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# PROCMURA-CEOSS JOINT COMMUNIQUE



At the invitation of the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) which has its Central Office in Nairobi, Kenya, and The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS), Cultural Development Division in Egypt, 23 Muslim and Christian women and men from Kenya, Egypt, Ghana, Tanzania (mainland and Zanzibar), Nigeria, Uganda, Togo, and Senegal as well as partners of the two organisations from Denmark gathered at the All Africa Conference of Churches Guest House and Conference Centre in Nairobi to deliberate on issues on Christian-Muslim relations in Africa.

For five days the participants discussed and reflected on issues of mutual concern to both Christians and Muslims in sub-Saharan Africa and in Egypt. The discussions covered multiple areas all of which were aimed at peace and peaceful co-existence between Christians and Muslims in particular, and society in general for the holistic development of African peoples. The deliberations exposed participants to a wider variety of experiences from the two organisations in the area of building peace and bridges of understanding in their diverse societies. Accordingly, a memorandum of understanding is to be agreed upon and signed by the two organisations.

After intensive open discussions, the participants resolved to:

1. Strengthen relations between Muslims and Christians in sub-Saharan Africa and in Egypt through mutual respect.
2. Continue deliberations on new ways of promoting peace and understanding between the two communities and the wider society.
3. Encourage Christians and Muslims to collaborate to address general issues that affect society, as for example, the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
4. Ensure that any misunderstanding between people of different faiths is resolved in a non-violent manner through dialogue.
5. Promote the spirit of dialogue and positive tolerance as the norm among people of different faiths and not just as a means of resolving conflicts.
6. Deglobalise conflicts by consciously working together to ensure that conflicts in any part of the world do not adversely influence relations between people of different faiths in a given country.
7. Call on the media to be partners in promoting peace, tolerance and understanding among diverse communities.

Our meeting takes place at a time when Kenyans are preparing to vote in a referendum on a new constitution. We would like to express our solidarity for the process and urge the two camps in the

referendum to exercise restraint in their campaigns and to ensure that Kenyans remain united and have peace regardless of the outcome.

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