



ACT Alliance General Assembly Press kit

ACT Alliance

[ACT Alliance](#) is a global faith-based coalition operating in more than 120 countries. Through its more than 150 members, ACT works to support local communities by engaging in humanitarian response, gender and climate justice, migration and displacement, and peace and security.

Its goal is to promote a locally-led and coordinated approach to advocacy, humanitarian and developmental issues.

Basic Facts about the Alliance

ACT Alliance is composed of more than **150 faith-based member organisations** working in long-term development, advocacy and humanitarian assistance.

- Our members work in more than **125 countries**
- Our members employ more than **30,000 staff** and volunteers
- Our members mobilise approximately more than **\$ 2 billions** each year
- The alliance is supported by an international Secretariat of approximately 35 staff based in Geneva, Bangkok, New York, Toronto, Amman, Bogotà, Nairobi and Brussels.
- ACT Alliance was established on 1 January 2010 by bringing together the vision, resources, the people of the organisations who have been working together since 1995 as ACT International and since 2003 as ACT Development.

ACT Alliance in Indonesia

ACT Alliance members working in Indonesia come together in the **ACT Indonesia Forum** for joint coordination, learning and programming. Members include:

- Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies ([CDRM & CDS](#))
- Church World Service ([CWS](#))
- ICCO Cooperation ([ICCO](#))
- Indonesian Christian Association for Health Services ([ICAHS/PELKESI](#))
- Mission 21 ([Mission 21](#))
- Maha Bhoga Marga Foundation ([MBM](#))
- The Salvation Army ([The Salvation Army](#))
- UnitingWorld ([UnitingWorld](#))



- WorldRenew ([WorldRenew](#))
- YAKKUM ([including YEU](#))

ACT General Assembly

The general assembly is the supreme governing body of the ACT Alliance. It meets in person every 6 years, with the last Assembly taking place in 2018 in Uppsala, Sweden. An electronic general assembly is held at the midpoint between in person assemblies. The assembly's role is:

- to elect the governing board, officers, and membership and nominations committee of the alliance
- to receive and approve reports from the general secretary, governing board, and membership and nominations committee
- to appoint auditors
- to adopt changes to the by-laws and statutes governing the alliance
- to adopt or update the strategic plan for ACT Alliance
- to issue statements on behalf of the alliance

Each member organization within the alliance has the opportunity to send a voting member, an observer, and a youth member to the assembly.

The theme of the 2024 General Assembly is “**Hope in Action- Together for Justice.**”

In addition to the business of the assembly, a public feature day "Together for Justice – Towards Solidarity, Equity, and Inclusion" will feature speakers from faith-based organizations, government, and international organizations, discussions among members, and a press conference.

Speakers (speaker bios below)

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria- General Secretary of ACT Alliance

Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay- General Secretary of the World Council of Churches

Alissa Wahid- National Director of Gusdurian Network Indonesia

Erik Lysén- Director, Act Church of Sweden

Arshinta- Director of YAKKUM Development and Humanitarian Programs

Rev. Jacky Manuputty- General Secretary of the Indonesian Council of Churches (PGI)

Brigita Ra Sekar Laras- Project manager for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, YAKKUM Emergency Unit

Logos and photographs



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Speaker bios:

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria is the General Secretary of the ACT Alliance, appointed in 2017. Mr. Bueno de Faria has over 30 years of experience working with national and international religious and church-related organisations on humanitarian, development and advocacy programmes. Prior to this, he served as the World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations and Deputy Director for the Lutheran World Federation. ACT Alliance is a global coalition of more than 150 religious and church-related organizations working on providing humanitarian relief and emergency assistance to and advocating for the most marginalized communities. The main programmatic areas include Gender Justice, Climate Justice, Peace and Human Security, Migration and Displacement, and Humanitarian Response and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay is the 9th General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. He leads the work of the WCC as chief executive officer, including final responsibility for the work of the Council and its staff, and to speak on its behalf. Before his appointment to this position in 2023, Pillay served as the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria. A member of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), he is from South Africa. He served as the Moderator of the UPCSA from 2004-



2006 and then as General Secretary of the same church from 2009-2014. He also served on the National Executive of the South African Council of Churches for many years, and was the first President of the World Communion of Reformed Churches from 2010-2017.

Alissa Wahid is a trained family psychologist, but is most recognised for her work in the social sector on multiculturalism, democracy and human rights and moderate Muslim movements in Indonesia. She currently focuses on leadership development for interreligious youth leaders. She is the National Director of Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI), named after her late father, President Abdurrahman Wahid who is also known as Gus Dur. GNI hosts thousands of grassroots-level activists in more than 100 cities in Indonesia, working to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding, active citizenship, democracy and human rights. GNI is known for its work at the local level, for example the 2015 International Day for Tolerance that took place in 50 cities.

Erik Lysén is the director of Act Church of Sweden, a position he has held since 2011. Act Church of Sweden employs more than 100 staff, including 20 who are local representatives in focus countries in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and in Asia. He is currently the moderator of the ACT Alliance Governing Board, and has served on the Governing Board for six years. Erik previously served as the head of the Policy and Advocacy unit of the Church of Sweden's International Department, as well as working in South Africa from 1991-1994 and serving with Diakonia and the Christian Council of Sweden. Lysén holds a master's degree in international economics and business administration.

Arshintia serves as the Director of YAKKUM Development and Humanitarian Programs. She was one of the first people trained in the Incident Command System in Indonesia by the BNPB (Indonesian government's disaster relief department) and USFS. She is also one of the first group of ERAT ASEAN members. She has served in various positions in ACT Alliance for more than 10 years. Arshintia is also a member of the governing board of RedR Indonesia. Arshintia initiated a community based mental health model in a disability rehabilitation programme at YAKKUM Rehab Center through cooperation with CBM in 2016. In recent years, with YAKKUM fellows, she has promoted the initiation of inclusive health care among 12 hospitals and clinics, as well as in health education institutes in YAKKUM and disability inclusive churches with the Indonesian Council of Churches (PGI.)

The **Rev. Jacklevyn "Jacky" Frits Manuputty** is nationally known as an interfaith leader in Indonesia. He was the Assistant to the Special Envoy of the President for Dialogue, Interfaith Cooperation and Civilization (2017-2019), and was elected to be the General Secretary of Council of Churches in Indonesia (2019-present). He has co-founded the Maluku Interfaith Institution for Humanitarian Action (LAIM), built youth peace groups called Peace Provocateurs, and launched an environmental campaign called *Save Aru*



Islands. Rev. Manuputty has received several awards for his interreligious peacemaking work, including:

- The World Harmony Week Prize Award from King Jordan, King Abdullah II, Amman, Jordan
- The Peacemakers in Action Award from the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, New York City, NY
- The Ma'arif Award for his dedication in the field of peace building and interfaith relations
- An honorary doctorate in divinity from Hartford International University for Religion and Peace

Brigita Ra Sekar Laras (26 years old) has been working with the YAKKUM Emergency Unit since 2020, serving as project manager in disaster response, risk reduction, and climate change adaptation. Sekar works with a variety of community groups, particularly those at risk, to ensure that their rights are fulfilled and that they are empowered to build resilience through local community action. Sekar is now working with over 30 local women's groups in Yogyakarta to develop locally-led adaptation projects, and she has served as ACT Alliance's Youth CoP co-chair for the past two years, with the goal of connecting and strengthening youth leadership within the alliance.