

Ecumenical Framework for Advocacy for Peace



Just Peace

- Journey into God's purpose for humanity and all creation
- It is rooted in the self-understanding of all religions
- Call to seek justice and peace for all
- It is a journey that invites us all to testify with our lives

Just Peace



Just peace among the Nations



Ecocide



Arms Trade Treaty
Ban of nuclear
weapons



Genocide



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Advocacy for Peace



Threats

Factors

Power dynamics

War, violence conflict

Human rights violation

Human security

ecology

Human dignity

Self-determination

Freedom dictatorship

Freedom expression

Freedom political subjugation

Freedom religion

Political

Military

Social

Economic

The Ecumenical Framework for Advocacy for Peace

What is the Framework?

- A conceptual document for working on advocacy for peace
- Captures values, principles, approaches, strategies and indicates major instruments and bodies related to peacebuilding and it can be used to make conceptual distinctions and organize ideas vis-à-vis peacebuilding
- Embraces methodologies and tools to help churches and ecumenical organizations to elaborate their advocacy plans to support the ecumenical advocacy actions toward just peace.

Purpose of the Framework

- Provide churches, specialized ministries, ecumenical organizations and their partners with a comprehensive outline to effective and coordinated advocacy for peace.
- It is intended to enhance the institutional capacity for just peace at all levels - community, national, regional and global - while highlighting the interconnectedness of advocacy in the global arena.

Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace

- The PJP is an initiative that renews the vocation of the church through collaborative engagement with the most important issues of justice and peace, healing a world filled with conflict, injustice and pain
- The pilgrimage of justice and peace is also an invitation to churches, interfaith partners and people of good will to walk and work together for just, inclusive and sustainable peace.

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Theological Rationale for Advocacy for Peace

- The framework provides a theological rationale for church engagement in advocacy for peace. It is divided in two sessions:
 - Why Do Church Advocacy
 - Advocacy for Justice and Peace

Advocacy for Peace

Advocacy for Peace is all intended and deliberated actions to promote peace among the peoples and nations. These actions may occur at different levels and layers, from grassroots to global, and are simultaneous, interconnected and coordinated

Elements of Advocacy

- Participation: Full participation in advocacy should be based on the belief that all people, including children and young people, are entitled to a say in the decisions that affect them. Rights-based advocacy recognises children, women and men as key actors in their development by having them use and organize their sources of power to claim their rights.
- Information sharing: Information sharing is important to ensure coherence in strategic and operational approaches, to address systemic issues and overcome gaps in strategy delivery, and to ensure consistency in information dissemination within the constituencies and the public in general. Information needs to be readily available in a timely and clear manner and through appropriate languages, format and media.

Elements of Advocacy

- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation: All effective advocacy actions should be based on well-planned advocacy strategies. Having defined the goal, objectives and strategic approach, systematic mapping of the different actions should take place to achieve results, including timelines and milestones. A logical framework should be prepared, including measurable progress indicators.
- Staff competence: People engaged in advocacy work should be properly prepared and trained to play a meaningful role in this field. Qualified staff and volunteers are important elements to maximize the impact of advocacy actions. Even when not directly responsible for advocacy, they should recognize the importance of advocacy, and apply all aspects of advocacy in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

Levels of Advocacy



Advocacy Approaches

- Do no Harm
- Rights-based
- Non-violence approach

Conceptual framework

Some conceptual frameworks are important for the promotion of peace as well for advocacy for peace. It is important that Churches and ecumenical organizations have these frameworks in mind when designing their advocacy strategies.

In this section are listed existing frameworks for human security, accountability and rights, as well as a series of key international policies and legal mechanisms which are important to know to ensure effective and credible advocacy at local, national, regional and global level.

Conceptual framework

- **Human Security, Accountability and Rule of Law**
- **Key International Policies and Laws**
 - *Law of Armed Conflicts*
 - *International Humanitarian Law*
 - *International Human Rights Law*
 - International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
 - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
 - Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
 - Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
 - International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

Conceptual framework

- **Key International Legal Mechanisms**
 - *UN Security Council*
 - *Human Rights Bodies*
 - UN General Assembly - Third Committee
 - UN Human Rights Council
 - International Criminal Court

Key Themes for Advocacy

- **Human Rights**
- **Women's Rights in the Context of Peace and Security**
- **Children's Rights in the Context of Peace and Security**
- **Conflict Prevention, Resolution and Reconciliation**

Key Themes for Advocacy

- **Security Issues**
 - *Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration*
 - *Arms Trade Treaty*
 - *Light weapons and landmines*
 - *Nuclear arms*
 - *Drones*
 - *Security Sector Reform*
- **Transitional Justice, Governance and Civil Society engagement**

Key Themes for Advocacy

- **Protection of Vulnerable Groups**
 - *Refugees*
 - *Internally Displaced Persons*
 - *Stateless Persons*
 - *Religious, Ethnic and Sexual Minorities*

Strategies for Advocacy

- **Church's Engagement in Peacebuilding and Advocacy**
- **Church Leadership Engagement in Peacebuilding**
- **Inter-religious Cooperation**
- **Women Engagement in Peacebuilding**
- **Youth Engagement in Peacebuilding**
- **Partnerships for Peacebuilding**

Strategies for Advocacy

- **Coalitions**
- **National Governments**
- **Peace Negotiations and Mediations**
- **Reconciliation Initiatives**
- **Unarmed Civilian Protection**
- **Stereo Advocacy**
- **Advocacy Communication**

Advocacy tools and methodologies

- **Problem and Solution Tree**
- **Power Map**
- **Risk Assessment and Management**
- **Action (Advocacy) Plan**

Ecumenical Advocacy

- **Platforms**
- **Institutions**
- **Initiatives**

Thank you!



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