

ACT Alliance General Assembly 2024 Member Conversations

One of the opportunities for members to engage on a wide range of issues at the assembly is through the 'Member Conversations'. In essence we are aiming to enable space at the assembly for members to engage in critical conversations relating to some topical, and sometimes controversial, issues facing the alliance and how we can move forward in a constructive way together.

For all member conversations, 1-2 co-facilitators will lead the discussion, and several ACT members will provide inputs in the form of a panel or talk show. Discussion will focus on the key question "What can we recommend to the alliance to improve on this issue?".

The following member conversations will take place:

- a) **Proud to be an ACT Alliance member: our joint identity and what makes us stronger.** What are the values that are core to being an ACT member, and the added value? Are we only individual organizations with our own niche to fill or are we something more, contributing to the global society?
- b) **From vision to reality: navigating the forum-centred journey of ACT Alliance.** How far has the Alliance come regarding the Global Strategy's aspiration to be "forum-centred"? Sharing members' experiences on working in forums, and areas for further improvement. How can we foster member engagement at the forum level to support implementation of the global strategy?
- c) **Pioneering anti-racism and de-colonisation within the Alliance:** taking forward the work on diversity, equity, inclusion to counter exclusion and build bridges.
- d) **Crafting excellence together: jointly achieving high quality programming in ACT Alliance.** How collaborating on quality strengthens our locally-led response and supports building a culture of accountability within the Alliance.
- e) **The power of faith- and rights-based advocacy: learning from ACT's successes and challenges in global advocacy for justice peace and the integrity of creation.** How can we build on our advocacy experiences, our progress towards forum-driven advocacy and our opportunities to increase ACT's influence in the changing global advocacy landscape?
- f) **Nexus Programming in Protracted Crisis.** How to ensure better programming adapted to needs, and counter shrinking resources and donor fatigue?
- g) **Bridging divides, creating synergies: holistic and integrated programming in humanitarian action and sustainable development.** Linking climate justice, gender justice, and migration/displacement in joint programming of ACT forums. Discussing learnings from holistic and integrated programming approaches across thematic areas of ACT's Global Strategy.
- h) **Nurturing dialogue: exploring diverse perspectives on the impact of fundamentalisms.** Dealing with sensitive and controversial issues within a diverse membership. Definitions and perspectives – agreement and dissent within ACT membership.

- i) Increasing youth participation in the Alliance and membership:** empowering youth representation and participation in ACT structures and members. How can ACT make a step change in enabling youth participation across the work of the alliance?

Draft recommendations as a springboard for discussion in member conversations will be prepared in advance. Towards the end of the member conversation, content discussions and editorial suggestions of draft recommendations will take place. The recommendations are made from the group directed towards an ACT structure (e.g. Governing Board, General Secretary, ACT Secretariat, Reference Group, CoP, etc., etc.).