

Dear African Leader,

**INVITATION:** ACSI AFRICA ROUNDTABLE 4, 21-25 August 2023

National associations of Christian schools across various African countries are part of the Association of Christian Schools (ACSI), Africa. National associations provide a variety of services and products to local Primary/Elementary and Secondary Church, private, and other such types of Christian schools. These services and products enable school leaders and teachers to provide high quality and authentic Christian education to their students. Examples of Association services and products include school improvement programs, professional development for teachers and school leaders, student activities, and opportunities for networking with a global network of Christian school associations. National associations also work to advocate for the religious liberties and responsibilities of Christian schools to increase access to these schools.

In the interests of enabling Christian schools, ACSI convened three successful ACSI Africa Roundtables in 2007, 2012, and 2018. These Roundtables were enriching personal and professional experiences for the participants. The Roundtables had a significant impact on the work of Christian school associations and Christian schools (K-12) on the African continent.

The Africa Roundtable is a type of conference that consists of about three or four world-class plenary speakers who address a theme that is considered important to Christian education on the continent. As part of each plenary presentation, participants meet in roundtables that are grouped according to the African region in which the participants work and/or the leadership roles in which they serve. The Roundtable discussions are facilitated to collaboratively produce a Roundtable declaration. The declarations from 2007, 2012, and 2018 may be read at <https://acsiafrica.org/acsi-africa-strategy/> (English) and <https://fr.acsiafrica.org/acsi-africa-strategy/> (French).

Africa Roundtable 4 (ART4) will take place in Kigali, Rwanda, from 21 to 25 August 2023. Africa is facing unprecedented population growth with accompanying challenges. ART4 plenary speakers and Roundtables will focus on the role of the Church in Africa with special attention to the future of church schools and families in Africa. ART4 will equip participants for their important leadership roles in the years ahead, and the participants will produce a declaration that will significantly contribute to the practice of Christian education on the continent.

Who should attend ART 4?

1. Continental leaders: The Chairperson, and General Secretary of continent-wide Church Associations such as the Evangelical Churches in Africa.
2. National leaders:
  - Heads of national Alliances or Associations of churches.
  - Heads of church denominations.
  - Directors of National Associations of Christian Schools and the Chairpersons of the board (where applicable)
3. Leaders of Christian NGOs that have vested interest in Christian Education in Africa
4. Business Sector leaders who have an interest in Christian education in their region and/or country.
5. Leaders of significantly influential national Christian schools.

To register your participation, you may go to the following websites to register online or register with your nearest ACSI office.

<https://fr.acsiafrica.org/> (French)

<https://acsiafrica.org/> (English)

We hope you can join your fellow Church leaders in preparing the role of their denominations for the future of Africa.

Sincerely

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