and outlined

five key roles of the Church: awareness creation, community engagement, victim support, moral advocacy, and spiritual accompaniment. She emphasized that churches, through their proximity to communities and moral authority, are essential in prevention, protection, and reintegration efforts. The engagement concluded with a joint declaration calling for strengthened collaboration among faith actors, government, and civil society to combat trafficking and protect vulnerable communities.



The Panel

**e. Church Leaders' Consultation on GBV and Irregular Migration in DRC**

The AACC Regional Office convened a three-day consultation in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on "*Combating Gender-Based Violence*

*(GBV) to Reduce Irregular Migration.*"

Hosted by Église du Christ, Lumière du Saint-Esprit au Congo, the consultation took place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and it brought together government officials, faith leaders, civil society, and community actors to examine the link between GBV

and migration. Participants explored legal frameworks and state responses while identifying gaps in prevention and support systems. The consultation produced an action plan and recommendations for stronger collaboration between faith actors, government, and traditional leaders to address GBV and its role in driving vulnerable populations into irregular migration.



*From left to right, Prof. Mayele, Coordinator of the Male Champions platform in DRC, Her Excellency Valérienne Mumba Kiboko, Provincial Minister for Gender, Family and Children for the Province of Haut Katanga, DRC, and Rev. Angele Wilson-Dogbe during the consultation.*

#### **f. Commemoration of Human Rights Day in Togo**

In commemoration of Human Rights Day, the AACC conducted a Training of Trainers Workshop on the role of faith actors in human rights to ensure peaceful coexistence and development in Africa. The training took place from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in Atakpamé, bringing together 50 youth and community leaders. Participants explored the impacts of human trafficking as a violation of human rights. They were equipped to advance prevention, awareness, and community-based protection, reinforcing faith-led responses to contemporary social challenges.

#### **g. Continental Youth Forum on Ending Irregular Migration and Human Trafficking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC, the AACC convened

a three-day continental Youth Forum on Ending Irregular Migration and Human Trafficking from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, in Nairobi, Kenya. The forum brought together 80 youth leaders from 44 African countries, selected from the AAYC, to interrogate the role of Pan-Africanism and Ecumenical Mission in ending irregular migration and human trafficking in Africa.

The forum was preceded by webinars held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to explore the challenges and risks within labour migration agreements between African countries and other states, and their relationship with the exploitation of migrant African workers. A survivor testimony from Uganda highlighted the human cost of trafficking. The forum concluded with the commissioning of AACC Youth Ambassadors committed to promoting safe mobility, dignity, and local opportunities for African youth.

#### h. Consultation on Irregular Migration and GBV in Gambia

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the AACC held a three-day consultation on the link between GBV and irregular migration in Gambia. The meeting brought together 30 stakeholders, including government officials, religious leaders, law enforcement, civil society, and youth representatives.

Discussions emphasized strengthening survivor protection and preventive mechanisms. A key outcome was the government's announcement to establish a special GBV court to fast-track justice for survivors. The consultation reinforced coordinated action to address GBV as a root driver of irregular migration and improve access to justice.



Ms. Phyllis Brewah and Rev. Angele Dogbe posing with Hon. Fatou Kinteh, Togolese Minister of Gender, Children & Social Welfare. Center during the consultation

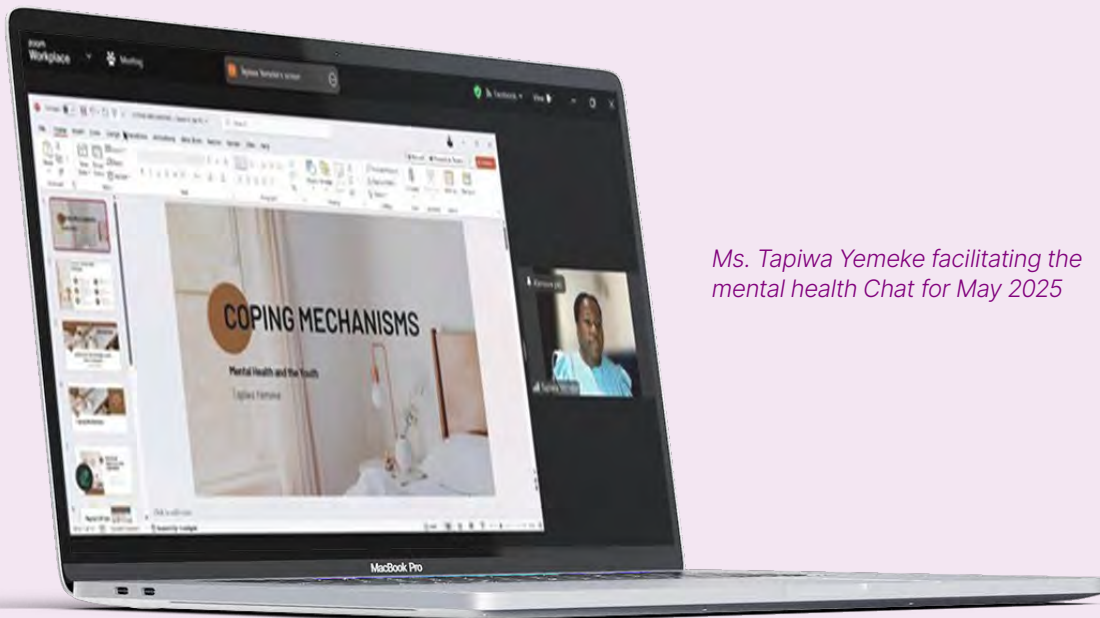
## 2.9 Health and Healing

The AACC empowered and facilitated churches to promote health and healing through the following interventions.

### a. AAYN Monthly Devotions and Mental Health Talks

Every first Friday of the month, the AAYN met for a monthly ecumenical devotional and mental health talk, providing a safe

space for spiritual and emotional support. The devotions successfully integrated spiritual growth and ecumenical accompaniment through shared reflections on scripture and praying for various issues in Africa, with practical mental health advocacy and healthy coping mechanisms for life's adversities. The devotions also served as a platform for mobilizing youth to participate in the life and work of the AACC.



*Ms. Tapiwa Yemeke facilitating the mental health Chat for May 2025*

### b. AACC, EPN and ACHAP signed a Trilateral Memorandum of Understanding

On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), the Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN), and the Africa Christian Health Associations' Platform (ACHAP) formally entered into a Trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This partnership marks a pivotal milestone in our collective mandate to empower faith-based communities and realize Sustainable Development Goal

3 (SDG3): Good Health and Wellbeing across the African continent.

