

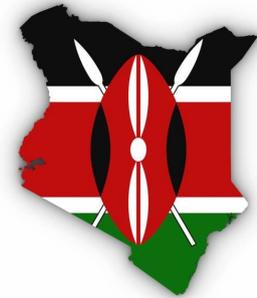
NEW YEAR NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO KENYA ON THE INAUGURATION OF THEIR NEW ANTENNA

January 2018

Exactly a year ago Shisanya Johnstone, CFC associate, asked for help in setting up an AEFJN antenna in Kenya. After extensive consultations during the year with the major superiors in Kenya, the RSCK and OASK, and under the auspices of their JPIC committee, his efforts have come to fruition. Fr Chika CSSp from the Brussels secretariat will coordinate the process at a two day **Orientation Training Course attended by 40 people at the Loreto Mary Ward Centre, Nairobi, on 15th-16th February.**



The Training will draw participants from across diverse groups and will be grounded within the networks of religious institutions supported by the Kenyan major superiors, RSCK and OASK. Shisanya writes:

“In order to achieve the vision and mission of the proactive advocacy envisaged for the new antenna the key tasks identified are:

- Building the capacity of participants in advocacy
- Making the antenna a presence felt across Kenya through networking with other organisations
- Engaging in advocacy on Climate Change and care for the Earth, while encouraging African participation in global debates and disseminating information on Laudato Sii
- Engaging in advocacy on tax evasion and money laundering
- Promoting non-violent movement campaigns.”

The UK antenna warmly congratulates Kenya on this courageous achievement and is looking forward to exchanging information and working closely with the antenna in pursuing our common aims.



Harriett Baldwin MP appointed Minister for Africa

Harriett Baldwin MP has been appointed as Minister for Africa for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development.

10th January 2018

Speaking after her appointment Harriett said:

“I am honoured to have been appointed and look forward to representing Global Britain with African nations to tackle a range of opportunities and challenges in Africa.

The UK has longstanding and important relationships, and I will work for an even stronger partnership with African nations, finding new ways to fight poverty, minimise threats and build mutual prosperity.

Eighteen African countries are part of the Commonwealth, so a priority for the upcoming Commonwealth Summit on 18th April in London and Windsor will be looking at how we meet the ambitions of the next generation, including creating the jobs and economic growth so crucial for a modern Africa.”

The UK Antenna sent a message of congratulation to Harriett and expressed the hope that in the future there would be opportunities for dialogue between our organisations on issues of mutual concern.

UK Antenna Meeting

6th-7th March 2018

Wistaston Hall, Crewe

Programme to include:

Updates on Kenya—working together.

Speaker from OXFAM

“Crises in Africa”

*Making a difference
by networking*

IT Workshop

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to bring a friend

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