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**For Catholic Journalists, Media Professionals and Civil Society
involved in the care of Migrants and Refugees**

**Pour les Journalistes Catholiques, les Professionnels des Médias
et les Membres des Sociétés Civiles impliqués dans la prise en charge
des Migrants et des Réfugiés**

THEME /THÈME

**EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT REPORTING
ON MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

RAPPORTS EFFICACES ET EFFICIENTS SUR LES MIGRANTS ET LES RÉFUGIÉS

VENUE/LIEU

**ST MARY'S NATIONAL SEMINARY, GGABA, KAMPALA UGANDA
SÉMINAIRE NATIONAL ST MARY, GGABA, KAMPALA OUGANDA**

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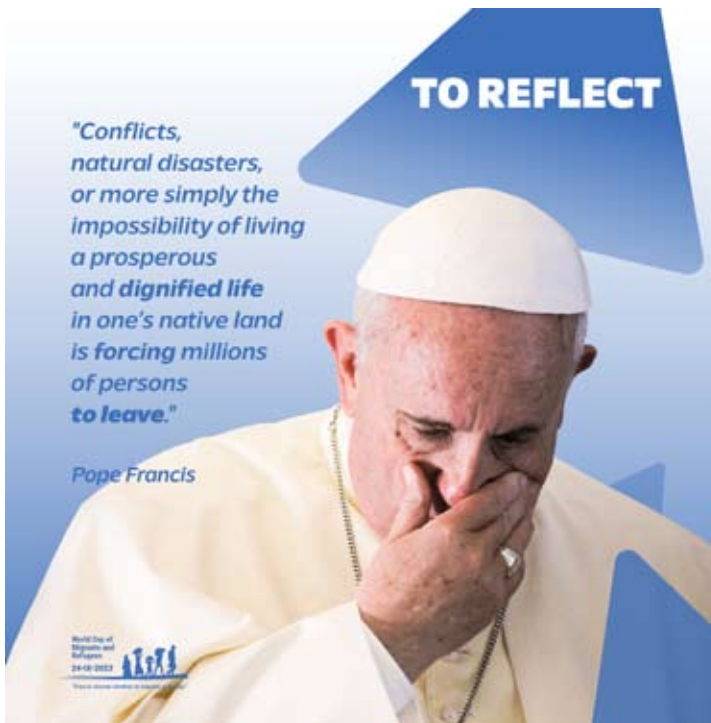
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DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE/PERSON(S)	
July 10th: Monday 10th July 2023: Arrival	Registration	Signis Africa	
July 11th: Tuesday 11th July 2023	Opening Ceremony	St. Mary's National Seminary	
08:00 - 09:00 am	Arrival & Registration of Participants	St. Mary's National Seminary	
09:00 - 10:00 am	Opening Ceremony	St. Mary's National Seminary	
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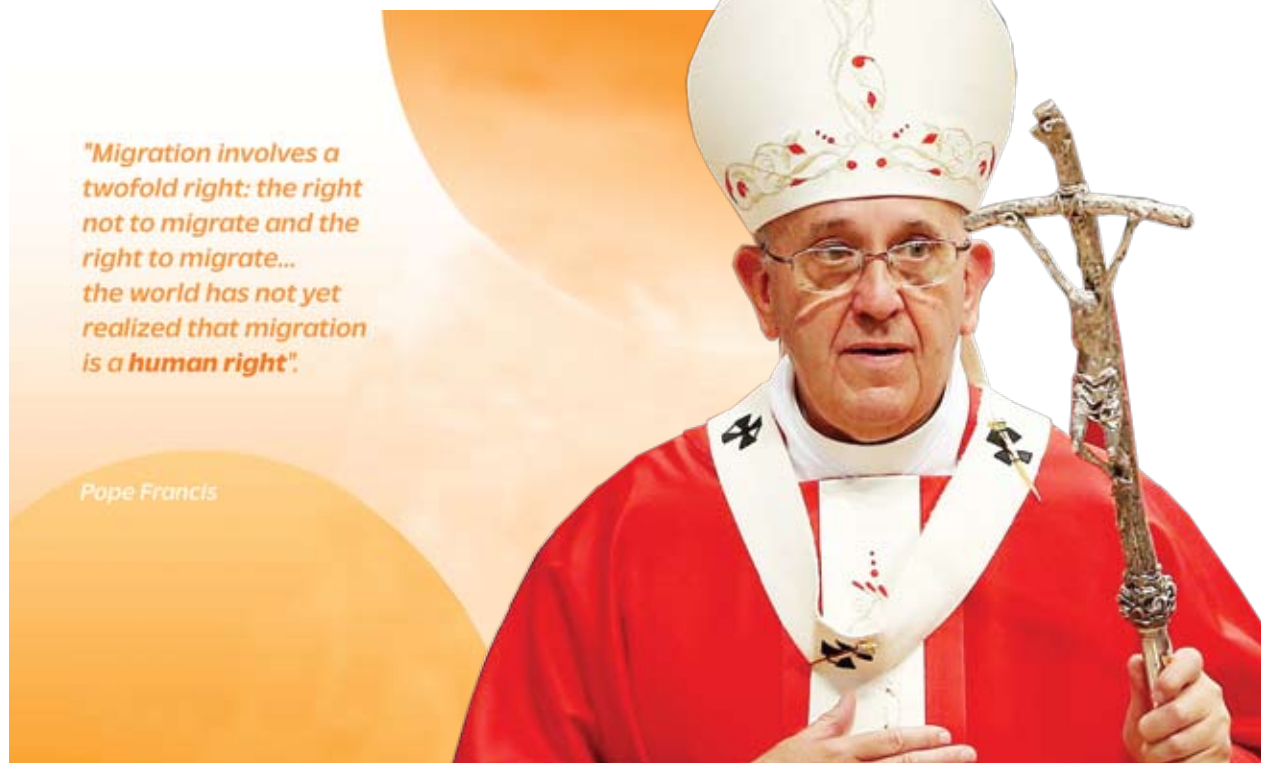
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Bishop President Emmanuel Badejo of the Pan African Episcopal Committee for Communications on Golden Jubilee celebrations