Recognizing that spiritual and physical health are inextricably linked, the AACC, EPN, and ACHAP have aligned their strategic goals to foster holistic healing. By integrating our respective networks, we aim to provide a more comprehensive, compassionate, and efficient health service delivery model for the people of Africa. The MOU is built on the three organisations strengths namely: -

- a) **EPN:** - Contributes technical expertise by supporting church health systems in providing just, compassionate, and high-quality pharmaceutical services throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.
- b) **ACHAP:** - Serves as the operational backbone, uniting over 43 national-level faith-based networks across 32 countries to provide technical assistance, shared resources, and capacity-building training.
- c) **AACC:** - Acts as the foundational pillar, facilitating the moral and spiritual leadership necessary to empower churches to promote health and healing as part of their ministry.

The MOU provides a robust framework for our collaboration, focusing on leveraging combined networks to reach underserved

populations more effectively, streamlining technical assistance and training programs to ensure quality healthcare standards across faith-based institutions and advocacy for Holistic Wellbeing by promoting health for all ages through policy influence, community mobilization, and the strengthening of church-led health systems.

The signing of this Trilateral MOU represents more than a formal agreement; it is a commitment to action. By combining our expertise and resources, the AACC, EPN, and ACHAP are better positioned to address the complex health challenges facing the continent. AACC remains dedicated to a future where every African has access to quality, compassionate, and holistic care rooted in faith-based service.



In the photo: (L-R) EPN Executive Director, Mr. Richard Neci Cizungu, AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, and ACHAP Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Nkatha Njeru after signing the MOU. Photo Credit – Joan Mwayo



*Group photo of participants at the meeting*

**c. AACC hosted WCC's Think-Tank on Sustainable responses to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

On 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) hosted the World Council of Churches (WCC) Think-Tank on Sustainable Responses to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The event was convened to provide a safe and structured platform for religious leaders, young people, and community leaders to deliberate on strategies and initiatives in support of the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

The Think-Tank brought together a diverse group of participants, the majority of whom were young people. Religious leaders and community representatives attended from a wide range of countries, including Kenya, South Africa, Zambia,

Togo, Nigeria, Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe, the Netherlands, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Tanzania. This broad representation reflected the global and ecumenical nature of the engagement, underscoring the shared commitment of faith communities to addressing health challenges across different regions and contexts. By convening diverse voices from across the globe, the event reinforced the vital role that religious and community leaders play in driving equitable and sustainable health outcomes.

The commitments made and the statement published at the conclusion of the workshop serve as a collective mandate to accelerate action and ensure that the global community remains on track to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

**d. Horn of Africa CSOs and FBOs Leaders training on Trauma Healing and Counselling Skills**

The AACC trained twenty leaders from civil society and faith-based organizations across the Horn of Africa in trauma healing and counselling, strengthening mental health and psychosocial support in conflict-affected communities. The training, held between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May

in Kampala, Uganda, equipped participants with practical skills in trauma-informed care, Psychological First Aid, and community-based support. Participants developed action plans to localize trauma healing initiatives and promote resilience. With support from the Church of Uganda, the programme also emphasized self-care and the need to cascade skills, ensuring broader community impact.



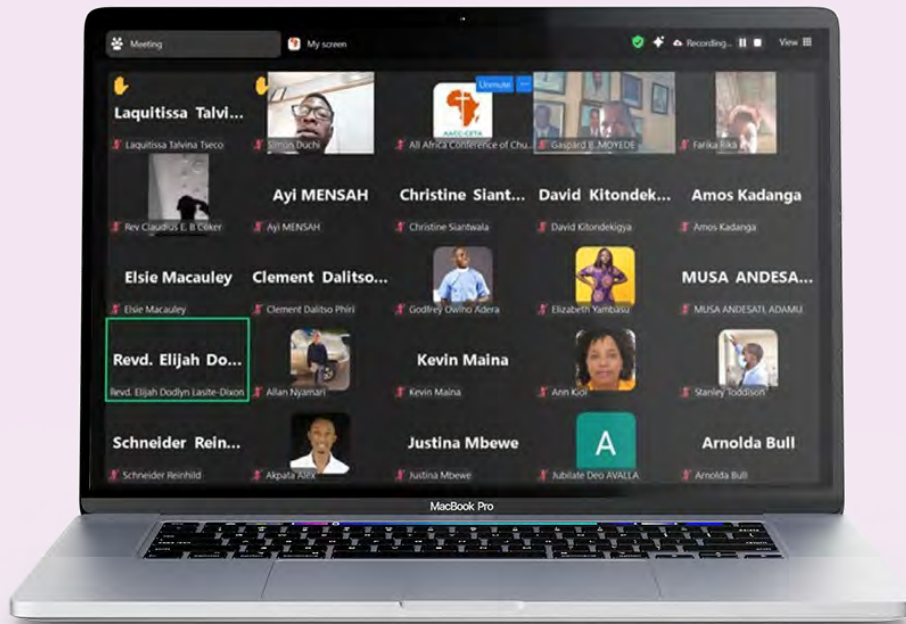
Participants during the opening session of the workshop

**Young Faith Actors Developed Contextual Bible Study Manual on SRHR**

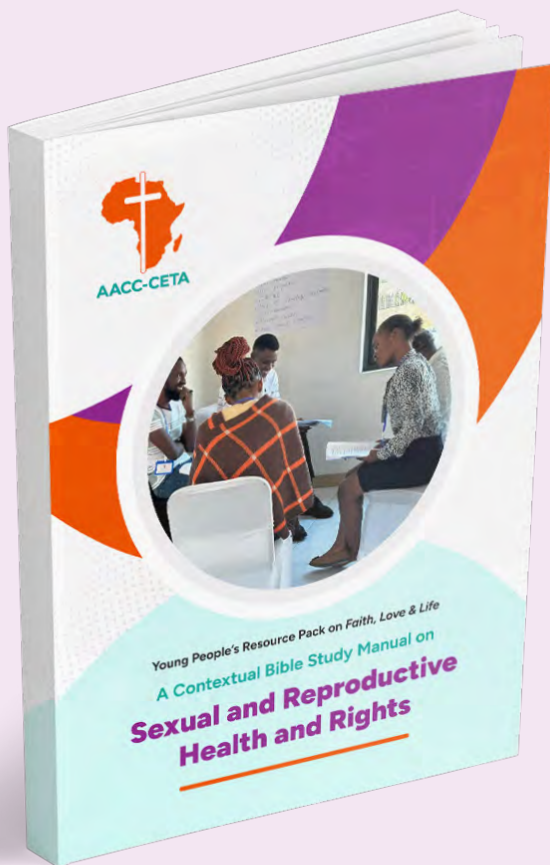
Between June and October 2025, the AACC developed a Contextual Bible Study Manual on promoting SRHR entitled, *"Young People's Resource Pack on Faith, Love and Faith."* The development of this resource material began with a series of intergenerational theological dialogues and consultations between members of the AAYN and Church leaders of AACC members held in June and July 2025. The dialogues and consultations established the guidelines for use in developing the CBS, highlighting the content scope and method of writing. Out of the thirty-eight youth leaders who participated

in the discussions, twelve worked intensively under the leadership of the AACC Youth office to develop the manual, which was formally launched for use on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC in Nairobi, Kenya.

