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New Advisory Council firms Alliance structure

An Advisory Council is being established for the Anglican Alliance to provide a stronger voice for the grassroots.

It's a move that was recommended as part of the Alliance's 2012 governance review, which also led to the organisation being constituted as a charitable company under the umbrella of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Revd John Deane, of the Anglican Board of Mission in Australia is Chair, and Canon Grace Kaiso, General Secretary of CAPA, is vice chair.

Regional ownership of the Alliance has been a great strength. The consultations in 2011 in Africa, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia gave the Alliance its policy priorities in development, relief and advocacy. They also endorsed the establishment of regional facilitators in the Africa, Asia, the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, with the guidance and support from a regional representative structure.



Above: The Chair of the Advisory Council is Revd John Deane (right), and Canon Grace Kaiso (left) will be the vice chair.

The Advisory Council will have a membership of 20, with half drawn from the regions, and half also being appointed for specific skills in development, relief and advocacy. It's planned to have the first meeting in the first quarter of 2014 so the Advisory Council can discuss the Alliance's next three year programme before a final decision is taken by the Board.

Meanwhile there is real progress with the establishment of regional structures for the Alliance. The first forum meeting, for East

and South East Asia, was held in Kuala Lumpur in June. The second meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean was held last month in Panama. The next two meetings, for the Pacific, and Africa, are due to be held in early 2014.

Together these measures will complete the restructuring of the Alliance to provide a strong grassroots base for the global board as it takes forward the Alliance's mission to work for a world free of poverty and injustice.

The search is on for an Africa facilitator

The search is on for an Africa facilitator to support Anglican development, relief and advocacy work across Africa.

It's a key role for the Alliance as it enters a new phase of its mission. The Anglican Alliance's Africa facilitator will work closely with the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa and will be based at the CAPA offices in Nairobi, Kenya, to support the work of Anglican provinces, and liaise with Anglican agencies across the continent.

The facilitator will be responsible for supporting the Alliance's high profile advocacy programmes, and ensuring that

Anglicans in Africa get access to Alliance programmes such as the Agents of Change programme and the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship Scheme.

The postholder will also be responsible for supporting the successful implementation of programmes and to ensure that French-speaking countries in the Anglican Communion are able to participate fully in the Alliance, the Africa facilitator must be able to speak French and English.

We're looking for someone with a sound knowledge of international development issues, with experience of working in some of the Alliance priority

areas, and with a real commitment to supporting the mission of the Anglican Communion to work for a world free of poverty and injustice.

More details of the post are available in the job description and person specification, and background paper, which can be found online at <http://anglicanalliance.org>.

If you would like to apply for this position, the application pack is available online.

Alternatively you can email us at



Above: Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa, and Chair of the Anglican Alliance board of trustees.

anglicanalliance@aco.org and ask for an application form.

The closing date for applications is November 22nd 2013.

First Agents of Change complete distance-learning programme

Zambian Issac Ndhlovu is the first student to graduate from the Anglican Alliance's Agents of Change distance learning programme.

His success is shortly followed by Rev Gabriel Phiri, who also studied in Lusaka, Zambia. And two groups in Harare, Zimbabwe will soon send their final project proposals to Mentor Sally Zimmermann in the UK.

Issac's success has been welcomed by the Anglican Alliance chair, Archbishop Albert Chama, who said that Issac had blazed a trail for others to follow and would inspire his fellow Agents of Change students around the Communion.

Archbishop Chama said, "Agents of Change is a rigorous academic course, which has been developed by The Open University in the UK for the Anglican Alliance.

"It requires commitment, especially for people who have other work and family obligations.

"So many congratulations to Issac and every blessing on his work as an Agent of Change here in Zambia."

Pilot programmes have taken place across the Communion this year. An evaluation of these programmes and feedback from students and Mentors has taken place before new programmes are

launched in January.

Student groups in Canada, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan and Sri Lanka are ready to launch, and others have registered interest for the next round of launches in July.

Groups of four-six students will be paired with a Mentor, who will give them feedback throughout the course and encourage the students as they develop their community projects.

Issac Ndhlovu is now focusing his work on the Motorbike Ambulance project, which was set up as part of the Agents of Change programme.

Issac said, "Agents of Change has made me realise that the passion I have to serve my local community can come true.

