

**MANDATE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE THEOLOGY, ECUMENICAL  
AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

The mandate of the Advisory Committee is to advise the AACC and other Christian organizations and institutions on best ways:

1. To respond to the need of a well contextualized and articulated theology that affects and transforms all dimensions of life within Gods creation
2. To increase joint action on theological education on the African continent in order to serve the Lord by promoting unity of the Church and social cohesion to overcome fragmentation based on denominationalism, ethnocentrism, gender disparity and other divisive forces.
3. To articulate a common vision for the future of religious and theological education which takes place in theological colleges and to develop new strategies for ecumenical cooperation in theological education in Africa.
4. To promote research, production and circulation of contextual theological literature, textbooks and electronic resources and to enhance library and academic staff development.
5. To enhance the formation of servant leadership among young people for the churches, theological institutions, the ecumenical family and the wider society.
6. To share informed models of inter-religious witness and relations/ dialogue in theological education between different churches and theological institutions in Africa in co-operation with PROCMURA.
7. To explore ways and means of reviving sub-regional and regional Associations of Theological Institutions and creating a forum of theological education on the African continent.
8. To explore ways and means of creating a fund for the promotion of Theological Education in Africa supported by contributions from local resources as well as international partners.
9. To ensure and to give advice on the activities of the Theology department, particularly in organising, screening and prioritising regional grants for theological education projects and to give quality accompaniment for the projects.
10. To encourage the churches and theological institutions and all other stakeholders to support the process and to exercise their responsibilities for theological education in Africa.