The youth who developed the manual were a multidisciplinary team of young theologians, public health advocates and medical practitioners. The manual provides a biblically grounded framework for addressing sensitive health and development issues. The AACC President, Very Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, hailed the resources as a significant contribution to modern theology and mission work.



Some of the participants during one of the virtual consultations on developing a CBS manual on SRHR



The Young People's Resource Pack on Faith, Love and Life was developed for use to facilitate conversations on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) among youth, right from adolescents to young adults, and within intergenerational settings with the following aims:

- To create awareness on SRHR issues facing young people in the church and community.
- To inspire faith-based advocacy and activism for life-affirming attitudes, practices and policies on sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- To support youth and church leaders in creating and facilitating safe spaces for honest and transformative conversations on various Sexual and reproductive health issues.

The resource book is downloadable at: <https://aacc-ceta.org/en/young-peoples-resource-pack-faith-love-life>

## AACC and CCIH's Faith Leaders' Consultation on Health Care Funding

AACC, in collaboration with Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) and the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP), hosted an invitation-only African Faith & Health Leaders Consultation from 25 – 27 November in Nairobi, Kenya. Church leaders and church-affiliated health professionals from ten (10) African countries participated.

The consultation was convened in response to recent cuts in Official Development Assistance (ODA) worldwide, which are jeopardizing health programmes across Africa. It aimed to give faith-based and health leaders a platform to advocate for policies that protect and strengthen the communities they serve.

The three-day meeting sought to:

- *Build a shared understanding of the funding challenges;*
- *Hear participants' stories of impact and resilience;*
- *Develop a joint statement and a set*

*of advocacy strategies for national, regional, and global action.*

The final statement and the advocacy roadmap were released on the last day during a press conference. During the event, participants examined the status of both global and domestic financing for health care in Africa. The consultation concluded with a press conference held at the AACC headquarters, where the church leaders called for increased investment and global solidarity to sustain essential health services across the continent.

The press conference highlighted several pressing issues:

- *Shrinking health-care resources;*
- *Funding cuts for HIV/AIDS programs and other preventable diseases;*
- *Growing challenges in adolescent health.*

Through the statement “*One Faith, One Voice,*” faith leaders urged governments, health ministries, development partners, and churches to strengthen collaboration, ensure accountability, and secure sustainable investment in equitable health-care systems throughout Africa.



*From L-R - Doug Fountain, Christian Connections for International Health, Nkatha Njeri, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform, Archbishop Alex Malalusa, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bishop Matthew Kukah, Catholic Church of Nigeria, Ms. Joyce Daphine Khayiyi, AACC Youth Network/ Anglican Church of Uganda, Rev. Francis Mkandawire, Evangelical Association of Malawi and Ann Kioi, All Africa Conference of Churches Photo Courtesy of Mona Bormet, CCIH. Courtesy - Ann Kioi]*

## 2.10 Peace in Africa

The following interventions were effected in the year 2025.

### 2.10.1 Peace peacebuilding

This was done through the following activities.

#### a. Accompanying the Conflict-Burdened Countries in Africa

Together with the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA)

and other ecumenical bodies on the continent, AACC mobilized church leaders for ecumenical prayer meetings for the restoration of peace in DRC. Held on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the meetings also explored ways of sustaining the ecumenical accompaniment needed by the eastern part of DRC. Additionally, the AACC has continued to journey with the South Sudan Council of Churches in their peacebuilding efforts and other work fostering healing among people affected by war.

#### b. Refresher Training for the Eminent Persons Ecumenical Program for Peace in Africa (EPEPPA)

The Eminent Persons Ecumenical Programme for Peace in Africa (EPEPPA) held a two-day capacity-strengthening meeting at the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre in Nairobi on 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Convened by the AACC, the gathering brought together thirty-five eminent persons from twenty-one countries to refresh skills, deepen collaboration, and align with the programme's mission. Sessions covered continental conflict trends

and hotspot contexts, early warning and early response, interfaith diplomacy, effective advocacy, and gender-responsive peacebuilding. The meeting strengthened networks, improved readiness for mediation and early warning work.

It also encouraged a simple coordination platform for ongoing communication and flagged priorities such as responsible use of technology thirty and social media in advocacy. Overall, the activity met its objectives by enhancing capacity, cohesion, and pathways for impact toward sustainable peace across the continent.



*EPEPPA members: Most Rev. Musa Panti Filibus, Archbishop Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria the Very Rev. Prof. Joseph Obiri Yeboah Mante former Presiding Bishop of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana during the training.*

**c. Regional Capacity Strengthening Workshop for Member Churches on Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution and Transformation**

The AACC, together with the Church of Uganda, hosted a Regional Capacity Strengthening Workshop on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and transformation at Jevine Hotel in Kampala from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. Twenty-nine participants from Eastern and Southern Africa took part in devotions, a keynote address, and practical sessions on conflict drivers, social cohesion, biblical approaches to peace, early warning, mediation, and the role of youth and technology, with

country spotlights from the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Eswatini.

The workshop strengthened regional networks, equipped participants with biblical and practical tools, and produced Plans of Action tailored to local church and community priorities. Follow-up commitments include prayer initiatives, trauma healing and civic education efforts, targeted solidarity visits, and continued work through the Dar es 31 Salaam Taskforce. Overall, the activity enhanced capacity, cohesion, and readiness to advance inclusive and justice-oriented peacebuilding across the region.



*Rev. Dr. Lesmore Gibson Ezekiel, facilitating a session*

**d. Ecumenical Peace Mission to Eswatini**

The AACC, in collaboration with the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) and the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA), organized a round table meeting to deepen Ecumenical Relations

for National Cohesion and Transformation in eSwatini from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The meeting brought together twenty-six church leaders, including women and youth from the three main church bodies in eSwatini, to reflect on how to foster social cohesion and work for peace in the country. While opening the meeting, the

AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki underscored the critical role of the church in fostering peace, justice, and national healing. He noted that the mission was a demonstration of African ecumenical solidarity and a commitment to accompany the people of Eswatini in their pursuit of dialogue, reconciliation, and sustainable peace. During the mission, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki led a delegation of church leaders in paying courtesy

visits and engaging in peacebuilding discussions with various stakeholders in Eswatini, including the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator's Office, the Human Rights Commission, and the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organizations (CANGO). The church leaders advocated for close collaboration with the Church as it works for life, justice, peace, and the dignity of God's people in the Kingdom of eSwatini.