"I looked at the high rate of maternal mortality in the rural areas and the transport problems that people face in rural communities.

"I thought I could do something to help improve access to good healthcare, instead of letting people die in their homes due to the lack of transport.

"Thank you to the Anglican Alliance for this programme. Many lives will be saved."

Issac's graduation will be celebrated in Zambia later this month.

Programmes launched in January look to extend the impact, as groups of students are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to set up a development project in their



Above: Agents of Change students in Mbeere, Kenya, study together

A recent evaluation of the Agents of Change programme took place in Mbeere, Kenya, when Alliance director Sally Keeble visited the students who had started the programme there.

More on the evaluation in Mbeere can be read on page six.

The Anglican Alliance speaks out at the G20

Anglican Alliance Director Sally Keeble spoke out about the scandal of nearly 1 billion people who go hungry every day, and the role of Anglicans in improving food security in a presentation to a G20 meeting of the world's richest nations in Moscow last month.

As the only civil society organisation at the event, the Anglican Alliance was asked to make a presentation on the work of the Church supporting food security in Africa.

In her presentation the Alliance director cited the work of Anglicans in DRC, in providing support, including food, for children affected by conflict, and in Malawi in providing infrastructure support, especially improved water supplies for smallholder farmers.

The Alliance's founding consultations decided to focus global advocacy on the G20

and to put economic empowerment and food security at the centre of its advocacy. The Alliance worked hard to build a presence at the G20 meetings in Mexico in 2012, and at the Civil Summit held in Moscow earlier this year for civil society to influence the G20 nations.

The Alliance has already started working on preparations for the 2014 G20 Summit in Brisbane.

Working with Anglicans in Australia and the Pacific, it aims to provide a platform for people on Pacific islands whose food security is threatened by rising sea levels.

Pacific facilitator Tagolyn Kabekabe is working with Revd John Deane, chair of the Advisory Council in Australia, Revd Dr Sarah MacNeil, Australian member of the Anglican Consultative Council and Janice Proud in London.



Above: Sally Keeble speaking at the G20 in Moscow

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Supporting South Sudan after severe flooding

Bishop John Gattek from the Diocese of Malakal, has reported on a 'fragile and volatile' situation in Unity state, South Sudan, as severe flooding has added to the suffering of the border communities, who are still under continued attack and live in conflict.

Continued heavy rain at the end of the rainy season has caused rivers to flood across many states in South Sudan, damaging roads, crops and settlements.

The Republic of South Sudan launched an international appeal, estimating that nearly 200,000 people are seriously affected and in dire need of humanitarian assistance.

This total will increase as the rain continues, and some areas are still being assessed.

The Diocese of Malakal has made an appeal through the Anglican Alliance, and is asking for funds to support its response to the needs in Unity state, where all nine counties are affected.

Local assessments suggest that 247,000 people are affected in Unity state, which is one of the worst affected states in the country.

The Diocese asks for help to provide food, clean water, medical care and referrals, while the local church will provide clothing.

Salva Chol Ayat, Deputy Governor of Northern Bahr el Ghazal state, said:

"People have been forced to leave their homes because it was becoming difficult to live there anymore. Their crops have

been destroyed. They have been submerged by water. Their houses are gone. Their food and everything else is gone.

"The livelihood of most of our people depends on crops which have now been affected."

Malakal Diocese is well placed to respond at a local level, and will focus on reaching out to remote areas.

They will be able to support the most vulnerable, including the elderly, disabled, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

The national government and humanitarian partners are responding to the emergency on a larger scale.

For more information please visit our relief page at <http://anglicanalliance.org/pages/8370>



Dr Janice Proud, pictured above, has started her new role as the Alliance's Relief and Programmes Manager—welcome to the team!

Janice said: "I would like to greet you from London and introduce myself as I start working with the Anglican Alliance.

"I come with a passion for the Anglican Communion to work together for the benefit of the poor and marginalised.

"And I am excited about this new role and the opportunity to work widely with the Anglican Communion.

"For nine years I worked in Ethiopia, with the Church that was started by refugees from South Sudan. It was an under-developed area, and prone to conflict, drought and flooding.

"We worked with a strong team on education, peace and reconciliation, leadership, women's literacy, agricultural training and health education.

"Through this I learnt about working with government, across denominations, and between agencies, but always with the local population to focus on their priorities.

