

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

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hereinafter called FECCLAHA

1. Objectives

FECCLAHA and LPI are partner organisations that wish to collaborate over the mid-long term period in their respective functions and mandates.

The partnership between FECCLAHA and LPI is inspired by three broad objectives:

- a) Support FECCLAHA in its conflict transformation work through capacity building and joint engagement;
- b) Build on the experiences of FECCLAHA and LPI in order to raise awareness for civil society peacebuilding towards national, regional and international actors.
- c) Enhance cross-fertilisation of conflict transformation theory and practice by documenting and making available the experiences of LPI and FECCLAHA.

2. Definition of partnership

For the purposes of this MoU, “partnership” is defined as: a relationship between two organisations that is characterized by mutual cooperation, trust and responsibility, and is oriented to the achievement of mutually agreed results.

3. Profile of the partners

Name: Life & Peace Institute (LPI)

Vision: LPI envisions a world where peace, justice and coexistence prevail through people's active work and commitment.

Mission: LPI supports and promotes non-violent approaches to conflict transformation through a combination of research and action that entails the strengthening of existing local capacities and enhancing the conditions for building peace.

Core Principles: LPI bases its work on the following principles:

- Understanding the context.
- Coherent work on all levels.
- Building on local knowledge.
- Local ownership and long term perspective.
- Gender-sensitivity.
- Accountability, transparency and trust.
- Impartiality.

Strategic Priorities:

1. Work with partners. LPI supports civil society organisations in their conflict transformation work through capacity building and joint engagement.
2. Policy work. LPI engages in policy work to raise the awareness for civil society peacebuilding towards national, regional and international actors.
3. Cross-fertilisation of conflict transformation theory and practice. Conflict transformation knowledge and experiences from LPI and its partners are made available for national, regional and international peacebuilding practitioners and research communities, and relevant theories and experiences from other contexts are channelled to LPI and its partners.

Name: Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA)

Core values: Human Dignity; Compassion; Justice; Peace.

Vision: The creation of communities that are inclusive, harmonious and living an abundant life in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa. Fundamental to our vision is the assumption that solutions to the issues of conflict must essentially come from within the region, with inhabitants taking ownership and

responsibility for the problems and pro-actively seeking solutions.

Mission: to enhance peace and reconciliation in the Great Lakes Region and Horn of Africa by facilitating ecumenical cooperation and fellowship within the framework of holistic Christian ministry.

Objectives:

- To promote a platform of interaction and solidarity building.
- To strengthen members' capacity to articulate their needs and priorities in peace building and conflict transformation.
- To advocate on issues of peace, justice, reconciliation and human security.
- To develop effective information sharing among members, partners, and others.
- To promote FECCLAHA's institutional development and sustainability.
- To facilitate fellowship among members.

Strategic focus: Four key strategic issues addressed by FECCLAHA are:

- The continued human rights abuses coupled with lack of good governance and economic justice in most member countries.
- The prevalence of conflict and state of civil wars in a number of member countries which manifests itself in ethnic violence, armed conflict, inter-tribal (cultural) conflict and the upsurge of ethnocentrism.
- The proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the region.
- Gender issues and in particular, violence against women and children and lack of women participation in peace and development.

Strategic response: FECCLAHA will address the strategic issues of focus through the following five broad strategic responses:

- Advocacy, Lobbying and Networking
- Capacity Building
- Theological Reflection
- Research and Documentation
- Gender Mainstreaming.

FECCLAHA is a regional body that consists of churches and church councils in the region. It was formally launched in March 1999 and registered in Kenya in February 2001. More specifically, its members are:

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- **Church of Christ in Congo / Eglise du Christ au Congo**, Contact: Bishop Marini Bodho/Bp Dieudonne Mbaya Tshiakany - B. P. 4938 Kinshasa – Gombe - Democratic Republic of Congo – Tel. +243 99 993 0194, +243 99 993 0187 – eccpres@ecc-sn.org, ecc-kasai-oriental@june.com.
- **Eritrea Orthodox Church**, Contact: Rev. Kaleb Gebreselassie - P.O.Box 728 - Tel: 291 1 1 82544 - Fax: 291 1 1 82195 – tewahdo@tse.com.er.
- **Evangelical Church of Eritrea**, Contact: Rev. Asfaha Mehari - P.O.Box 905, Asmara, Eritrea - Tel: 291 1 120 711 - Fax: 291 1 120 062 – evanch@eol.com.er.
- **Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekene Yesus**, Contact: Rev. Itefa Gobena - P.O.Box 2087 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - Tel: 251 11 55 33 293/5531919, +251 11 5504542 - Fax: 251 11 5534148 – eecmy.cs@telecom.net.et, mergan@eecmy.org.
- **National Council of Churches of Kenya**, Contact: Rev. Mutuva Musyimi - P.O.Box 45009 - 00100 Nairobi - Tel: +254 20 2721249 - Fax: 2724183.
- **Protestant Council of Rwanda / Conseil Protestant du Rwanda**, Contact: Rev. Richard

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- **Sudan Council of Churches, Contact: Rev. Akech Cian** - Interchurch House Street 35 - Amarat New Extension - P.O.Box 469, Khartoum, Sudan Tel: +249 183 472544/482227 - Fax: 249 183 472545 – scc_churchandsociety@yahoo.co.ke;
- **Christian Council of Tanzania, Contact: Rev. Dr. Leonard A. Mtaita** - P.O.Box 1454 Dodoma, Tanzania - Tel: +255 26 2324 445 - Fax: +255 26 2324 352 – gs@cct-tz.org.
- **Uganda Joint Christian Council, Contact: Rev. Canon Grace Kaiso** - Uganda Joint Christian Council - P.O.Box 30154 Kampala, Uganda - Tel: 256 41 344250 - Fax: 256 41 254219 – ujcc@utlonline.co.ug.

4. Areas of cooperation

Five main areas of cooperation have been identified within the scope of the objectives articulated in Article 1:

1. Analysis of needs and resources for conflict transformation within FECCLAHA's network and identification of preferred forms of engagement in conflict transformation.
2. Development of FECCLAHA's research and analyses capacity.
3. Development of FECCLAHA's planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning capacity.
4. Joint engagement on communication as a tool for peacebuilding, especially the joint production
5. Joint engagement in research and analysis.
6. Cross-fertilisation of conflict transformation theory and practice through documentation and dissemination of the experiences of the partners.

Further areas of cooperation can be identified by LPI and FECCLAHA and be added as annexes to this MoU, pending written mutual agreement between LPI and FECCLAHA.

5. Implementation of this MoU

An annual Action Plan will be developed, every year, jointly by LPI and FECCLAHA during the duration of this MoU. The Action Plan will describe the activities, including a Gantt chart, a chain of results and budget for the given year. The Action Plan has to be developed and approved by both LPI and FECCLAHA, possibly before the beginning of the actual implementation period.

Any action plan can result in one or more projects. Each project has to be administered based on a contractual agreement between the parties.

6. Duration and validity of this MoU

This MoU is valid from the date of its signature by both parties and until the 31st of December 2012.

This MoU is not legally binding, it serves the purpose of orienting and inspiring the partnership between LPI and FECCLAHA, which is operationalised as described in Article 5.

This MoU is in English language, no versions in other languages are referred nor are accepted by the parties.

This MoU is signed in two original copies, one for LPI and one for FECCLAHA.

For FECCLAHA

Rev. Fred Nyabera

Place and date

For the Life & Peace Institute

Rev. Gustaf Odquist

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