

JOINT COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ACAP IV WORKSHOP IN ETHIOPIA

Held in Adama at the Adama Executive Hotel

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Preamble

We participants of the fourth phase of the African Church Asset Programme (ACAP IV) over the last two days February 14th and February 15th 2022, attended the workshop and saw the guidelines discussed, enriched them, and agreed on them. After the requirements are finalised, we recommend that the programme is owned in Ethiopia. We propose that CCRDA be the organisation that takes responsibility and leadership. We propose that:

- the chosen owner will work with churches to accept and implement the guidelines that have been agreed upon with All stakeholders' official representatives,
- the programme's owner will lobby the government to establish an enticing/conducive environment, and
- if chosen, CCRDA can engage with churches to collaborate and develop a taskforce that is inclusive.

The focus of the meeting

This phase was focused on how to put in practice the recommendations and the lessons of the previous phases to promote ethical investment for Churches and Church Related Organizations (CCROs). These guidelines are therefore developed based on the results

of the Country Study conducted in Ethiopia in March to May 2021. The results of the study were presented in August 2021 and were elaborated by the input of the participants.

Here are our calls for Government

We call upon the government of Ethiopia to:

1. encourage ethical investment and establish a climate conducive for it,
2. develop special rules and regulations to assist churches and CROs, and
3. include ethics in the school curriculum to be taught to all at all levels of education.

Here are our calls for Church

We call upon Churches in Ethiopia to:

1. cooperate in an ecumenical spirit, accept and own the guidelines,
2. be role models and leaders in the implementation of the developed guidelines,
3. adopt and embrace the four pillars Leadership, Ethics, Governance, and Sustainability (L.E.G.S), include them in the curriculum of their theology institutions.

Our calls for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Church Society (CS)

We call upon CSOs and CS to make ethical investment projects their priority.

In Conclusion

We depart from this workshop with the commitment to implement on the major findings of and the proposed guidelines. We remain committed to facilitating, supporting and implementing the guidelines.