

**Ecumenical School on
Governance, Economics and Management for an Economy of Life (GEM School)
19-30 August 2024, Nairobi (to be confirmed)**

Provisional Programme

19 August, Monday	Aim: to introduce and learn from participants' regional contexts, individual backgrounds and socio-economic concerns; and to present basic elements of the New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) process and expectations from GEM School
08h30-09h00	Opening worship
09h00-10h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Introduction to the NIFEA process, GEM School, and project expectations
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
12h30-14h00	Lunch break
14h00-15h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
20 August, Tuesday	Aim: to develop the relationship between theology and economics; and to provide a critical understanding of economics, markets and international trade and finance
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Biblical understandings of economics
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Lecture and discussion: (A critical) introduction to economics, markets, international trade and finance
12h30-14h00	Lunch

14h00-16h00	Panel presentation and discussion: An introduction to international finance and debt
16h00-16h30	Break
16h30-17h30	Group discussion or exercise: Impacts of finance and debt
21 August, Wednesday	Aim: to build a basic understanding of the workings and impacts of global capitalism, neo-liberalism, and economic globalisation; and to present the NIFEA process
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Labour, land and capital
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Lecture and discussion: Inequality – causes and consequences
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Ecumenical Action Plan on a New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA)
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group discussion or exercise: Identifying possible project themes
22 August, Thursday	Aim: to explore alternative schools of economic thought
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Eco-feminist economics
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel presentation and discussion: An introduction to ecological economics and feminist economics
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Group discussion or exercise: Eco-feminist analyses and approaches
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group exercise and plenary presentation: Sharing project ideas

23 August, Friday	Aim: to identify cornerstones of financial and economic transformation and entry points for advocacy
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Economy of Life: Jubilee and ZacTax
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Global economic governance for justice and sustainability
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Debt and tax justice
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-18h00	Group exercise: Advocacy tools for economic justice
24 August, Saturday	Aim: to develop strategic projects for an Economy of Life
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Group exercise: Project development
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group exercise: Project development
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Group exercise: Project development (including strategy plan and budget)
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group exercise: Project development (including strategy plan and budget)
25 August, Sunday	Rest day
26 August, Monday	Aim: to share and present projects for an Economy of Life
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Group exercise: Project finalisation

10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group exercise: Project finalisation
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: GEM School 2024 projects
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: GEM School 2024 projects
17h30-18h30	Break
18h30-21h00	“Graduation” dinner
27 August, Tuesday	Aim: to evaluate GEM School 2024 and draw up recommendations for further improvement and follow-up
10h45-11h00	Morning devotion
11h00-11h30	Individual evaluation of GEM School 2024
11h30-12h30	Plenary discussion: Conclusions and follow up to GEM School 2024
28 August, Wednesday	Aim: to engage in an ecumenical consultation on land and to lay out the theological grounds for churches’ engagement in, mission and witness for economic justice
08h30-09h00	Opening worship
09h00-09h30	Orientation and introductions
09h30-10h30	Opening panel presentation: Theology of land
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Interfaith reflections on land
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Land, inequality and the global economy
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Panel presentation and discussion: The financialisation of food, land and nature and other emerging challenges

29 August, Thursday	Aim: to get acquainted with and to learn from the socio-economic context of the hosting country and the work of hosting churches for economic justice (with a focus on land issues)
09h00-17h00	Immersion programme
30 August, Wednesday	Aim: to engage in an ecumenical consultation on land
09h00-10h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Land, economic justice and the role of churches
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group discussion and work: Advocacy plan for land and economic justice
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Presentation and plenary discussion: Advocacy plan for land and economic justice
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Presentation and plenary discussion: Draft theological communique on land
17h30-18h00	Closing worship