Group photo of the participants during day one of the consultation



AACC delegation and staff of the Human Rights Commission offices during the AACC peace mission

### e. African Christian Leaders Consultation on Artificial Intelligence

In partnership with the Future of Life Institute (FLI), AACC convened the African Christian Leaders Consultation on Artificial Intelligence (AI) from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting brought together twenty-five senior religious leaders and technology experts from across Africa to exchange on the role of AI in the world today and the ethical concerns around its development, use and application.

During the opening session, the AACC President, Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, led a biblical reflection on AI from an Afrocentric perspective. She highlighted the significance of seeking divine wisdom and the cultivation of Africa's humanistic ideologies grounded on Ubuntu to guide our engagements with the jet age of technological advancement. In his Keynote address, the AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki described the consultation as a strategic missional endeavor given the place of AI in the world today.

Key outcomes included increased AI awareness among church leaders, the establishment

of faith-based networks for continued engagement, and agreement on seven thematic action areas, such as AI literacy, advocacy, policy engagement, and intergenerational dialogue. The meeting provided a platform for participants to explore how AI impacts African identity, ethics, and socio-economic systems, emphasizing the urgent need for the Church to play a prophetic role in ensuring that AI serves human dignity, justice, and the common good.



*Group photo of the consultation participants*



*Rev. DR. Fidon Mwombeki delivering his keynote address during the consultation's opening session*

**f. Faith Leaders' capacity strengthening forum in mediation and Trauma Healing in Nigeria**

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the AACC convened a capacity-strengthening forum on Mediation for church leaders in Nigeria. The forum took place in Adamawa State in Northern Nigeria, with forty-one church leaders from twelve churches across Northern Nigeria participating. During the activity, the leaders and participants reflected on their roles as mediators, agents of social cohesion, and bridge builders, drawing especially on lived experiences in communities affected by conflict. Another engaging conversation was centered on gender participation in meditation.

There was representation from women leaders from the churches represented. The session highlighted the perspectives that women bring to peacebuilding, grounded in empathy and community trust. Participants were urged to include women and youth in these spaces because sustainable peace must be inclusive. The participants explored how churches can become safe spaces for healing through empathetic and compassionate pastoral care. As the gathering drew to a close, participants made collective commitments to carry these lessons back to their communities. A WhatsApp group was formed and now serves as a living network of accountability, support, and shared learning.



*Rev. Dr. Lesmore Ezekiel Facilitating the training*

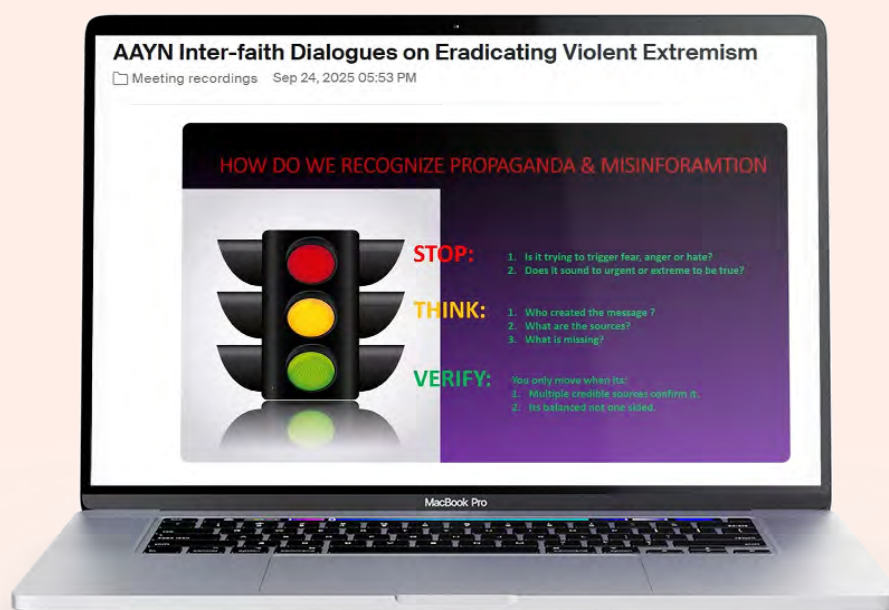
### g. EPEPPA's High-Level Engagement with the AU in Ethiopia

The high-level engagement with the African Union Commission for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS), held on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Addis Ababa, brought together AACC, WCC, ACT Alliance, FECCLAHA, and URI-Africa to strengthen collaboration on peacebuilding in Africa. The mission sought to amplify the faith community's prophetic voice in addressing violent conflicts and advancing the AU's Agenda 2063 vision of a peaceful and secure Africa. Through meetings with AU departments, Ethiopian religious councils, and ambassadors from conflict-affected countries, the delegation identified areas for possible partnership, particularly in early warning and response, election observation, peace education, and regional advocacy. The engagement deepened cooperation between faith leaders and AU structures and concluded with a twelve-month action plan focusing

on prayer, thirty-three campaigns, hate-speech prevention, AU reform advocacy, and community dialogue initiatives to entrench a culture of peace across the continent.

### h. Interfaith Youth Dialogues on Eradicating Violent Extremism

From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the AACC held a four-day webinar series engaging over Sixty-five participants on preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE). The sessions identified the "youth bulge," economic vulnerability, and digital media as primary recruitment tools for extremist groups. Participants in the webinar were encouraged to conceptualize and submit proposals for country level initiatives that applying faith inspired agency to address and eradicate violent extremism in Africa on which their faith communities could partner with the AACC in peacebuilding.



Screenshot of the webinar presentation

## 2.10.2 Promoting Democratic Culture and Good Governance in Africa

The following activity was implemented.

### a. Webinars on Elections and Governance.

The AACC convened two Africa Regional Webinars on Elections and Governance on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025, bringing together over one hundred eighteen participants from across

the continent. Conversations focused on engagement with Electoral Management Bodies and election observation as key pillars of democratic governance. Dr. Gorden Simango emphasized that credible, fair, and transparent elections are a shared African responsibility. Supported by the AU governance framework, participants addressed trust deficits, electoral violence, and high election costs, highlighting the role of faith actors, youth, and digital tools in strengthening democratic integrity.



## 2.11 Advocacy at the African Union

The following were implemented under the Advocacy and through the AACC Liaison office to the African Union.

### 2.11.1 Representation of the FBO's Voice at the AU

The AACC engaged governments and other duty bearers within the AU to influence decisions and policy making through the following activities.

#### a. AU Consultation on advancing justice for Africans and people of African descent

On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the AACC, Liaison Office participated in a consultation on the role of faith communities and ethical organizations in advancing justice for Africans and people of African descent through reparations. The African Union Commission chaplaincy program of the Catholic Church, the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), and the African Union citizens and diaspora directorate (AU CIDO) organized the consultation.