His Holiness, Pope Francis



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Sharing stories as witnesses of God's mighty works

To Father Professor Walter Ihejirika
President of SIGNIS Africa

On the occasion of the workshop at Saint Mary's Seminary, Ggaba, Uganda promoted by SIGNIS Africa, in collaboration with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, I would like to send my greetings and best wishes for a fruitful outcome to the organizers, speakers and participants; as well as to all the guests from African and international institutions and to all men and women involved in communication.

These days I was partaking in the tenth commemoration of Pope Francis' extraordinary witness, his first papal trip outside Rome to Lampedusa, Italy. In a deep act of penance, Pope Francis has prayed begging "forgiveness for our indifference to so many of our brothers and sisters." It was one of the most paradigmatic papal trips of all time from where, Pope Francis willed to shake the world's consciences and lead us to reflection towards a concrete change of heart.

With this symbolic land of Lampedusa in mind, I would like to express my deep regrets for not being with you in Uganda, the land of African martyrs which is also well-known for being a model refugee-hosting country. As thousands of desperate men, women and children flee conflicts and natural disasters in search of a place of refuge, Uganda has always opened its doors to welcome record numbers of our brothers and sisters.

Indeed, you have chosen a topic of substantial interest for this training: not only for the African continent but also for the future of humanity at large. Your project includes a plan to realize and release a SIGNIS Africa Media guidelines for Catholic media practitioners on reporting on migrants and refugees' issues. Besides targeting Catholic journalists, such guidelines will hopefully concern and interest journalists from the secular media for more humane reporting on people already distressed by difficulties and suffering.

