Greetings of peace from FECCLAHA Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA) is delighted to share with you it’s first issue of FECCLAHA Newsletter this year.

FECCLAHA has remained true to its commitment of creating platforms that strengthen ecumenical co-operation for peace building and conflict transformation across the region.

We are grateful to members and partners for continued support and collaboration.

We are currently re-designing our website but please engage with us on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/fecclaha.nairobi and twitter https://twitter.com/fecclaha

We look forward to hearing from you.

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FECCLAHA staff participated in a 4-day in-house training on Outcome & Impact Oriented (OIO) planning facilitated by CORAT Africa. Topics addressed during the training include: Introduction to OIO project planning, monitoring, and evaluation; understanding Project Cycle Management (PCM) and the principles, OIO preparedness, Simplified impact chain, understanding the Logical Framework Approach (LFA), tools used in LFA, project indicators monitoring and evaluation matrix, as well as project quality frame used in assessing the relevance of a project and feasibility and the effectiveness of the project. Staff members gained understanding about evaluation processes. They also went through practical sessions on various tools that facilitate the process of planning using the Logical Framework Approach (LFA). The lessons learned were valuable ahead of the strategic planning process during the year.

**ACCORD/NCA/FECCLAHA meeting in Durban**

On 12th February, FECCLAHA’s Executive Director Mrs. Elizabeth Kisiigha attended a meeting at ACCORD’s office in Durban together with NCA Programme Manager. The meeting aimed at strengthening FECCLAHA partnership and clarifying areas of partnership and collaboration with ACCORD. The meeting provided an opportunity to clarify roles and responsibilities in the tripartite partnership of NCA, FECCLAHA and ACCORD. FECCLAHA values this partnership as it enhances and provides opportunities for the women Mediators in the region.
FECClaha engaged in Good Governance of Extractives:

FECClaha participated in this year’s Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI) held in Cape Town, South Africa on 5th-7th Feb, 2018. This provided a platform for learning, networking, and strengthening the linkage with our sister organization in Southern Africa, FOCCISA.

FECClaha also joined other partners in Kenya fora brainstorming meeting on 04th May, 2018 convened by Diakonia Sweden, a key member of the ‘Haki Madini’. This meeting was held with a view to deliberate upon the possibility of having a ‘National Indaba’ in Kenya. Plans are underway to undertake local level ‘indabas’ which will then culminate into a National Indaba, providing a space for strategic and coordinated advocacy for good governance of extractives in the region. FECClaha remains committed to enhancing the capacity & mobilizing faith leaders in this region to act together for good governance of extractives in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa. Plans are underway to accompany members as well as undertake capacity enhancement initiatives for faith leaders during the year.

FECClaha participation in validation of the evaluation report of the impact of Tamar Circles in Eastern DRC

FECClaha participated in a validation and dissemination workshop of the findings of the evaluation of the impact of Tamar Circles in Eastern DRC on 13th – 15th March, 2018. The evaluation process was commissioned by the Norwegian Church Aid – Regional Advocacy programme. This was an important platform for sharing and learning best practices as regards the Tamar Circles with a view to replicate the lessons in other parts of the region. In attendance were facilitators and researchers from the Kenyatta University, as well as coordinators of the interfaith platforms in North and South Kivu, who have taken lead in coordinating the Tamar Circles in Eastern DRC. Also present were staff members from the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA).
Tamar Campaign and Contextual Bible Study Training in Khartoum, Sudan in partnership with Sudan Council of Churches (SCC)

FECLHAHA in collaboration with the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC) held a 2 days workshop for church leaders and church workers in Khartoum, Sudan on 24th and 25th April, 2018. In attendance were 38 participants (18 men and 20 women) drawn from 14 member churches of Sudan Council of Churches.

The Arch-Bishop of the Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Khartoum, His Grace Michael Didi Adgum Mungoria, presided over the opening session. In his remarks, he asserted that GBV is a sin, just like killing another because he/she belongs to another tribe. He implored upon all the participants to ensure that they would commit to change their families and society through the lessons received from the workshop. The workshop identified actions by the church leaders/church workers on how to prevent and address GBV in their church and community. FECLHAHA continues to accompany SCC in its establishing and strengthening the work on GBV in the council.

Solidarity visit to the SSCC and the National Women Link for Peace in South Sudan 26th-28th March 2018

A team from the FECLHAHA secretariat met with the General Secretary of South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), Women’s Link for Peace and a group of women in Juba called ‘Kuru Ko Wate’ meaning ‘cultivated by women’. The visit aimed at obtaining updates on South Sudan Peace Process; the progress made by SSCC National Women’s Link for Peace and the women’s engagements in the peace process in South Sudan at community, national and regional levels. Additionally, the visit aimed at expressing solidarity with the leadership of SSCC, South Sudanese women as well as the people of South Sudan.
FECCLAHA Executive Committee held its first meeting this year in Nairobi, Kenya. In attendance were General Secretaries and representatives from the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC), Protestant Council of Rwanda (CPR), Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) and Sudan Council of Churches (SCC).

Coupled with undertaking official business that included receiving the narrative and audited financial reports; a one day capacity building in Institutional Governance as well as an orientation session for the new members was undertaken. The Executive Committee is a key organ within FECCLAHA giving oversight to the Secretariat.

FECCLAHA organized a three day training workshop for 52 youth (29 Male and 23 Female) from 6 villages in Mukuru Kwa Njenga Ward. The main objective of the training was to equip Youth leaders (male and female) with skills and knowledge on peace building & conflict transformation, livelihood skills, Advocacy, lobbying, Governance; Entrepreneurship; and create spaces to identify key issues affecting them. They also developed action plans for interventions through their established networks. The training created a platform for learning and experience sharing by the existing YPCs leaders.
NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION


- Participation in NCCK Programme Committee Extra Ordinary meeting: 8th & 9th Feb 2018 at Jumuia Conference and County Home, Limuru.

- FECLHAHA participated in a three day training on Development effectiveness that took place in Entebbe, Uganda from January 16th & 18th 2018. The training was organized by ACT Alliance in collaboration with other faith based partners.

- FECLHAHA’s Executive Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Z. Kisiigha attended an ACT Alliance Advisory group on Advocacy (AGA) meeting. This was held on 26th Feb to 1st March 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

- FECLHAHA held a consultation meeting with Fr. William Deng the General Secretary of Sudan Council of Churches (SCC). This provided an opportunity to share updates on the progress and challenges within SCC. FECLHAHA continues to accompany Sudan Council of Churches (SCC).

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FECLAHA VISION:
Together for a just and peaceful society.

FECLAHA MISSION:
FECLAHA exists to promote ecumenical solidarity for justice, peace, healing, and conflict transformation and reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa through Advocacy, networking and partnership, capacity building, research and documentation within the framework of holistic Christian Ministry.

FECLAHA VALUES:

- Human Dignity
- Compassion
- Peace
- Justice
- Integrity.