



CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE SYNERGY BETWEEN SIGNIS AFRICA AND COMMUNICATION OFFICES OF THE CONTINENT/'S EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES

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A call has been made for harmonious synergy for the communications apostolate of the Church in Africa through an effective collaboration between Signis Africa and the regional and national departments or directorates of social communication of all the Episcopal Conferences of the Church in the continent.

The call was made by Rev. Fr. Joseph Aka, the Secretary General of the Regional Episcopal Conference of West Africa (RECOWA); in his address to participants at the Strategic Meeting of the Executive Delegates of Signis Africa, held recently in Abuja, Nigeria.

The meeting was attended by delegates from Mozambique, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Togo and the host country, Nigeria. It took place at the Resource Centre of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN), Durumi, Abuja. Fr. Aka's message was delivered by Rv. Fr. Mark Obayi, the Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria (CBCN) Episcopal Committee for Youth.

According to the RECOWA Secretary General: "The collaboration between Signis Africa and the communication departments or directorates of the regional and national conferences will no doubt create a greater visibility, coherence and efficiency in the social communication of Africa." He added that "In order to achieve this, it would be good to have the regional and national departments or directorates of social communication in Africa renew their commitment to harmonious and synergic work with Signis Africa." He however added that this can be possible if there is significant participation of Signis Africa in the activities of these departments.

Fr. Aka also advocated for; a pastoral communication plan for social communications in the continent, adequate use of the Internet Communication Technology, multimedia communication and valuable collaboration of pastoral agents for the mission of reconciliation, justice, peace and development in the continent.

Welcoming the delegates to the meeting, the Secretary General of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria (CSN), Rev. Fr. Ralph Madu commended the slow but steady growth of the organization in the continent and expressed the hope that the outcome of the meeting will provide the necessary impetus to take the association to a higher pedestal and enhance the communication apostolate of the Church in the continent.

While wishing the delegates successful deliberations, the CSN Secretary General admonished them, especially those coming to Nigeria for the first time to feel very much at home and find time to explore the hospitality of the country's

Federal Capital Territory of Abuja.