The meeting concluded with the *"Addis Ababa declaration by religious, interfaith, ethical and scientific organizations on reparations"* and resolved to place the agenda on *"justice for Africans and people of African descent through reparations at the center of the African peace initiative."*

#### b. The Maputo Protocol Validation

The AACC participated in the Maputo Protocol validation workshop held between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Addis Ababa

University in Ethiopia. Participants at the meeting included experts in Gender and Human Rights, representatives from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), United Nations (UN) Women, and Civil Society Organizations. During this workshop, the AACC President, Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, delivered a keynote address highlighting biblical perspectives on the rights of women.



Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe (AACC President); presenting on the *Biblical Perspectives on the Rights of Women* at the Validation workshop.

**c. The United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent**

Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the AACC, alongside the AU, co-hosted a side event at the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent in New York. The event elevated faith perspectives on reparative justice, emphasizing the Church's role in addressing historical injustices and promoting healing. Discussions called

for sustained commitment, truth-telling, and collaborative action, positioning faith-based organizations as key actors in advancing just and inclusive global reparative justice frameworks.



*Some of the participants in the AACC and AU Side event*

**d. The Pre-G-20 Interfaith Dialogue**

The AACC contributed to the successful hosting of the G20 Interfaith Forum convened by the AU and its partners from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The forum brought together global faith leaders and policymakers to explore the role of faith communities in advancing sustainable development, peace, and Africa's G20 agenda. AACC's engagement, including panel contributions by Dr. Gorden Simango, Director for the AACC Liaison office to the Au and Advocacy, highlighted the Church's role in shaping inclusive and ethical responses to global challenges. The forum strengthened interfaith collaboration and affirmed Africa's faith communities as key actors in promoting dialogue, justice, and sustainable development globally.



*Dr. Gorden Simango speaking on a panel in Plenary Session 1 "The African Union at the G20 Summit: The Role of Faith Communities in Africa to Advance G20 Purposes in Africa"*

**e. The 2025 African Union Advocacy Week**

The AACC co-convened the African Union Advocacy Week 2025 in Addis Ababa alongside the American Friends Service Committee, bringing together faith leaders, civil society actors, and diplomats to address conflict, climate change, and shrinking civic space across Africa. From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025, participants engaged the African Union Commission and several diplomatic missions on peace agreement implementation, transitional justice, countering hate speech, and strengthening civic freedoms. The advocacy also amplified calls for meaningful inclusion of youth and women in governance.

**f. The ECOSOC Citizens' Forum to Reimagine Democracy and Reparative Justice In Africa**

The AACC participated in the 4th African Union ECOSOC Citizens' Forum held from 7–9 July 2025 in Malabo under the theme *"Reimagining Democracy and Advancing Reparative Justice."* The forum promoted democracy rooted in African values of Ubuntu, accountability, and justice. AACC contributed to discussions on transformative peacebuilding, climate justice, and inclusive governance, calling for a just green transition and stronger civic participation. The engagement reinforced partnerships with the African Union Commission and civil society actors to advance people-centered governance across Africa.

**g. The G20 Interfaith Forum in South Africa**

The AACC participated in the G20 Interfaith Forum held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Cape Town under the theme *"Ubuntu in Action: Focus on Vulnerable Communities."* The forum convened over 200 global delegates to address hunger, inequality, climate change, migration, AI ethics, and colonial legacies. Representing AACC, Dr. Gordon Simango engaged in high-level dialogue on Faith, Justice, and Shared Responsibility, grounding discussions in the philosophy of Ubuntu—*"I am because we are."* He emphasized ethical economics, climate justice, and human dignity over border-centric approaches to migration. The forum reinforced calls for global cooperation rooted in justice, solidarity, and shared humanity ahead of the G20 Summit.

**h. The 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

The AACC convened a side event on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 in Banjul, Gambia alongside the 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, focusing on women's access to land and property within Africa's reparations agenda. The dialogue emphasized that genuine reparations must address gendered historical injustices. The AACC representatives and partners called for legal reforms, enforcement of housing, land and property rights, and the inclusion of women in peacebuilding processes. The engagement reaffirmed women's land rights as central to justice, recovery, and sustainable peace in Africa.



Start of the session with Dr. Gordon Simango giving opening remarks

### 2.11.2 Engaging with the Agenda 2063

The AACC accompanied the implementation of the Agenda 2063 and also monitored its implementation by other stakeholders through the following activities.

#### a. Proposal submission calling for a Radical Non-Violence Agenda for Peace in Africa

On 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, submitted a proposal to the AU through Ambassador Salah Siddig Hammad, the Head of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) Secretariat at the AU, calling for the creation of a standalone Non-Violence Pillar within the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). The proposal called for a shift from reactive conflict response to proactive prevention rooted in African indigenous peace practices, early mediation, and addressing structural drivers of violence. It emphasizes non-violence

as an African value system and urges a moral and spiritual foundation for peace anchored in reconciliation, dignity, and shared humanity.

#### b. The 11<sup>th</sup> Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa

The AACC participated in the 11th Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Addis Ababa under the theme *"Africa in an Evolving Global Order."* The forum convened AU leaders, former heads of state, policymakers, and civil society actors to reflect on Africa's peace and security landscape. The AACC representatives contributed to discussions on ethical leadership, youth engagement, climate justice, and African-led conflict prevention. The engagement strengthened the organization's visibility within continental peace and security platforms and reaffirmed faith-based contributions to governance and stability in Africa.



Participants during the opening session of the forum

### c. Engaging the European Union on Africa's Peace, Justice and Stability

The AACC, with the American Friends Service Committee, convened the European (EU) Advocacy Week in Brussels from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 under the Horn of Africa Peace Project. Twenty delegates engaged EU institutions on peace, justice, and stability, translating community

experiences into policy dialogue. A key session at the European Economic and Social Committee emphasized inclusive peacebuilding and local ownership. The engagement strengthened Africa–Europe cooperation and amplified faith-based advocacy for sustainable, community-driven peace solutions in the Horn of Africa.



Panelists at the Global Voices for Peace: The Horn of Africa and Europe, Marco Tarquinio, MEP; Marta Temido, MEP and European Parliament Rapporteur on the Horn of Africa; Dario Nardella, MEP; Kerri Kennedy, AFSC Associate Secretary General; and Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki.

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## Organizational Leadership and Sustainability

In 2025, the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) continued to strengthen its organizational leadership and institutional sustainability in order to effectively support the implementation of its continental ecumenical mission and the AACC Strategy 2024–2028. Through strengthened governance structures, membership engagement, strategic partnerships, human resource development, communication and networking initiatives, and investments in operational sustainability, the fellowship enhanced its institutional capacity to accompany member churches and respond to emerging opportunities and challenges across Africa.

### 3.1 Governance, Membership Development and Networking

Under this focus areas, the following were implemented.

#### 3.1.1 Governance Meetings

To enable governing bodies effectively perform their governance functions, the following activities were implemented.

