



# Join the Alliance

The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance is an international network of churches and Christian organizations committed to campaigning together on common concerns. By joining together, our voices and actions for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world are more powerful and effective. Our advocacy includes raising awareness and building a movement for justice within the churches as well as mobilizing people of faith to lobby local and national governments, businesses and multilateral organizations. The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance is based in Geneva, Switzerland and is an independent association under Swiss law.

## STEP 1

Read the *Guiding Principles for Action* (below) and the *Statutes*<sup>1</sup> 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;

<sup>1</sup>The Statutes of the EAA are available online at [http://www.e-alliance.ch/fileadmin/user\\_upload/docs/EAA\\_Statutes\\_0906\\_EN.pdf](http://www.e-alliance.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/docs/EAA_Statutes_0906_EN.pdf)

- 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 apply for membership. We agree to contribute to and engage in the work of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(authorized signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please print name and position of authorized signatory)

## STEP 2

Please indicate how your church or organization will contribute to and engage in 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 join the Alliance should:

- ENGAGE actively in the work of the Alliance through advocacy efforts
- CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY to the work of the Alliance.

The annual membership fee is 1,000 CHF. If a church or organization from the Global South has limited resources, the annual membership fee may be reduced to 500 CHF. Churches or organizations with greater financial resources are kindly requested to make a higher contribution towards core funding and for specific projects.

Please tick one of the following to indicate your membership fee or contribution per year.<sup>1</sup>

My organization:

- Will pay the annual membership fee of 1,000 CHF.
- Will pay an annual membership fee of 500 CHF (for churches or organizations with limited financial resources from the Global South).
- Will contribute more annually (e.g. core or project funding)<sup>2</sup>

1. If you do not indicate a yearly membership fee or contribution, we will not be able to process your application.

2. Please note that contributions exceeding 1,000 CHF per year covers the membership fee of your church or organization for one year.

In addition to paying a membership fee or contribution per year, you are invited to indicate other types of engagement you may wish to offer the Alliance (please tick 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 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 share professional photo and video resources with Alliance members.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Background information on your organization:

Christian affiliation/denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Why does your church or organization wish to join the Alliance?: \_\_\_\_\_

In what countries/regions does your organization mainly work? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a current member of the EAA that supports your membership application? \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose/attach the following documents with your membership application:

- Latest annual report
- Names of local and international partners with whom you collaborate
- If you have indicated that your organization will be paying a membership fee of 500 CHF, please enclose/attach your latest annual financial report.

### STEP 3

Provide contact details for your organization so that we can communicate 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Head of organization

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

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

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

Telephone: +\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(country) (city)

### Key contact person for HIV+AIDS

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

### Key contact person for Food

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

### Key contact person for Communication

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

### Key contact person for Finance

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (e.g. Rev., Mrs.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: + \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## STEP 4

Before sending this application to the EAA, please check that you have completed the following:

- We have confirmed our agreement to the Guiding Principles and the Statutes.
- We have provided specific information on our church or organization.
- We have indicated other support we would like to offer the Alliance.
- We have indicated our yearly membership fee.
- We have provided contact details for our church or organization.
- We have attached the annual report, names of partners, and, as appropriate, our latest annual financial report to send with the application.

## STEP 5

Please return this form and accompanying documents by mail, fax or email. (See below):



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