Janice will be working on relief, and also supporting the Pacific facilitator Tagolyn Kabekabe in preparing for the 2014 G20 advocacy round. More information about the work of the Anglican Alliance in relief can be found at <http://anglicanalliance.org/relief/>

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Global Anglicans equipped in online workshops

Cutting-edge online workshops have been run by the Alliance in the first ever events of their kind.

Following the success of the two events the Alliance are planning workshops and discussions for 2014, which will bring together Anglicans in developing countries to discuss key topics and share their experiences.

The most recent webinar, in October this year, invited rural participants to webinar 'hubs' from Bangladesh, Kenya, Pakistan, Tanzania, South Africa and Sri Lanka to talk about economic empowerment and access to finance.

Over seventy participants heard from experts in the sector in three key-note presentations.

A two-hour breakout session allowed the participants to discuss their own experiences in their country groups, and the hubs came back online for a two hour plenary discussion.

Economic empowerment as a force for reconciliation was a major theme of the discussions, with Sri Lanka raising the role of the Church in a conflict-affected society.

Participants from Pakistan said it was especially important in a society torn by conflict that

the Church reached out across the divides and provided a ministry for everyone.

From Tanzania came lessons about providing micro-finance for people living in rural areas, and Peterson Karanja, the expert in locally based savings and loans schemes said that microfinance was about healing the poverty that had its source in broken relations in the world.

South Africa raised questions about the role of the Church in speaking out for the poor and advocating to governments about the need for support for co-operatives and microfinance schemes. And Bangladesh spoke of the importance of micro-finance in reaching the poorest of the poor, and especially marginalised groups including women.

Each country group shared their appreciation of the event and noted the particular value in the opportunity to connect with Anglicans across the Communion and share their experiences.

The aim of these events is to include those who would not

usually be able to attend the workshops and conferences that are so valuable for capacity building and development.

In September, prior to this all day event, a one-hour panel discussion invited participants from around the world to a debate on the post-2015 development goals.

The Alliance will continue to utilise cutting-edge technology and innovative strategy to reach increasing numbers of people in the most developing parts of the Communion.

Our online webinars next year will enable access to capacity building tools and the shared learning of best practice, through all-day online workshops as well as shorter panel discussions and debates.



Above: Participants in the South Africa hub used the Hope Africa offices to attend the workshop webinar in Cape Town.

Smallholder farmers take the lead in World Food Day celebrations

Smallholder farmers took the lead in global workshops set up by the Anglican Alliance for World Food Day.

Workshops took place in Bangladesh, Brazil, and the Solomon Islands, and local farmers came together to discuss the challenges they face and the ways they can adapt to the changing climate.

Participants also had the opportunity to hear from speakers in the sector on adaptation, access to markets and land rights.

And for the first time ever, the Provincial Mothers Union office of the Anglican Church of Melanesia hosted a World Food Day Celebration at the St Barnabas Cathedral grounds in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Government representatives attended, and rural farmers from the surrounding areas prepared local foods and gave demonstrations.

A key-note address from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Women, Youth and Children, acknowledged the role of women as key players in agriculture, and noted the challenges of climate change and the importance of crop adaptation

and sharing best practice.

She also highlighted the challenges women face in terms of gender equality and gender-based violence, which impacts their role in the home.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture highlighted women as 'the gate keepers' of family wellbeing, and noted their role as they provide and prepare food for their families and community.

A nutritionist from the Ministry of Health raised awareness of the diseases that have become common place on the islands, due to a movement away from traditional foods and an increasing reliance on imported processed foods.

She gave some striking statistics on the numbers of people suffering from diseases such as hypertension and diabetes, brought on by a change in their diet.

The islands are a fantastic resource for nutritious and healthy foods, and demonstrations of food preservation and preparation were made by women from six parishes, to encourage people to eat their local, healthy produce.



Above: Rural farmers in the Pacific attended workshops in Honiara and learnt about crop adaptation, access to markets and their land rights.



Above: Fruit arrangements were put on display

The audience were able to sample the prepared food, ask questions and received recipes from each Parish.

Local NGO, [Kastom Gaden Association \[KGA\]](#), demonstrated their work in agriculture for food security, including composting, planting seedlings, making

a Kiko stove and planting sweet potato [kumara] and cassava.

Songs sung in pidgin by a band from the Ministry of Agriculture provided humorous live music and made the World Food Day messages easier to understand.

The success of the Alliance's World Food Day events will be shared as next years' events hope to reach even more Anglicans across the Communion.

And at the G20 next year, Pacific islanders will take lessons learnt from these workshops to world leaders and ensure food security is kept at the top of the agenda.

Renewed commitments to advocate for food security in Brazil

Inspired by the Anglican Alliance's activity for World Food Day in October, leaders from the Anglican Church in Brazil met together with La Via Campesina and the Small Farmer's Union to take forward their commitments on food security for the nation.

Action to overcome hunger and advocate for better public policies on food security and human rights were the focus of discussions.

And partnerships between the Church and the social movements were strengthened as the leaders re-established

their commitments to fight for food security together.

Arnaldo Jordy, a member of the Human Rights Committee of the National Congress of Brazil, commented on recent research that highlighted food security as one of the main challenges facing developing countries.

He said that food insecurity continues to pose a threat to sustainable development and to the stability of political and economic regimes around the world.

According to FAO statistics, almost one billion people go to

bed hungry every night. The basic human right to food is being denied.

Bishop Saulo Barros, from the Diocese of Belém, said in his Bible study for the event that this must be overcome.

He reflected on Mark 5:30-40 and the underlying themes of sharing and fullness, and showed the contrast of God's kingdom to the world.

The disciples represent the voice of the world: selfish and unaware of each other's needs, remaining closed to each other.

Jesus' asks for openness and connection. He cares about

the hunger of others.

The Gospel compels us to urge for public policies that establish food security, provide access to land for production, and give financial support for agriculture without the need for expensive agrochemicals.

Further seminars, meetings and discussions will be held to take forward action on food security.

And a new booklet is being produced to inform and equip communities and smallholder farmers to help them advocate for their needs and see their basic human rights met.

Scheme to share best practice with women leaders in education

Four women leaders in education are being invited to the UK to take part in what will be the Anglican Alliance's third Professional Fellowship Scheme.

The scheme has yet to be confirmed by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, who fund the programme, but plans are in place to welcome the fellows.

Women with leadership potential in the education sector have been chosen for next years' scheme, which aims to promote gender equality in the sector and build the capacity of women leaders to promote quality education in their home countries.

An orientation week will introduce the fellows to life in the UK, and will include meetings with educational professionals and leaders in the sector.

Local Education Authorities



Above: Four healthcare professionals visited the UK in April 2013 to take part in the Commonwealth Scheme. One of the organisations they met with was London-based charity Us, formerly USPG.

will provide each fellow with a weeks' placement, which will be followed by a working week with Diocesan Education Authorities.

And a bespoke short-course at the University of Nottingham will see the fellows discussing some of the key challenges they face in education, particularly as women leaders in the field, and exploring the systems that are in place in the UK.

Two further weeks will be spent in placements with a

senior member of staff in both primary and secondary schools around London, and the fellows will take part in work-shadowing with women who are head teachers in the schools.

This year the fellows' will have the opportunity to spend their final week with facilitator Dr Rosemary Preston, and develop their learning contracts, which will reflect on their experiences.

Fellow's will take back what they have learnt to the

education sector in their home countries.

Previous schemes have been run by the Anglican Alliance, one in 2012 for education administrators, and in 2013 for four health care professionals.

The Anglican Alliance are looking forward to inviting the four women to the UK next year, and to see how their learning on the scheme will influence the education sector once they return home.

Women and young people in advocacy for economic empowerment

A project to empower marginalised women in Bangladesh has been launched by the Alliance, with the Bishop of Dhaka, Rt Revd Paul S Sarker, chairing the first official meeting in September.

Funded by the Commonwealth Foundation, the project will bring women from the coastal areas of south west Bangladesh to workshops that will engage them in advocacy for their economic empowerment.

The project is being run in partnership with the Church of Bangladesh (COB), the Alternative Development Organisation for Research and Evaluation (ADORE), and a policy and action research organisation called UBINIG.

Six hundred women will make up the three cooperative groups that take part in the project to promote their enterprises and livelihoods.

The programme will highlight the importance of sustainable livelihoods, and establish policy for economic inclusion and participation in governance, at sub-district level (Upazila) as well as locally and at national level.

Throughout the project, the groups will form strategic partnerships with relevant departments and institutions and build the

capacity of their community.

