

Proposal for the International Partnership Network

Rationale (*Why?*)

In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly (2022), the “International Partnership Network” is to be established among different stakeholders in the UEM Churches. In accordance with the Partnership Guidelines of the UEM, partnerships promote co-operation in God’s mission. Joined together in God’s mission, partners strengthen and serve each other in the fulfilment of their mission activities in an interdependent way.

Goals and visions (*What?*)

Vision: building effective and sustainable international networks between and among partnerships within the UEM.

Objectives:

1. Sharing working experiences and training materials.
2. Mutual learning (with and from each other).
3. Providing assistance and sharing experience in times of disasters and difficulties.
4. Sharing technologies and skills with other organisations and providing the required coaching and expertise to achieve this.

Actors (*Who?*)

- Grassroots or congregational level.
- Partnership or project officers in the church.
- Local or regional level.
- International level.
- UEM, governments and others.

Attachment C

Steps towards the development of an International Partnership Network (*How?*), including the respective responsibilities

1. Having a sound knowledge of the organisations:

- a. Knowing the goals, visions and service of the organisations.
- b. Linking the partners.
- c. Identifying the partners and developing contact databases.

Overall responsibility: partnership or project management office, local level and the UEM Office.

2. Meeting regularly

- a. Identifying mutual interests by meeting regularly at local and international levels:
 - General meetings once per year (3 Regions via online)
 - Regular meetings twice per year (each Region – online or face-to-face on site)

Overall responsibility: congregations, partnership or project management office, local level, regional level and the UEM Office.

3. Prioritising goals and objectives

- a. Consultation for stakeholders and partners to share and discuss ideas, problems, suggestions and needs.
- b. Key issues/needs, e.g. spirituality, diaconia, education, pastoral function, development
- c. The value of raising awareness of the importance of partnership.

Overall responsibility: congregations, partnership or project management office, local level and the UEM Office.

4. Designing communication plans

- a. Establishing different forms of communication, not only within the organisations, themselves, but also among the different partnership parties.
- b. Forms of exchange include both on-site and online interaction.
- c. Exchange visits to be made.
- d. Online levels include websites, emails and social communication networks.
- e. Facilitating online partnership to enable network stability, online security and to enhance internet accessibility.

Overall responsibility: congregations, local level and the UEM Office.

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5. Defining the evaluation processes

- a. Models, e.g. SWOT analysis, story-telling, output v. outcome indications can be used.

Overall responsibility: partnership or project management office, local level, regional Level and the UEM Office.

6. Defining the reporting processes

- a. Forms and rationale of accountability decided in accordance with the regional contexts.
- b. Written reports and financial reports are standardised and templates are accessible.

Overall responsibility: partnership or project management office, regional level, international level and the UEM Office.

7. Project management

- a. Action plans are drafted for the training topic concerned and for the sharing of ideas.
- b. Resources are mobilised and networks built with different parties, e.g. experts, stakeholders, victims, congregations, theologians etc.
- c. Statements of agreement on confidentiality and privacy, terms of use of languages are drafted.
- d. Budgets and funding plans are drawn up.

Overall responsibility: partnership or project management office, local level, regional level, international level and the UEM Office.

8. Implementing the action plans

Overall responsibility: congregations, partnership or project management office, local level, regional level and international level.

9. Evaluation and the learning processes

Overall responsibility: partnership or project management office and the UEM Office.