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A CALL FOR PRAYERS AND ACTIONS TO MARK 2023 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.

The All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) joins the rest of the World to celebrate the International Day of Peace, which is observed around the world on 21 September each year. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing a whole day of non-violence and cease-fire. This year's theme is: **"Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals."**

The world in general and Africa in particular is celebrating this day in a context of disappointments. Conflicts and wars remain a painful reality in different parts of Africa, resulting into unbearable suffering. Conflict and poor governance are the biggest obstacles to sustainable development in Africa. Tackling the scourge of conflict and improving governance are therefore essential for the realization of **SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions** and the fourth aspiration of the **AU Agenda 2063: "A peaceful and secure Africa**. If Africa does not put an end to wars and poor governance, poverty and its consequences will not be eliminated. Peace is the condition for development and development consolidates peace.

Since its inception in 1963, the AACC has always fought for ideals of sustainable peace and development. As we celebrate the 2023 International Day of Peace, the AACC:

- ✓ Calls on all people of faith and all institutions with mandate to intentionally take actions that address all realities that deprive God's creation of peace.
- ✓ Affirms its commitment to providing the spiritual pulse needed to deepen the culture of peace across Africa

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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". (Matthew 5: 9)

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