



OVERVIEW PEACE AFRICA AND ROLE OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Peace map of Africa
- Drivers of Conflict
- Impact of Conflicts
- Institutional capacities and resources
- Role of Church

CONFLICT MAP OF AFRICA

- North Africa... Arab Spring..Tunisia, Libya, Egypt
- Central and West Africa..Africa..DRC, Lake Chad, Burundi
- Eastern Africa...Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia-Eritrea
- West Africa...Nigeria, Sahel...Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau
- Southern Africa..Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe

- Resources...land, water, etc
- Climate change
- Religious Intolerance, Extremism and Radicalization
- Urbanization
- Technology...small arms,
- Drugs ...trade and consumption rising in Africa
- Non inclusive development
- Ethnicity and bad politics...poor political transitions,
- Poor Governance , Corruption and Weak State
- Unemployment, debt and weak economies

DRIVERS OF CONFLICT

SOCIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CONFLICTS

- Loss of Human life...1 million annually, similar number due to disease and hunger.. 2005
- Loss of property and infrastructure...about \$ 18 billion annually
- Internally displaced persons... 12.5 million
- Refugees. 18 million, about 26% of global number of refugees
- Deteriorating human rights. ..women, children and elderly
- Stunted or slowed growth, Missed economic opportunities
- Poverty trap
- Africa has the highest number of fragile states
- Africa accounts for 2/3 of global conflicts

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND CAPACITIES

- UN SECURITY COUNCIL
- APSC ARCHITECTURE...AU, RECs, Religious Organisations and NGOs
- UN and AU peace keeping forces
- Resources.....human and financial...
- Social Economic Transformation, Agenda 2063
 - Democratization and Managing transitions
 - Silencing guns ...

PROSPECTS/OUTLOOK

- Intensity and frequency of conflicts declining
- Democracy Spreading
- Increased coordination among various Institutional mechanisms
- More informed citizenry
- Increased access to alternative methods on conflict prevention and management...

TOO MANY FRAGILE STATES

- Demographic pressures
- Massive displacements
- Widespread vengeance groups
- Chronic and sustained human plight
- Uneven economic development
- Severe economic decline
- Delegitimization of state
- Selective or arbitrary application law and widespread abuse of human rights
- Weak security apparatus / Deep state
- Factionalized elites
- Intervention of external political agents

ROLE OF CHURCH AND AACC

- Prevention, climate mitigation, Capacity building for youth
- Prosperity, Development, Change of Mindset
- Mediation and Management
- Post conflict peace building
- Reconciliation
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Post conflict development
- Religious peaceful coexistence

RESPECTING THE DIGNITY AND IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN BEING

- Synergy with global SDGs...Luke 15:4
- We build too many walls but not enough bridges
- The church as moral compass has duty to reach, the sick, the naked and the hungry