In his recent message for the 57th World Communications day, Pope Francis invites us to purify our hearts in order to communicate truth with charity, to focus on "speaking with the heart", radically challenging the inclination of our generation "towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth". If we are truly capable of looking and seeing reality and



others with the eyes of the heart, if we are capable of listening with the ears of the heart and above all if we exercise ourselves to speak with the heart, we will also be capable of empathy, capable of true compassion.

I trust that your continental efforts to share in the synodal process which is pushing us as a Catholic Church to weave more communion by lighting hearts, and caring for each other's wounds will bear much fruit. We count on your work to strengthen the link between Rome and the local Churches. Vatican medias look forward and are willing to share more of your stories in a "communication which puts the relationship with God and one's neighbor, especially the neediest", the marginalized and the discarded of society. These include our brothers and sisters who are suffering, asylum-seekers, climate-displaced people, internally displaced people (IDPs), and victims of human trafficking. African church narratives may help in shining light on our common journey.

Through the Pentecost Project of the Dicastery for Communication, Vatican Media are already listening and sharing stories with religious sisters from Africa and elsewhere as witnesses of the "mighty works of God". Similarly, within the project "Voices of Migrants" we share in missionaries' efforts to promote migrant people's inclusion in the world of work through education and vocational training.

Sharing stories, relevant information and also projecting within the world's public sphere, issues which can mitigate the plights of the vulnerable persons, is a most practical solidarity witness in our Church.

We need media that build bridges and break down walls, working toward social cohesion. May this workshop contribute to building a different way of making information and generate more interrelationship for a sense of more responsibility among all communication stakeholders so that they may carry out their profession as a mission! May this moment help each one of you to rediscover the potential of SIGNIS to be a network that unites, a network woven of truth and beauty, faith and hope. May these days be a space for communication at the service of communion!

Paolo Ruffini
Prefect, Dicastery For Communications

Workshop Uganda 2023

Synopsis of the Training Workshop for Catholic Journalists in Africa on:

Acquiring Skills for Efficient and Effective Coverage and Reporting on Refugees in Africa

ORGANIZED BY SIGNIS-AFRICA

in Collaboration with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican City, Rome and the Ugandan Episcopal Conference

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in a recent report noted: “In 2021, Africa witnessed the most internal displacements as conflict and violence flared in several countries across the continent. Millions of new displacements were recorded in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Nigeria, triggered by increasing insecurity and human rights violations...” Going further, the Report notes that “...seeking durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons remains a critical priority for UNHCR, many of them facing additional challenges due to COVID-19 and the effects of climate change” (cf. UNHCR - Africa)

The Catholic Church, in keeping with her social teachings, shows special care for migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons and victims of climate change and human trafficking. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has deepened the concern for these vulnerable persons by creating a Dicastery to cater to their needs.

The mass media, as it is generally accepted, are indispensable in efficient functioning of contemporary societies. To actualize her mandate, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development needs the input of the media professionals in the following ways: sharing relevant information and also projecting within the public sphere issues which can mitigate the plights of migrants and refugees.

The reportage of issues concerning migrants and refugees is a form of specialised reporting and thus requires special skills. This Workshop is organized to equip select Catholic Journalists with the requisite skills for efficient and effective coverage and reporting on migrants, refugees.



Congolese refugees leave a boat in Sebagoro, Uganda, on May 2 after fleeing violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(GETTY IMAGES)

Uganda is chosen as the host because of the country's commendable policy on refugees. The Workshop is divided in four broad thematic areas: listening, learning, witnessing and reflection. Participants will first listen to three voices: The Universal Church, the Local Church and the Local Society. The listening session will be followed by a learning session where some professionals will highlight how best to report on refugees. In the witnessing session, participants will have opportunity to spend a day with refugees in a real refugee camp. Finally, will reflect on what they have heard, learnt and seen. Through this reflection, a guideline on effective and efficient reporting on refugees will emerge.

We wish to express deep appreciation to the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Dicastery for Evangelization for the financial support given to organize this Workshop.

Atelier Ouganda 2023

Synopsis de l'atelier de formation des journalistes catholiques en Afrique sur:

Acquisition de compétences pour une couverture et des rapports efficaces et efficients sur les réfugiés en Afrique

ORGANISÉ PAR SIGNIS-AFRIQUE

en collaboration avec le Dicastère pour la Promotion du Développement Humain Intégral, Cité du Vatican, Rome et la Conférence Episcopale Ougandaise

Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés (HCR) a noté dans un rapport récent : « En 2021, l'Afrique a connu le plus grand nombre de déplacements internes alors que les conflits et la violence éclataient dans plusieurs pays du continent. Des millions de nouveaux déplacements ont été enregistrés en République Démocratique du Congo, en Éthiopie, en République Centrafricaine, au Soudan du Sud et au Nigéria, déclenchés par une insécurité croissante et des violations des droits de l'homme... » Pour aller plus loin, le rapport note que « ... la recherche de solutions durables pour les réfugiés et les déplacés internes restent une priorité essentielle pour le HCR, nombre d'entre eux étant confrontés à des défis supplémentaires en raison du COVID-19 et des effets du changement climatique » (cf. UNHCR - Afrique)

L'Église Catholique, conformément à ses enseignements sociaux, accorde une attention particulière aux migrants, aux réfugiés, aux personnes déplacées à l'intérieur du pays et aux victimes du changement climatique et de la traite des êtres humains. Le Saint-Père, le Pape François, a approfondi la préoccupation pour ces personnes vulnérables en créant un Dicastère pour subvenir à leurs besoins.

Les médias de masse, comme il est généralement admis, sont indispensables au fonctionnement efficace des sociétés contemporaines. Pour réaliser son mandat, le Dicastère pour la promotion du développement humain intégral a besoin de la contribution des professionnels des médias de la manière suivante : en partageant des informations pertinentes et en projetant dans la sphère publique des questions qui peuvent atténuer les souffrances des migrants et des réfugiés.



Profonde gratitude.

Nous tenons à exprimer notre profonde gratitude aux Œuvres Pontificales Missionnaires du Dicastère pour l'Évangélisation pour le soutien final apporté à l'organisation de cet atelier.

Le reportage sur les questions relatives aux migrants et aux réfugiés est une forme de reportage spécialisé et requiert donc des compétences particulières. Cet atelier est organisé pour doter des journalistes catholiques sélectionnés des compétences requises pour une couverture et des reportages efficaces et efficients sur les migrants et les réfugiés.

L'Ouganda a été choisi comme pays d'accueil en raison de sa politique louable à l'égard des réfugiés. L'atelier est divisé en quatre grands domaines thématiques : l'écoute, l'apprentissage, le témoignage et la réflexion. Les participants écouteront d'abord trois voix : L'Église universelle, l'Église locale et la société locale. La session d'écoute sera suivie d'une session d'apprentissage au cours de laquelle des professionnels expliqueront comment rendre compte au mieux de la situation des réfugiés. Lors de la session de témoignage, les participants auront l'occasion de passer une journée avec des réfugiés dans un véritable camp de réfugiés. Enfin, ils réfléchiront à ce qu'ils ont entendu, appris et vu. Cette réflexion permettra de dégager des lignes directrices pour un reportage efficace et efficient sur les réfugiés.

Nous tenons à exprimer notre profonde gratitude aux Œuvres Pontificales Missionnaires du Dicastère pour l'Évangélisation pour le soutien financier apporté à l'organisation de cet atelier.

SIGNIS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR CATHOLIC JOURNALISTS IN AFRICA
10TH - 15TH JULY, 2023
ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SEMINARY GGABA, KAMPALA, UGANDA

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE/ PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Day One: Monday, 10th July, 2023: Arrival		
Day Two: Tuesday, 11th July, 2023		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Seminary Dining Hall
9:00 – 10:00 am	Arrival & Registration of Participants	Entrance of Auditorium/Registration officer
	Opening Ceremony	Seminary Auditorium
10:00 – 11:30 am	Opening Prayer and Welcome Remarks	Rt. Rev. Joseph Franzelli Chairman of the Social Communications Commission of Uganda Episcopal Conference
	Welcome Speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Rev. Paul Ssemogerere The Archbishop of Kampala • Rt. Rev. Joseph Antony Zziwa The Chairman of Uganda Episcopal Conference • Rev. Fr. Prof Walter C. Ihejirika The President of SIGNIS Africa
Music interlude		
	Goodwill Messages Official Opening of the Workshop	Dr. Paolo Ruffini Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication His Excellency Most Rev. Luigi Bianco Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda Ms Helen Osman President of SIGNIS Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda
11:30 am–12:00 pm	Break Tea	Seminary Dining Hall
Workshop. General Theme 1: Listening; Foundation for Effective Reporting		
FIRST PLENARY		
	CHAIRMAN: MR. DAVID OMWOYO,	
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Keynote Address Topic: Pope Francis' vision of migrants and refugees: Lessons for media workers	Seminary Auditorium His Eminence, Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J. Prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development Respondent: MONTHIENVICHENCHAI, Rachada Peter Secretary General, SIGNIS
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch and Free Time	Seminary Dining Room
2:30 pm	Departure for Uganda Martyrs Catholic Shrine, Namugongo	All
3:30 pm	Guided tour of Uganda Martyrs Catholic Shrine, Namugongo	
5:00 pm	Opening Mass of the Workshop	President: Bishop Emmanuel Badejo (CEPACS)
8:00 pm	Dinner	Seminary Dining Hall
Day Three: Wednesday, 12th July, 2023		
7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Seminary Dining Hall
8:30 – 10:00 am	SECOND PLENARY	Seminary Auditorium
	Chair Ms. Helen Rose OSMAN,	
	Second Presentation Topic: The communicative dimensions of the Church's vision of refugees: An African perspective Third Presentation Topic: The Uganda Catholic Church's experience of refugees	Bishop Emmanuel Badejo, President of CEPACS (Pan African Episcopal Committee for Social Communications) Bishop Sabino Ocan Odoki, Bishop

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE/ PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
10:00–10.30 am	Tea Break	Seminary Dining Hall
	THIRD PLENARY SESSION	Seminary Auditorium
	Chair – Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael Umoh	
10:30 am–12:00 pm	Fourth Presentation Topic: Uganda Government experience of refugees Fifth Presentation Topic: The Refugee Law Programme's experience of refugees in Uganda	Mr Charles Bafaki, Commissioner for Refugees, Office of Prime Minister Dr Pius Ojara, ED, Refugee Law Programme
12:15 pm	Holy Mass	Seminary Chapel
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch and Free Time	Seminary Dining Hall
	GROUP WORK: Reflection	Seminary Classrooms
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Harnessing salient elements from the listening sessions and applicability to different countries and contexts	All
3:45 – 4:15 pm	Tea break	Seminary Dining Hall
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Reflections continue	All
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Plenary session (Reports from the Groups)	Seminary Auditorium
7:00 pm	Dinner	Seminary Dining Hall
9:00 pm	Happy Hour	Seminary courtyard
Day Four: Thursday, 13th July, 2023		
7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Seminary Dining Hall
	General Theme 2: Communication and Media	
	FOURTH PLENARY SESSION	Seminary Auditorium
	Chair – Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Samasumo	
8:30 – 10:00 am	Sixth Presentation Topic: Professional coverage of refugees; Best practices and ethical considerations Seventh Presentation Topic: Reporting on refugees; challenges and opportunities	Dr Adolf Mbaine Lecturer, Makerere University Dr John Baptist Imokola Lecturer, Makerere University
10:00 – 10.30 am	Tea break	Seminary Dining Hall
10:30 – 12:00 pm	BakhitaStories: Christians and Migrants Presentation on the Dicastery for promoting integral human development	Mr. Jean-Pierre Denis – Bayard Press Dr. Mercedes De La Torre Dicastery for promoting integral human developme
12:15 pm	Holy Mass	All
1:30 – 2.30 pm	Lunch and Free Time	Seminary Dining Hall
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Reflections continue	
3:45 – 4:15 pm	Tea break	Seminary Dining Hall
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Plenary Final Reports and formulation of outcomes Drawing up the SIGNIS AFRICA GUIDELINES for efficient and effective reporting of Refugees	All
6:30 pm	Closing Ceremony and Award of Certificates	All
Day Five: Friday, 14th July, 2023		
8:00 am	Theme: Witnessing Visit and interaction with refugees at Kyangwali Refugee Settlement Holy Mass	All
8:00 pm	Dinner and Retire	All
Day Six: Saturday, 15th July 2023: Departure		

ATELIER DE FORMATION SIGNIS POUR LES JOURNALISTES CATHOLIQUES EN AFRIQUE
10 - 15 JUILLET 2023
ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SEMINARY GGABA, KAMPALA, OUGANDA

DATE	ACTIVITÉ	LIEU/ PERSONNE(S) RESPONSABLE(S)
Premier jour: lundi 10 juillet 2023 / Arrivée		
Deuxième jour: mardi 11 juillet 2023		
07h00-08h00	Petit-déjeuner	Séminaire Salle à manger
09h00-10h00	Arrivée et enregistrement des participants	Entrée de l'auditorium/agent d'enregistrement
	La cérémonie d'ouverture	Auditorium du séminaire
10h00-11h30	Prière d'ouverture et remarques de bienvenue	Président de la Commission des communications sociales de la Conférence Episcopale d'Ouganda
	Discours de bienvenue *	L'archevêque de Kampala
		Le président de la Conférence épiscopale ougandaise
		Le Président de SIGNIS Afrique
	Intermède musical	
	Messages de bonne volonté	Préfet du Dicastère pour la Communication Dr. Paolo Ruffini
		Nonce Apostolique en Ouganda
		Président de SIGNIS-Afrique Rev. Fr. Walter C. Ihejirika
	Ouverture officielle de l'atelier	Premier Ministre de la République d'Ouganda
	Photo de groupe	Tous
11h30-12h00	Pause Thé	Salle à manger du Séminaire
Atelier.	Thème général 1 : Écoute ; Fondation pour un reporting efficace	
	PREMIÈRE PLÉNIÈRE Président : M. David OMWOYO	
12h15-13h30	Discours principal Sujet : La vision du Pape François sur les migrants et les réfugiés: Leçons pour les professionnels des médias	Seminary Auditorium Son Eminence, le Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J. Préfet du Dicastère pour la promotion du développement humain intégral Modérateur : MONTHIENVICHICHAI, Rachada Peter Secrétaire Général SIGNIS
13h30-14h30	Déjeuner et temps libre	Séminaire Salle à manger
14h30	Départ pour le sanctuaire catholique des martyrs de l'Ouganda, Namugongo	Tous
15h30	Visite guidée du sanctuaire catholique des martyrs ougandais, Namugongo	
17h00	Messe d'ouverture de l'atelier Président : Président de la Conférence Episcopale d'Ouganda	
20h00	Dîner	Salle à manger du séminaire
Troisième jour : mercredi 12 juillet 2023		
07h00-08h30	Petit-déjeuner	Séminaire Salle à manger
08h30-10h00	DEUXIÈME PLÉNIÈRE Présidente Mme Helen Rose OSMAN	Séminaire Auditorium

DATE	ACTIVITÉ	LIEU/ PERSONNE(S) RESPONSABLE(S)
	Deuxième présentation Thème : Les dimensions communicatives de la vision de l'Église sur les réfugiés : une perspective africaine Troisième présentation Sujet : L'expérience des réfugiés de l'Église catholique ougandaise	Mgr Emmanuel Badejo, président du CEPACS (Comité épiscopal panafricain pour les communications sociales) Mgr Sabino Ocan Odoki, évêque du diocèse d'Arua
10h00-10h30	Pause thé	Salle à manger du séminaire
10h30-12h00	TROISIÈME SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE Président – Rév. Dr Michael Umoh	Auditorium du Séminaire
	Quatrième Présentation Sujet : Expérience du gouvernement ougandais en matière de réfugiés Cinquième présentation Sujet : L'expérience du HCR avec les réfugiés en Ouganda	Représentant du Cabinet du Premier Ministre – Affaires des réfugiés Refugee Law Project
12h15	la Sainte Messe	Chapelle du Séminaire
13h30-14h30	Déjeuner et temps libre	Salle à manger du séminaire
	TRAVAIL DE GROUPE	Salles de classe du séminaire
15h00-15h45	Réflexion Exploitation des éléments saillants des séances d'écoute et applicabilité à différents pays et contextes	Tous
15h45-16h15	Pause thé	Salle à manger du séminaire
16h30-17h15	Les réflexions se poursuivent	TOUS
17h30-18h30	Plénière (Rapports des Groupes)	Auditorium du Séminaire
19h00	Dîner	Salle à manger du séminaire
21h00	Happy Hour	Cour du Séminaire
Quatrième jour : jeudi 13 juillet 2023		
07h00-08h30	Petit-déjeuner	Séminaire Salle à manger
	Thème général 2 : Communication et médias	
08h30-10h00	QUATRIÈME SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE Président – Rév. Dr Paul Samasumo	Auditorium du Séminaire
	Sixième présentation Thème : Prise en charge professionnelle des réfugiés ; Meilleures pratiques et considérations éthiques Septième présentation Sujet : Reportage sur les réfugiés ; défis et opportunités	Professeur à l'Université de Makerere Professeur à l'Université de Makerere
10h00-10h30	Pause thé	Salle à manger du Séminaire
10h30-12h00	BakhitaStories : Chrétiens et Migrants Présentation sur le Dicastère pour la promotion du développement humain intégral	M. Jean-Pierre Denis – Bayard Press Dr. Mercedes De La Torre
12h15	Sainte Messe	Tous
13h30-14h30	Déjeuner et temps libre	Salle à manger du séminaire
15h00-16h15	Les réflexions se poursuivent	
15h45-16h15	Pause thé	Salle à manger du Séminaire
16h15-17h00	Rapports finaux de la plénière et formulation des résultats Élaboration des LIGNES DIRECTRICES SIGNIS AFRICA pour un signalement efficace et efficient des réfugiés	Auditorium du Séminaire
18h30	Cérémonie de clôture et remise des certificats	Cour du Séminaire
Cinquième jour : vendredi 14 juillet 2023		
8h00	Thème : Témoignage	



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Bakhitastories, what is the project?

With **Bakhitastories**, our editorial teams commit to providing in-depth coverage of migration issues, going beyond immediate news events.

Through narratives, investigations, interviews, opinion pieces, testimonies, and reports conducted in countries of emigration, immigration, and those crossed by migration routes, *La Croix International* will offer a close look at migrants and those who accompany them around the world, without ignoring the major geopolitical challenges.

Bakhitastories will shed light on the journey of migrants: violence and exploitation, discrimination, and precarious living conditions, but also hope, resilience, and life stories.

Bakhitastories will document and tell the commitment of Christian communities. Assumption Sisters at the US-Mexico border, Jesuits supporting Rohingya refugees in northern India, laypeople working in the reconstruction of Eastern European women who are victims of sexual trafficking, pastoral agents serving Venezuelan migrants in Latin America... While their actions are often overlooked, we want to highlight their role and convey their testimonies.

