



AFRICA ROUNDTABLE 3 DECLARATION

Monday 19 February 2018 to Thursday 22 February 2018

Johannesburg, South Africa

We, the 115 residential participants of Africa Roundtable 3, came from 20 African countries and 9 other nations. We came to fellowship in Christ, to listen, learn and dialogue in the interests of crafting a response to the roundtable question: *What partnership practices facilitate the sustained development of African national Associations of Christian schools?*

We met in plenary sessions and 11 roundtables.

6 interest groups: Church, Higher education, Schools, National Associations, International Agencies and Business.

5 regional roundtables: Southern Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, West Africa Francophone and West Africa Anglophone

Each roundtable crafted summative statements.

This Roundtable Declaration attempts to capture the essence of our learning and responses in the plenary session presentations and the 11 roundtables. It is best understood in the context of the 11 summative roundtable statements and the plenary presentations.

The Roundtable Declaration, roundtable summative statements and the plenary presentations are intended to serve as guiding documents for our personal, organisational and community practices in Christian partnership.



We desire partnerships that, among other things, overcome patronising and/or deficit focussed practices. To this end, we commit to partnership practices that have prayerfully considered the roundtables' summative statements and plenary presentations.

Furthermore, we commit in love to scripturally-based practices that promote organic partnerships that are characterised by:

- humility
- integrity
- unity in diversity
- shared understanding
- equality
- dignity
- collaborative leadership
- humble enquiry & listening
- flourishing communities
- the value of existing stakeholder resources
- mutual trust & benefit
- relationship before function
- sustainability not dependency

In so doing we will endeavour to engage in partnership practices of a high standard, demonstrating MOU/MOA protocols such as:

- Purpose & measurable objectives
- Performance & impact assessment
- Accountability
- Roles & responsibilities
- Conflict resolution
- Agreement on communication processes
- Glossary of terms



Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV)

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: