



# re-Join Us

Effective 1 January 2009, the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance is established as an Association under Swiss law (see Statutes at <http://www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/about-us/join-us/>). As a result, it is necessary for current 'participants' in the EAA to re-join as 'members'. The content of the Guiding Principles has not changed, except for the reference to 'members'.

**Step 1** Read the Guiding Principles for Action and the Statutes and sign on the next page indicating the agreement of your church or organization.

We are impelled by our faith in Christ to lead just lives and to confront unjust structures, practices and attitudes that deprive human beings of their dignity, and to offer alternative visions based on our understandings of the Holy Scripture.

Today, the poor and oppressed have grown to daunting numbers and conflict and tension cause untold suffering in many regions. As representatives of churches and related organizations, we believe that by working together and by focusing our efforts, we will be better able to challenge powers and principalities which have failed to create conditions in which all of God's children can live in peace, justice, and dignity.

## **We come together as members of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance:**

- Centered in our understanding of the Gospel message which calls all Christians to speak out against injustice, tyranny, and war; to promote human rights for all; and to speak for an alternative vision of a world where all live in peace, security, and dignity;
- Grounded in our commitment to justice, peace, environmental integrity, and the dignity of all human beings;
- Based on an inclusive vision of witness as encompassing analysis and action;
- Rooted in our commitment that marginalized communities themselves must be at the center of ecumenical advocacy being their own advocates, and that the advocacy efforts of others are an expression of solidarity with and accountability to those who suffer from the world's injustices and violence;
- Committed to learning from churches and their organizations as they are engaged in advocacy as part of their ministry;
- Ensuring that the work of the Alliance will complement and enhance work being done or planned by the World Council of Churches and members of the Alliance

## **We commit ourselves to strengthening the churches' collective life through:**

- Ecumenical advocacy as a specific form of witness on political, economic, cultural and social issues by churches and their members, church-related agencies and other organizations which aims to influence policies and practices of governments, international institutions, corporations and our own communities in order to bring about a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

## **We will work together by:**

- Promoting change to enable all human beings to live in justice and peace, and by identifying, exposing and confronting structures of power, practices and attitudes which cause injustice and suffering;
- Engage the full partnership of women, recognizing the particular resources which they bring, and challenging gender based injustices and practices;

- Carrying out efforts on different levels, both at the level of policy and practices (for example, from challenging a local landowner to lobbying at the World Trade Organization);
- Envisioning the Alliance as a tool that supports sustainability in our development efforts and thus helps to protect earth's resources for our children and further generations;
- Sustaining a process rather than a one-time campaign, although campaigns may be an important part of advocacy;
- Acting through a variety of instruments and methodologies at different levels, which may include lobbying, education, capacity building, and demonstrations.

**By working together within the Alliance, we commit ourselves:**

1. To promote approaches to political, economic, social and cultural issues based on a shared commitment to the Gospel and concern for those people who suffer from injustice.
2. To confront unjust structures, practices and attitudes and to offer alternative visions and strategies, based on the analysis and engagement of the people affected.
3. To raise awareness within our own churches, communities, constituencies and the public at large on issues of common concern, and to mobilize support for specific campaigns or collective actions as proposed by the strategy groups.
4. To share information with one another, to provide resources, and to contribute actively and creatively in implementing common approaches at the local, national, and international levels.
5. To continue to reflect theologically on this work.

The dignity of the excluded is central to the Gospel of Christ. The Christ whom we seek to follow stands with those who suffer from injustice. The calling to engage in advocacy is not a task we take up when it is convenient, but is a fundamental requirement of living out our faith.

By signing this document, we agree to the Guiding Principles for Action and the Statutes and indicate our request for membership, support for and participation in the work of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance.

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(please print name of church, church-related or Christian organization as you wish it to appear on official Alliance documents)

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(authorized signature)

(date)

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(please print name and position of authorized signatory)

## Step2

Consider and indicate how your church or organization will support the work of the Alliance.

At the Founding Meeting of the Alliance, there was a clear commitment that all churches and organizations that chose to participate in the work of the Alliance should:

- ENGAGE actively in the work of the Alliance through advocacy efforts
- SUPPORT the work of the Alliance with financial and other resources

The annual membership contribution is at least 900 CHF. If a church or organization from the Global South has limited resources, their annual membership contribution may be reduced to 450 CHF. Similarly, a church or organization with greater resources is asked to contribute more in core funding and for specific projects.

You are asked to consider all of the ways that you will support the work of the Alliance.

Check **one** of the following indicating your annual financial support. My organization:

- Will contribute the standard support of 900 CHF towards the core budget
- Will contribute support of 450 CHF towards the core budget (resource limited organizations from the Global South)
- Will contribute more annually (e.g. core or project funding)

Additionally, please check all that apply:

- Will cover the costs for someone from my church or organization to serve on the Board of Directors, strategy groups, working groups, or attend consultations
- Will host a meeting of the Alliance and contribute towards logistical support and/or financial costs
- Will sponsor the travel of another participant to an Alliance meeting(s)
- Will consider seconding staff, providing volunteers or interns to work with the Alliance
- Will carry out research and analysis on behalf of the Alliance
- Will contribute web development expertise
- Will donate graphics and publication services
- Will actively encourage others to participate in the Alliance in my country or region
- Will assist the Alliance with media and communications expertise and resources
- Will develop print, photographic or video resources that can be utilized by Alliance participants
- Will translate key documents for the Alliance (language: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Will suggest persons to serve on strategy groups or working groups
- Will promote Alliance proposals for funding with my own contacts for funding through major donors or foundations
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your organization's church relationship:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> church/communion                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ecumenical network     | <input type="checkbox"/> church-related educational institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> regional or sub-regional ecumenical organization | <input type="checkbox"/> world communion        | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian organization                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> church related agency                            | <input type="checkbox"/> church-related NGO     | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain): _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> national council of churches                     | <input type="checkbox"/> religious order        | _____   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> ecumenical association |   |

## Step 3

Provide contact details for your organization so that we can communicate with the appropriate persons about the work of the Alliance.

Please complete this page so we can be in communication with the appropriate persons about the work of the Alliance. (please print clearly)

Organization's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Main telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

General e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Key contact person for HIV and AIDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(country) (city)

### Key contact person for FOOD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(country) (city)

### Key contact person for COMMUNICATIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(country) (city)

### Key contact person for FINANCE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(country) (city)

### Other key contact persons (e.g. advocacy, policy, campaigns)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Head of organization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Step4

Please complete and return this form to the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance:

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