##### a. The 2025 AACC Executive Committee Meeting

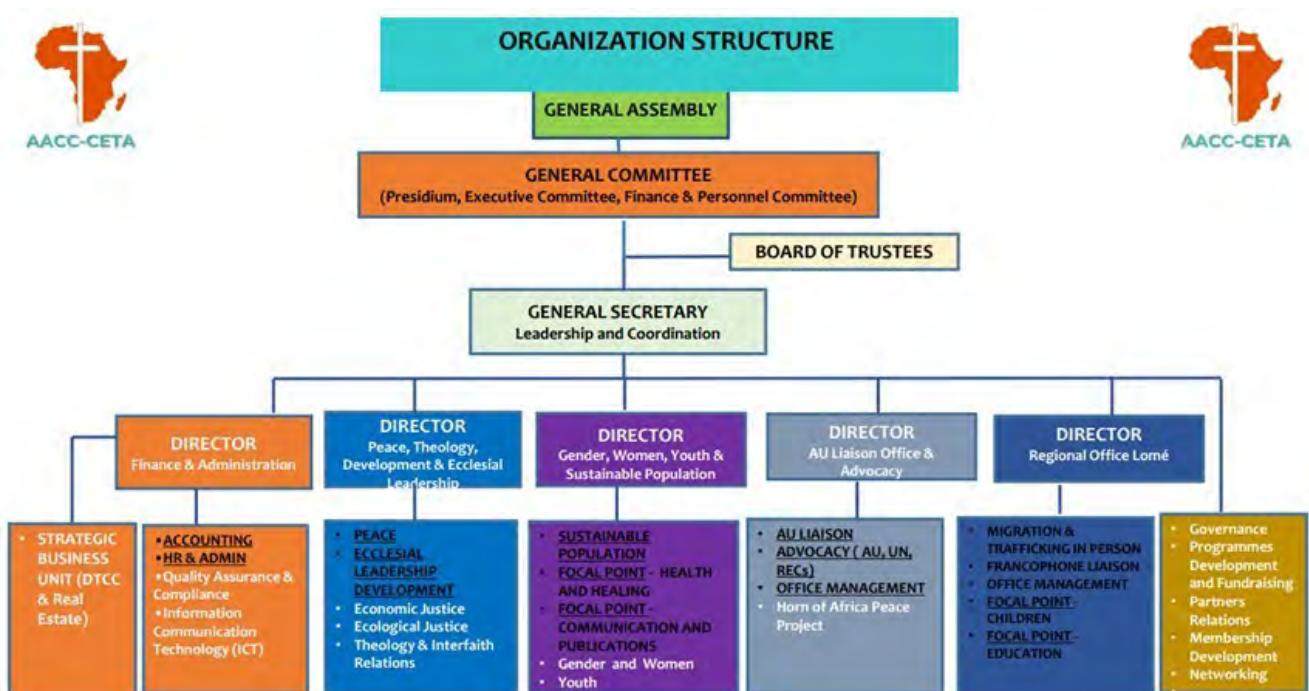


Members of the AACC Executive Committee during their meeting in Nairobi, May 2025

The AACC Executive Committee (EXCOM) held its meeting in Nairobi, Kenya on 30th April 2025. During this meeting, the EXCOM celebrated the organization’s growth and achievements with inspiring commendations to the staff, gratitude to the members and partners, and praise to God for the milestones realized.

On membership matters, the Committee reviewed five applications received at the Secretariat and admitted into the AACC membership the Ethiopian

Council of Gospel Believers Churches as an associate member of the AACC fellowship. To ensure that all aspects of the current AACC strategy are covered, the EXCOM revised the organization structure, increasing the number of programmatic departments from three to four, effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. These include: Peace, Theology, Development & Ecclesial Leadership; Gender, Women, Youth & Sustainable Population; African Union Liaison Office & Advocacy; The Regional office in Lomé as shown in the new AACC Structure below;



**b. The 2025 AACC General Committee meeting**

The AACC General Committee met in Nairobi, Kenya from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 and successfully engaged with the General Secretary’s report on the implementation of the AACC strategy. One of the major highlights of 2025 noted by the committee was the clearance of the long-standing AACC loan. The declaration of AACC as debt-free was warmly celebrated by the delegates and commended as a significant milestone achieved by the institution. In addition to the General Secretary’s report, the General Committee also received the report and

recommendations from the Finance and Personnel Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Presidium. The Committee approved the budget for 2026, as presented by the Finance and Personnel Committee, and strongly commended the financial report, noting the high level of accountability reflected therein. The General Committee endorsed the decision by the AACC Board of Trustees to rebuild and transform the current Desmond Tutu Conference Centre into a modern hotel, which is expected to generate more income for the organization.

The General Committee also received with gratitude a report on the preparations for the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, scheduled for 2028, commended the steps taken and authorized the General Secretary to continue with the preparations towards the Assembly.



### **c. Meetings of the Board of Trustees and Finance and Personnel Committee**

The Board of Trustees (BoT) meetings were held virtually in April and November 2025 while the Finance and Personnel Committee (FPC) Meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya in November 2025.

### **3.1.2 Membership Development**

To promote membership growth and increase AACC presence in the life and work of its members, the following were accomplished.

#### **a. Admission of New members into the Fellowship**

In 2025, the Eternal Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim Church gained full membership in the AACC and the Ethiopian Council of Gospel Believers Churches Was also admitted as an associate member of the fellowship.

#### **b. Participation in Governance Meetings and Anniversary Celebrations of Member Churches**

The AACC participated in the following key events of its members in 2025.

##### **i. The centennial annual national convention of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN).**



L-R: AACC General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, LWF President, Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer, CAN President, Archbishop Daniel C. Okoh & LCCN Archbishop, Most Rev Panti Filibus Musa leading other guests of honor into the Anniversary Celebration grounds.

- ii. The Consecration of the 6<sup>th</sup> Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Asmara, Eritrea. The AACC was represented by its President, the Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe.



His Holiness Abune Basliyos surrounded by orthodox archbishops from other countries.



Rt. Rev. Lydia with other delegates

iii. The 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Liberia Council of Churches General Assembly held from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Paynesville, Liberia.



*Rev. Dr. Fidon receiving the plaque of honor, admitting him into the Bishop Brown Hall of Fame as Ambassador of Ecclesiastical Ecumenical Relations*

iv. The centenary celebrations of the Eternal Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in Nigeria.



*AACC General Secretary (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right) with church leaders of the Eternal Sacred Order of Cherubim and Seraphim during the celebrations*

### 3.1.3 Communication and Networking

The following were done to represent the AACC adequately both in the continent and globally, ensure effective networking and information sharing and sustain communication with the AACC's stakeholders in 2025.

