

## ACT Alliance General Assembly 2024 Feature Day

The theme for the thematic feature day is **Together for Justice – towards solidarity, equity, and inclusion**. It takes up the overall Assembly theme and spells out which directions the collective work of ACT Alliance “Together for Justice” would take. It also highlights positive concepts (solidarity, equity, inclusion) to work towards when countering the multitude of divisions in the world.

The day will be structured as follow:

### Introduction to the Feature Day

#### **Trust and Solidarity – on their way out?** Moderated discussion

- Is it correct that “Increasingly, people are turning their backs on the values of trust and solidarity in one another” and that trust and solidarity are on their way out?
- If trust and solidarity are the basic values on which the “social contract” of societies are built, and the cornerstones of cooperation in the international system: Which role could, and should faith-based actors have in working towards a renewed (global) social contract and countering polarisation? What could an alliance such as ACT do together?
- Which role does an enabling environment for civil society as well as humanitarian space play in a polarised and fundamentalist context? How can an enabling environment be strengthened for countering polarisations and (re-)establishing trust and solidarity?
- How can diversity, equity, and inclusion strengthen solidarity, and working “Together for Justice”? What would a decolonisation lens contribute to the discussion?

**Video input** –Video message from UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk

#### **Angkringan<sup>1</sup>: Together for Justice: Strategies for countering exclusion and fundamentalism(s), and for realising justice**

- Which strategies do we have for working “Together for Justice – towards solidarity, equity and inclusion” in the programmatic priorities of ACT’s Global Strategy – climate justice, gender justice, peace and human security, migration and displacement, emergency preparedness and humanitarian response?

#### **Buzz groups in between (to engage audience)**

#### **Afternoon: Discussion in three sub-themes**

The panellists from the morning session would be split among the sub-themes to allow for more in-depth conversation among participants.

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<sup>1</sup> *Angkringan* (derived from the Javanese ‘*Angkring*’, which means sit down) is a pushcart that sells a variety of foods and beverages commonly contained on each side of roads in Central Java and Yogyakarta.

During these discussions, draft public statements prepared in advance and collection of action points on the theme will be introduced, so members can offer constructive feedback and suggestions for refining the public statements. The objective is to provide a clearer outcome to the respective feature day conversations and a crystallising point for the discussions. The sub-themes are as follow:

**Sub-theme 1 - A not so “Common Agenda”?**

Implementing the Pact for the Future, the SDGs and the climate commitments despite polarisation

**Sub-theme 2 - Pushing back against the pushback**

Countering polarisation, fundamentalist backlashes, and hate speech

**Sub-theme 3 - Together for Justice**

A justice-oriented approach to addressing humanitarian needs equitably