NETWORKS OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
For Theological Institutions & Educators in Africa
The ACTEA team

The challenges facing theological education in Africa and around the world are great and they have increased with the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Yet these challenges can be overcome or at least reduced through networking, mutual exchange, and pooling of resources. It is through networking that scholars, institutions, and Christian networks can share ideas for mutual benefits. Networks open doors for research, writing, publishing, latest trends in a particular field, fundraising opportunities, and many other dividends. There are a number of networks and organisations focusing on or that are involved in theological education and training in Africa. They include:

- International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) - [https://icete.info/](https://icete.info/)
  (ICETE enhances quality in global evangelical theological education through networking, resourcing quality assurance, and equipping theological educators)

- ICETE Academy (IA) - [https://icete.academy/](https://icete.academy/)
  (The ICETE Academy is a global educational partnership providing certified professional training for theological educators. The Academy is formally linked with the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education). Good news: Faculty members from ACTEA institutions may now enroll in ICETE Academy courses for free. ACTEA has made advance payment.

- The Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa - ACTEA, a ministry of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) - [http://www.acteaweb.org/](http://www.acteaweb.org/)
  (ACTEA exists to promote quality evangelical theological education in Africa by providing supporting services, facilitating academic recognition, and fostering continental and inter-continental cooperation.)

- Middle East-North Africa Association for Theological Education (MENATE) - [https://menate.org/](https://menate.org/)
  (MENATE exists to strengthen the Church in the Middle East and North Africa by providing fellowship, networking, quality assurance and professional services for evangelical higher educational institutions located in the region)

- Conseil des Institutions Théologiques d’Afrique Francophone (CITAF)
  (CITAF is an association of theological schools in the Francophone region of Africa).

- Horizon Education Network - [https://horizoneducationnetwork.org/](https://horizoneducationnetwork.org/)
  (Horizon partners with national theological schools to equip ministry leaders through online learning and digital resource development in their own language and culture for global service)

- Langham Partnership International - [https://langham.org/](https://langham.org/)
  (LPI works towards strengthening the growth of the church in maturity and Christlikeness through preaching, books, and scholarships)
• Scholarleaders International – https://www.scholarleaders.org/
(SLI exists to encourage and enable Christian theological leaders from the Majority World for the Global Church. They have exiting programs such as sustainability initiatives for theological schools and scholarships for doctoral students from the Majority World.)

• The Network for African Congregational Theology – https://www.netact.org.za
(NetACT aims to assist member institutions with developing congregational theology, leadership and governance)

• Association for Pentecostal Theological Education in Africa - https://theaptea.org
(The mission of APTEA is to promote the mission of God by facilitating and ensuring excellence in member institutions through recognition of academic programs, faculty development, institutional enrichment, and scholarly writing)

• Africa Baptist Theological Education Network - https://www.abten.org/
(ABTEN's goal is to mutually encourage one another, mobilize more laborers into the harvest and lead the African Baptist church to return to their Baptist roots and experience a theological revival)

• Organization of African Instituted Churches - https://www.oaic.org/
(OAIC brings together African Independent and Instituted Churches (AICs) offering them a forum to share their concerns and hopes and enabling churches to minister effectively to the needs of their members and their communities).

(OCI equips Christian leaders by partnering with vital seminaries worldwide to advance God’s kingdom)

• Development Associates International - https://daintl.org/
(DAI’s mission is to enhance the integrity and effectiveness of Christian leaders worldwide so that the Church can fulfill its role in extending the kingdom of God.”

• International Network for Christian Higher Education (INCHE) - https://inche.one/
(their mission is networking Christian scholars and institutions around the world)

• Theological Book Network - https://www.theologicalbooknetwork.org/
(TBN seeks to strengthen the Majority World church by supporting Christian educational institutions with theological resources)

• TheologicalEducation.Net - http://theologicaleducation.net/
(they resource and network theological educators around the world)

• Tearfund - https://learn.tearfund.org/en/themes/church_and_community/
(Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency established to enable the church to respond to poverty and disaster)

• Theologians Without Borders -https://www.theologianswithoutborders.org/
(TWB helps connect theologians with theological education providers globally)
  (ITEN provides partnership for theological education and leadership development among those with least access to the Gospel)

• Training Leaders International (TLI) – [https://trainingleadersinternational.org/](https://trainingleadersinternational.org/)
  (Training Leaders International mentors and sends pastors, seminary professors, and graduate students to bring theological education around the world through modular training, long-term sending to seminaries and international churches, and school planting)

  (CAPA was established to effectively coordinate and provide a platform for the Anglican Church in Africa to celebrate life, consult and address challenges in the continent in order to fulfil God’s promise for abundant life through fellowships/partnerships, capacity building and promotion of good governance and social development).

• Theological Commission of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA) - [https://aeafrica.org/](https://aeafrica.org/)
  (the mission of AEA is to mobilize and empower evangelical churches and mission agencies for total transformation of Africa through evangelization and effective discipleship)

  (AACC is an ecumenical fellowship working to make a difference in the lives of the people of Africa through ministries of advocacy and presence on the continental, regional and local levels)

• Commission on Theological Education (World Reformed Fellowship) [http://wrfnet.org/resources/commissions/theological-education#.XsZVCGgzbIU](http://wrfnet.org/resources/commissions/theological-education#.XsZVCGgzbIU)
  (The Commission on Theological Education was established to facilitate international cooperation among those involved in the work of evangelical Reformed theological education to the end that the entire Church of Jesus Christ is strengthened).

• Micah Global - [https://www.micahglobal.org/](https://www.micahglobal.org/)
  (Micah Global is a network of organizations passionate about integral missions)

• Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) - [http://www.eatwot.net/](http://www.eatwot.net/)
  (exists to facilitate and promote contextual theologies from the Majority World).

• World Conference of Associations of Theological Institutions (WOCATI) - [https://www.wocati.org/](https://www.wocati.org/)
  (WOCATI is an ecumenical global platform of dialogue and networking between regional associations of theological schools sponsored by the World Council of Churches)

• The Gospel Coalition’s International Outreach - [https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/tfr/](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/tfr/)
  (They partner with translators, publishers, and missions networks to provide new access to biblical resources in digital and physical formats into the hands of pastors who need them)
- **Global Scholars** – [https://global-scholars.org/](https://global-scholars.org/)
  
  *(Global Scholars is called to equip missional Christian academics to have a redemptive influence among their students, colleagues, universities, and academic disciplines)*

- **The International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS)** - [https://missionstudies.org/](https://missionstudies.org/)
  
  *(an international, interconfessional and interdisciplinary professional society for the scholarly study of Christian witness and its impact in the world and the related field of intercultural theology)*