And training will be provided to community members to promote opportunity for enterprise.

One of the central goals of the project will be to increase the ability of women and young people to participate in governance issues and advocate to their local and national leaders.

This will also lead to a greater scope for inclusion in the financial and commercial markets and help those living in the communities to establish their businesses.

Good practice and learning on the project will be further shared through a participatory governance module on the Anglican Alliance's distance learning programme, Agents of Change, which is run with the Open University.

Gaining access to markets and economic inclusion will be a focus of the module, which will be available across the Communion through the Agents of Change programme after the project.

Alliance facilitator Michael Roy has also brought together project partners,



Above: The Commonwealth Foundation project is launched at the first meeting in Bangladesh.

community development workers, and successful business women, to form a National Coordination Committee (NCC) as part of the project.

The NCC oversee the project and monitor the project activities. They will publish a performance report at the end of the project to evaluate its outcomes and share best practice.

The project is expected to achieve some significant breakthroughs in governance and the influence of policy, as well as in the inclusion of marginalised populations.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a time of fresh transition for the Anglican Alliance. In the new year there will be two excellent new Executive Directors, to work with the Alliance Chair and Board of Trustees to bring forward a new three year work programme, with the help of a new Advisory Council and regional forums to strengthen the grassroots. Together they will be working with Anglican communities and agencies around globally, using all the skills and expertise in our Communion to work for a world free of poverty and injustice.

And there are many challenges to the Alliance mission. Despite growing prosperity in many parts of the world, there are still over 1 billion people living in severe poverty, and in some countries, inequality is growing. Armed conflict scars many of our Anglican communities, and others bear the burden of natural disasters.

So the Alliance has to adapt and change to meet these challenges: with the same restlessness that we see in the Gospels to ensure that all people can enjoy life in all its abundance. Every best wish and prayers as the Alliance moves forward!

Sally Keeble - Director, Anglican Alliance.

Alliance support for Christians in Peshawar

The Anglican Alliance are supporting an appeal made by Bishop Humphrey Peters from the Diocese of Peshawar, which is being led by London-based Anglican agency Us (formerly USPG).

Bishop Humphrey has been working with Christians and Muslims in the area to support those injured and bereaved

when two suicide bombs hit All Saints Church in September.

The incident is the latest in a series of attacks on Pakistani Christians, who represent just 1.6% of Pakistan's 180 million population.

The Diocese is planning to use the funds and resources to rehabilitate the injured and to help families who have lost

their breadwinners and are suffering financially.

For more information on the appeal and to donate to the Diocese of Peshawar, please visit the Us website at <http://www.weareus.org.uk/latestupdates/allstaintupdate/>.

Updates on the situation and on the use of the resources will also be posted on their website.

Effective evaluation improves Agents of Change

A week of evaluation of the Agents of Change programme in Mbeere, Kenya, produced some dramatic changes in the programme, whilst reinforcing the value of the distance learning package.

Anglican Alliance director, Sally Keeble spent a week working with two existing groups of Agents of Change students.

Her visit was kindly hosted by the Bishop of Mbeere, Rt Revd Moses Nthukah who has played a strong leadership role in development in his Diocese.

Students worked very hard, and completed two modules. Some carried out a house to house census of the needs of their local community – an exercise which they said had transformed their views. Videos of their experiences are

posted on the Alliance website.

Two new groups registered for the programme. They were able to complete the paperwork, and one group has already sent in their completed first module – a tribute to their commitment to serve their community.

Christina Manning in London is taking forward plans for the global roll-out of Agents of Change next year. And as a result of the Mbeere visit the following improvements have been made to the programme:

- The students' workbook has been re-written, and divided into separate workbooks for each module. This will make it easier for students to complete and send it to their Mentors.

- The Orientation Day agenda has been adjusted.

- The Mentors guide has been re-written.

- Group co-ordinators are now appointed to act as a contact point for the Alliance office in London and student groups.

Sally Keeble said: "Working with the students, we found that the course materials were good, and very relevant to students' needs.

"We had some excellent group discussions surrounding consultation and inclusion in an African context. The students have excellent projects, and the course helped to think through how best to implement them.

"We also found areas where the support materials needed to be changed.

"Agents of Change will go global in the new year. It offers Anglicans a real chance to build their community development skills to support faith-based programmes."