Bakhitastories

CHRISTIANS AND MIGRANTS, A MAJOR EDITORIAL PROJECT



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Why Bakhitastories ?

Saint Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is the first Sudanese saint. Abducted and enslaved at the age of seven, she was bought by the Italian consul in Khartoum. She followed him back to Italy, requested baptism, received the name Josephine, and became a nun.

“This young girl, enslaved in Africa, exploited, humiliated, did not lose hope and carried forward her faith, and she eventually arrived in Europe as a migrant,” explained Pope Francis in 2017.

For him, she is «an exemplary witness of hope for the many victims of slavery.”



Celebration of Golden Jubilee of CEPACS- Lagos, Nigeria

Dear Communications Professionals,

I hereby write to you as Bishop President for the Pan African Episcopal Committee for Communications, (CEPACS) on the above-mentioned subject so that you may reserve in your diary the dates 18th to 21st November 2023, so as to be available to participate physically or virtually in the assembly which is being organized for the celebration of 50 years of its establishment.

Africa's opportunity. The Golden Jubilee which falls in the middle of the synodal journey offers the Church in Africa an opportunity to evaluate, re-strategize and relaunch the effective functioning of CEPACS in view of the next 50 years.

As you may be aware, CEPACS was established by SECAM in 1973 to coordinate for the Church in Africa, the promotion of the use of modern means of mass communication. This followed the publication of the document *Communio et Progressio* by the Pontifical Commission for Communication which was mandated by the Vatican II to find ways of implementing the 1963 decree on the use of modern means of communication for evangelization, the *Inter Mirifica*.

During the past 50 years, CEPACS has seen glorious times but also low moments. The Golden Jubilee which falls in the middle of the synodal journey offers the Church in Africa an opportunity to evaluate, re-strategize and relaunch the effective functioning of CEPACS in view of the next 50 years.

According to the 2003 Statutes, the membership of CEPACS strictly comprises of all the Bishops Chair for Social Communication in all the regions under SECAM. However, it also incorporates the Regional



Communication Coordinators and representatives of International Communication bodies such as SIGNIS who however have a passive voice. Looking at the statutes of the Committee and where the world is now as regards digital technological advancements, I cannot but make a passionate appeal for your participation at this important Assembly.

Yours most sincerely in the service of Christ,

Bishop Emmanuel Badejo
Bishop of Oyo Diocese, Nigeria,
President of CEPACS

Signis Africa Congress and Assembly Kigali 2022





The opening Mass of the SIGNIS Africa Congress and Assembly 2022 in Rwanda



SIGNIS Africa Members praying at the Rwandan Genocide Memorial

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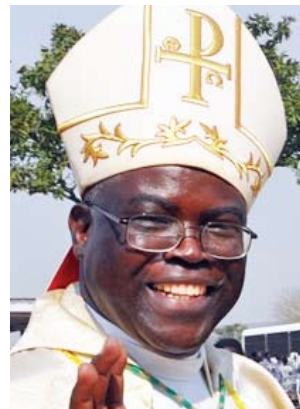
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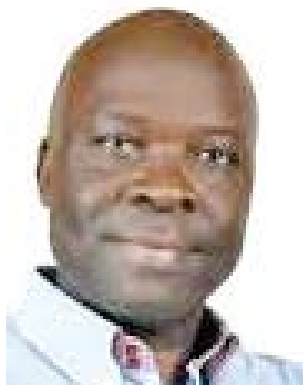
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Sunday, October 22, 2023

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme “Hearts on fire, feet on the move,” based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to “set out once more, illuminated by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit, to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.”

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions



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2. Promoting the understanding and effective use of human and mediated communication for development, intercultural and interreligious

dialogue and conflict management in Africa.

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