#### a. Participation in AACC Partners Forums

The AACC, through the President, General Secretary, and other staff members participated in several events organized by various AACC partners and very strategic for AACC relations. These included:

- i. A high-level consultation on Christian Zionism and its impact on Middle Eastern Christians held on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in Jordan. The consultation was organised by Dar al-Kalima University, Bethlehem.



*Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki Leading the closing plenary during the meeting.*

- ii. CORAT's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer Breakfast Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya.



*AACC Director of Programs Rev. Dr. Lesmore delivering biblical reflection during the CORAT-Africa 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launch & Breakfast*

- iii. The 2025 Kirchentag in Germany where the AACC General Secretary engaged over one hundred fifty thousand participants, joining the EKD Chairperson to address "Racist Realities" and "Anti-Racist Aspirations." This mission expanded into a high-level advocacy tour across Germany and Denmark, including strategic meetings with the United Evangelical Mission, the Danish Mission Council, and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These took place between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.



*Rev. Dr. Fidon with leaders of Danish church councils*

- iv. The 2025 World Council of Churches (WCC) Central Committee in South Africa held between 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa.



AACC General Secretary making welcome remarks

- v. The international symposium on Global Justice held in Cape Town, South Africa from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki with some faith and Civil Society leaders at G20.

- vi. The General Assembly of Global Ministries (Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ) held in Memphis, Tennessee, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 where the AACC General secretary addressed a high-level panel on the "Global Rise of Authoritarianism."



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki with Rev. LaMarco Cable, President and CEO of Global Ministries and WCC General Secretary, Prof. Jerry Pillay.



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki Visiting the site of assassination of Martin Luther King Junior in Memphis, Tennessee, USA

vii. The UEM General Assembly held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki with former UEM senior staff. On the left is Dr. Kakule MoloMolo, who now serves on the AACC's Board of Trustees.

viii. Lutheran Mission Cooperation (LMC) in Tanzania Round table where Rev. Dr Fidon Mwombeki led a bible study on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki with Tanzanian Church leaders at the LMC roundtable in Tanzania.

ix. The PARD Annual Forum and General Assembly held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The AACC was represented by Ms. Ann Kioi, the Director for Gender, Women, Youth and Sustainable Population Growth.



A cross section of participants at the General Assembly and Annual Forum

x. **Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (MEF) Governance Meeting**

In the 2025 governance meetings of the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, the General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, participated actively in all sessions. His leadership and guidance have played a significant role in strengthening the governance and stability of the foundation. Under his stewardship and commitment, the foundation has experienced notable progress and increased institutional stability throughout 2025.



Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki with MEF Executive Director Prof. Hoyce Mbowe and the coordinator of the MTEL Programme Rev Daniel Mbowe Botteste attending the consecration of Bishop Emmanuel Chikoya, former MEF Board of Governors Chairperson.

## b. Hosting AACC Partners for Constructive Dialogues

In 2025, the AACC was blessed with various guests from partner organisations and friends. These made courtesy calls to the office of the General Secretary and engaged in constructive conversations with AACC staff on shared mission objectives and ecumenism in Africa. Among these included the following:

### i. A Delegation of Swedish Parliamentarians and Officials from Act Church of Sweden

On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the AACC General Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya, a high-level delegation of Swedish Members of Parliament and ecumenical officials conducted a strategic visit to assess AACC's role in sustainable development. The meeting focused on AACC's mandate in gender justice, peace-building, and health, alongside the work of FECCLAHA in the Great Lakes region. This engagement strengthened the long-standing partnership with the Act Church of Sweden and the Swedish government.



Group photo of the Swedish delegation with some of the AACC and FECCLAHA staff at the AACC offices in Nairobi, Kenya.

### ii. EKD Delegation

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, the AACC hosted a delegation from the EKD at the General Secretariat in Nairobi to review collaborative strategies and flagship initiatives. The discussions centred on the implementation of the AACC's strategic plan, specifically focusing on the All Africa Youth Congress and the Male Champions for Gender Justice initiative. This visit solidified the long-standing partnership between the two institutions.



EKD delegation with some of the AACC staff in the AACC Chapel

### iii. Bread for the World Delegation

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the AACC hosted a delegation from Bread for the World (BftW), including the German Federal Government's Director for Civil Society and Church Affairs at the General Secretariat in Nairobi. They engaged in a roundtable dialogue focused on reviewing ongoing collaborative projects and aligning AACC's continental initiatives with BftW's Africa policy.



*AACC staff with the delegation from BftW*

### iv. A Delegation from the United Church of Canada

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025, two representatives from the United Church of Canada conducted a courtesy visit to the AACC General Secretariat in Nairobi to strengthen inter-continental ecumenical ties.



*Group of the delegation from the United Church of Canada and AACC staff during the visit.*

### v. Delegation from Anglican Church in Burundi

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the AACC General Secretary received a courtesy visit from the Bishop of the Anglican Church of Burundi, Bujumbura Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Eraste Bigirimana.



*(L-R) Ms. Ann Kioi, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, Rt. Rev. Eraste Bigirimana and Ms. Okunda Evelyne at the AACC General Secretary's office*

### vi. NCA Delegation

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Ms. Guro Almas, Programme Director for the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Maria-Clara Osula, NCA Regional Program Manager, paid a courtesy visit to the AACC.

### vii. Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) Delegation

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 the AACC hosted the Executive Director and Regional Director of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) and her delegation for a meeting focused on aligning FELM's transformative collaboration model with the AACC's 2024-2028 Strategy.



FELM delegation with some of the AACC Staff

### 3.1.4 Engaging Africans in Diaspora

The All Africa Conference of Churches endeavoured to strengthen ties with the Africans in the Diaspora through the various activities implemented such as the Consultation on Decolonization and Reparation, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Theological symposium on the theme, "African Churches on Israel and Palestine" and the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC.



Some of the Africa youth leaders from the Diaspora at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AAYC in Nairobi, Kenya.

## 3.2 Effective Management and Sustainability

To maintain highly effective, motivated and qualified human resources, AACC took various measures in its Human Resource Management, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Sustainability efforts as reported below.

### 3.2.1 Human Resource Management

#### a. Staff Capacity

The AACC maintained adequate staff capacity for its operations in Africa. The total staff capacity for 2025 stood at ninety-three employees distributed across various departments and offices as follows:

Mission and Programme Department had thirty-four staff members (six Management staff, ten Programme Executive Staff and eighteen Administrative assistants). Twenty of these staff are based at the Nairobi Office, three at the Lomé Office, seven at the Addis Ababa Office and 1 in Zambia.

The real estate unit had twelve staff members, 10 based in Nairobi and 2 based in Addis Ababa.

The Desmond Tutu Conference Centre (DTCC) had forty-seven staff members.

