

## **THEOLOGY, ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2010** (*Four major projects are considered as a priority*)

*First the department shall concentrate on the revitalisation of the associations of theological institutions and schools. In that regard four consultations will be organised for francophone Institutions which used to constitute one Association (ASTHEOL) will be given a space to decide how they want to organize themselves. Then other consultations will take place in East Africa, West Africa, for Anglophone institutions and the last one in Southern Africa.*

### **FOUR PLANNED CONSULTATIONS**

- 1) Heads of francophone theological Institutions consultation in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 14 to 17 February 2010
- 2) Heads of Anglophone Theological Institutions consultation in West Africa / Accra, Ghana from 2 to 5 March 2010
- 3) Head of Theological Institutions consultation in East Africa / Nairobi , Kenya from 14 to 17 March 2010
- 4) Heads of Theological Institutions in Southern Africa/ Gaborone, Botswana from 27 to 30 April 2010

*The second project will focus on stimulating and enriching theological literature production. This would first concentrate on burning issues like the theological response to ethnicity, the Church and the state in Africa etc. and then on a lasting plan for the production and distribution of theological knowledge in major disciplines of theology.*

### **THE PROCESS**

- 1) Identification of 20 theologians ( maximum 5 for each theme)
- 2) Attribution of themes to each writer ( from November 2009 to January 2010)
- 3) Research and writing papers ( from February to June 2010)
- 4) Presentation of main conclusions to a Church Leaders meeting in July 2010 ( A summit of Church Leaders will be called in Nairobi from 12 to 16 July, and will be addressed by the WCC General Secretary)
- 5) Meeting of editorial team made of 4 coordinators (one for each theme) in June 2010
- 6) Translation and publication of the four volumes between August and December 2010

### **PROPOSED THEMES**

- 1) Theological response to the challenge of ethno-centrism
- 2) The Church and state in Africa today
- 3) The Church and gender issue
- 4) Denominationalism and The future of oecumenism in Africa
- 5) African culture and the Identity of the Church in Africa
- 6) Theological response to witchcraft
- 7) The theology of land and environment
- 8) Theological perspective on Migration and Xenophobia
- 9) The scandal of poverty in a continent with many resources
- 10) African focus on overcoming violence

*Third, the department intends to pursue reflections on interfaith relation in collaboration with PROCUMURA and other concerned Organizations.*

**PLANNED ACTIVITY** (*More activities will be planned after consultation with PROCUMURA*)

**From 18 to 21 October 2010 an Interreligious meeting will be organized on the land issue and food security in Africa**

*Fourth the department will concentrate on grounding the work of AACC, churches and Theological Institutions on theological reflection on critical themes like peace, democracy, the unity of the Church, ecology etc..*

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