

Dear ACT Alliance forums and members,

The Public Statements Committee (PSC) of the ACT Alliance 2018 Assembly is pleased to announce that the call for public statements from forums and members is now open.

The 3rd ACT Alliance General Assembly, taking place in 2018 in Uppsala, Sweden is expected to vote on and deliver public statements related to the work of the alliance. The preparation and launch of assembly statements is coordinated through PSC.

A public statement is a focused document intended for widespread public release. It shall describe a particular issue or concern and the position of the ACT Assembly on that issue. It must be in line with the ACT Alliance assembly theme (*Hope in action – putting people first*), and therefore must contain both a message of hope and a call to action.

ACT Alliance members, groups of members, or forums can submit public statements to the committee until October 28th 2018. No public statements will be received or considered by the committee after this date.

The following criteria must be met before a statement is submitted to the PSC:

1. The originator(s) of the statement must be a **member(s) of ACT Alliance**
2. The statement must be **endorsed by a national, sub regional or regional ACT Alliance forum**. It is the responsibility of the originator to coordinate with the relevant forum coordinators and to show documented evidence of their endorsement.
3. The statement must be submitted in either **English, Spanish or French**
4. The originator of the statement must **nominate someone** who is available and willing to answer questions and engage with the PSC in the preparation of the statement for the assembly
5. The statement must reflect the identity of the alliance in that we are **Faith-based and Rights Based**.
6. The statement must be related to the work of the alliance
7. The statement must contain a **message of hope and a call to action** to reflect the theme of the assembly
8. The statement must not contradict or contravene existing ACT statements or policies.

Decision making

The PSC is mandated to make decisions regarding a proposed statement, including, inter alia, tabling it for the assembly voting, recommending changes to the statement, proposing the merging of related statements to eradicate redundancy, and referring the statement to other relevant structures of the alliance, e.g. advisory groups or governance. The decision of the PSC is final and will be communicated to the originator(s) of the statement by the chair and/or vice chair of the PSC.

We encourage you, and especially ACT forums, to submit your public statements as soon as possible to enable us to process them in time and to use the key messages therein for the final ACT Alliance Assembly message.

Please send your public statements by email, with ‘ACT Public Statement’ as the subject to [Isaiah Toroitich](mailto:Isaiah.Toroitich@actalliance.org).

With kind regards,

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