#### b. Staff who completed their term of service at the AACCs

1. *Mr. Raphael Kigo concluded eighteen years of service at the All Africa Conference of Churches on 31 December 2025, serving as Senior Accountant.*
2. *Mr. Justice Oman also completed his tenure on 31 December 2025 after three years as Executive Secretary for Research and Advocacy.*
3. *Ms. Joan Mwayo concluded six years of service as Programme Assistant on 31 July 2025.*

#### Recruitment, Selection and Appointment

In 2025, five new staff joined the AACC and 1 staff was redeployed from DTCC to Mission. Four (4) of the new staff are based in Nairobi, Kenya and one is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. These are: -

- *Faith Wanjiru Thiong'o, Executive Program Assistant- 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025*
- *Faith Wanjiru Muthithi, Research and Administrative Assistant- 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025*
- *Keith Muhati, Program Assistant, Youth- 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025 (until December 2025)*
- *Adrian Chikowore, Program Officer, Economic Justice- 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025*
- *Jessie Kalepa, Program Executive, Policy and Advocacy- 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025*

Daisy Adhiambo was redeployed from the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre (DTCC), where she served as Admin/Accounts Assistant, to the Mission Department where she is now serving as the Human Resource and Administration Assistant, effective 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

#### c. Staff Training and Development

The following staff undertook development and training initiatives during the year 2025

##### i. Mission and Programmes

- *Ann Kioi - Project management and Result Based Monitoring & Evaluation – virtual*
- *Joan Mwayo - Project Cycle Management*

##### ii. DTCC

- *Faith Waithera Njihia and Nancy Nasipwoni Masinde- Laundry and dry-cleaning Techniques*
- *Evelyne Amuom-Mass food preparation and presentations*

- *Vincent Omollo- Food and beverage service supervision*
- *Kennedy Anyanje- Guest Relations Technique*

### 3.2.2 Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

#### a. ICT Improvement

- i. *Several ICT systems improvements and upgrades were undertaken during the reporting in 2025 to enhance the reliability and efficiency of the AACC's environment, bolster the organization's digital presence, and align systems with modern standards. These included:*
- ii. *Network Switch Upgrade from a D-Link unit to a Cisco switch to increase the reliability of the system, enhanced security features and significantly improved network performance and stability.*
- iii. *Reviewing the ICT Policies and Procedures Manual to ensure compliance, consistency, and clarity in ICT- related operations.*
- iv. *Timely Update of the AACC website*
- v. *Procurement of new equipment and repairs on malfunctioning computers and printers across departments.*
- vi. *Setting up a secure VPN connection for the Ethiopia office, enabling them to reliably access the central Navision system. The Navision (Business Central) was also upgraded to cloud services to increase accessibility*
- vii. *Hotel Management and the Financial Management Systems overhaul- from IDS Next to eZee Absolute and Navision (Business Central) respectfully.*

### 3.2.3 Sustainability

To achieve increased and sustainable income from its real estate investments, the All Africa Conference of Churches management continued to undertake the following measures:

- a. *Consistent follow-up on tenant accounts to ensure timely remittance of all payments due.*
- b. *Continued sourcing of tenants to fill vacancies arising within the various office spaces.*
- c. *Application of rental escalations in line with prevailing market rates to ensure fair value is attained. For example, renewed leases reflected an increase in rental rates from KES 91 to KES 104 per square foot, while new tenants were onboarded at KES 110 per square foot.*
- d. *Implementation of improvement works across AACC properties in the three host countries to enhance functionality and aesthetics, thereby improving tenant satisfaction and retention.*
- e. *Regular review of service provider contracts to ensure the organization obtains optimal value for money.*

In addition, the AACC Board of Trustees approved the reconstruction and modernization of the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre (DTCC), with construction commencing on 1st December 2025. The project aims to transform the facility into a modern hospitality and conference complex that will strengthen the organization's long-term sustainability and enhance its capacity to host regional and international events.

As part of this strategic development, the Board further authorized the signing of an agreement for the facility to join the Best Western International hotel franchise network. Therefore, after the reconstruction and upon re-opening, the facility will be known as Western International hotel, Waiyaki Way. However, the facility shall remain fully owned and managed by AACC, with its operations continuing to uphold and reflect the organization's Christian values and ecumenical identity.

The reconstructed facility is expected to officially open in October 2026.



*A cross section view of the ongoing reconstruction work at the reconstruction and modernization of the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre.*



*Ms. Faith Mutie, AACC Property Manager, guiding Rev. Fekadu Daba, the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia, through a tour around the DTCC construction site.*

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## Conclusion

**The 2025 Annual Report of the AACC presents a compelling narrative of a continentally rooted and globally engaged ecumenical movement faithfully responding to the realities of its time. Across all programme areas, governance structures, and partnership platforms, the AACC continued to embody its calling to be a prophetic voice for justice, a servant of reconciliation, and a catalyst for transformation in Africa and beyond.**

The AACC's work in 2025 affirmed that the mission of the Church in Africa cannot be confined to worship alone, but must actively engage the structural, social, economic, ecological, and political dimensions of life. From theological reflections to public advocacy, and from grassroots mobilisation to global policy engagement, the AACC sought to integrate faith and action in ways that give tangible expression to the Gospel in contemporary African contexts.

The achievements recorded in 2025 demonstrate significant progress in strengthening ecumenical formation, enhancing meaningful youth engagement in Christian mission and leadership, advancing ecological and economic justice, promoting gender equality, and deepening the culture of peace in Africa while addressing migration, health, and governance challenges. Equally important is the growing recognition of the AACC as a credible partner within the African Union, the G20, and global ecumenical networks. These engagements continue to amplify African Christian voices in shaping global discourse on justice, peace, and sustainable development.

At the institutional level, the strengthening of governance systems, financial accountability, and human resource capacity reflects an organisation increasingly anchored in sustainability and long-term resilience. The milestone of becoming debt-free stands as a powerful testimony to disciplined stewardship, committed partnership, and divine providence. Ongoing investments in digital trans-

formation, infrastructure renewal, and real estate optimisation have further positioned the AACC for greater effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate in the years ahead.

As the AACC looks to the future, it does so with the renewed conviction that the vision of an Africa where churches are together for life, peace, justice, and dignity—and where justice rolls on like a river, righteousness flows like a never-failing stream, peace is sustained, creation is protected, and human dignity is upheld—remains both its guiding aspiration and a theological imperative.

The journey ahead calls for deeper ecumenical solidarity, stronger partnerships, and the continued courage to speak truth to power while accompanying communities in their struggles for life and dignity. It also calls for a renewed commitment to nurturing the next generation of African leaders who will carry forward the vision of the Ecumenical Movement and of the *"Africa We Want."* In all these endeavours, the AACC remains confident that God, who has faithfully guided the Church thus far, will continue to lead it into a future filled with hope, purpose, and renewed possibilities for Africa and the world.

Thank you for engaging with this report.  
May God continue to bless you.

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