WEBINAR: RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION AFARICA

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The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) of the World Council of Churches (WCC) is inviting you to its fourth regional webinar on racism, xenophobia and racial discrimination, which will be focusing this time on Africa. Prof Dr Isabel Apawo Phiri, WCC Deputy General Secretary for Public Witness and Diakonia, and Mr Masimba Kuchera, CCIA Commissioner will be moderating the webinar.

DR AGNES ABUOM is the moderator of the WCC Central Committee. She is the first woman and the first African in the position in the history of the World Council of Churches. In the past, she has served on the WCC Executive Committee, representing her Church, the Anglican Church of Kenya. She is also a development consultant serving both Kenyan and international organizations coordinating social action programmes for religious and civil society across Africa. Abuom was the Africa president for the WCC from 1999 to 2006. She has been associated with the All Africa Conference of Churches, National Council of Churches of Kenya and WCC member churches in Africa, as well as Religions for Peace. Her areas of work include economic justice, peace and reconciliation.

REV. PROF. BOSELA E. EALE is the Director for Theology, Interfaith Relations and Ecclesial Leadership Development at the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also serving as a co-chair member of African Union (AU) Interfaith Dialogue Forum Steering Committee for Central Africa Region. For the last three years, he was extensively engaged in peace work at AACC in Burundi, DR Congo and South Sudan. He is also involved in capacity building for leadership and sustainable development of AACC member churches in Francophone, Anglophone and Lusophone countries in Africa. Associate Professor of Ethics, he holds a Bachelor Arts in Sociology from the Université Libre de Kinshasa, a M.Div. from the Nairobi International School of Theology, and a PhD in Theological Ethics at the University of South Africa (UNISA).

MR. SABELO GUMEDZE is the Head and Senior Researcher of the Research and Development Unit of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) of South Africa. He has over 10 years of experience in research with a background in legal scholarship and practice, policy development, International human rights law, human security research, analysis, training, teaching, supervising, project management and implementation. He holds a Doctor of Social Sciences in International Law from Åbo Akademi University (Finland).
**Gloria Mafole (Advocate)** is a lawyer holding a Bachelor degree in Law (LLB), Masters of Public administration and a certificate in Public accountability monitoring. For ten years, she has been working as human rights activists in the areas on women and children rights, social economic rights in the areas of on natural resources accountability, enhancing public understanding on their rights and access to justice with the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Tanzania. For the past four years to date, she works for the Christian Council of Tanzania as Advocacy and Policy analyst.

**Rev Wayi Emmanuel Mico** is a Cameroonian born pastor serving with the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, PCC. For over 14 years, Wayi has served in the capacities of chaplain of schools, national programs officer of the men’s work department of the PCC, missionary to the north of Cameroon and parish pastor. Wayi studied at the university of KwaZulu Natal, the PTS under the Cameroon Christian University and he is a graduate of the Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Geneva. Currently he is an advocate of human right and Justice to the people of the Northwest and Southwest of Cameroon undergoing serious crisis and works with an ecumenical team for a men’s conference to discuss the crisis in the nation.

**Rev. Nagaju Muke** became an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda in 200, served three congregations, namely, Rwamagana, Kabuga and Kibungo and lead Kibungo Synod/Region, currently known as Zinga Presbytery. She worked as Deputy Executive Secretary of United Evangelical Mission (UEM) Africa Regional office based in Dar es Salaam. She isa theologian and completed her PHD studies in Missiology in 2016 at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. She did research on Ministry of reconciliation in Rwandan, and also studied ecumenical studies at the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey which helped her to be open to inter-denominational and multi-religious differences.

**Demaine Solomon (PhD)** is a theologian who teaches Systematic Theology and Social Ethics at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. He is a Mandela-Rhodes Scholar and the recipient of numerous academic awards including the NRF Desmond Tutu Doctoral Fellowship that allowed him to complete his PhD at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Demaine’s research is influenced by Black theological thought and is predicated on the notion that God suffers with humanity, while also promising a better future through the hope of the resurrection.