



2ND PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON FAMILY VALUES (PACFV)

THEME: "Promoting and Protecting Family Values in Challenging Times"

INTRODUCTION

The Africa Christian Professionals Forum [ACPF] is a membership-based organization that brings together Christian professionals from various countries across Africa and denominations, all dedicated to promoting and safeguarding family values. ACPF collaborates with stakeholders and partners to establish national chapters that provide professional and technical support, aimed at fostering a legal and social environment conducive to upholding these values at the national, continental, and global levels.



PACFV 2025



May 12th-17th, 2025,
Nairobi, Kenya

In May 2023, ACPF successfully hosted its inaugural Regional Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. The event attracted representatives from multiple countries, featured international speakers, and focused on sharing lessons, experiences, and challenges related to safeguarding our values. A key resolution from this conference was the decision to convene the next gathering in 2025 under the banner of the Pan-African Conference on Family Values.

The 2025 conference seeks to deepen participants' understanding of evolving challenges, equipping them with tools to strengthen advocacy efforts at national, regional, and global levels. The focus will be on promoting and protecting the sanctity of life, family values, religious freedom, values-based education, and good governance. This in-person conference is scheduled for May 12th to 17th, 2025, in Nairobi, Kenya, and will be preceded by a series of virtual pre-conferences.

RATIONALE FOR 2ND PACFV

African culture is currently facing significant challenges regarding respect for life, family, religious freedom, and the advancement of good governance. According to a 2022 UN prognosis, Africa's population is projected to reach 3.9 billion by the end of the century, more than 2.5 times its current size of 1.4 billion. With nearly 60% of this population expected to be under the age of 25, Africa will remain the world's youngest continent. However, contemporary African nations are grappling with political instability, eroding cultural values, and terrorism, among other challenges. Key issues include:

1

Youthful Population

Africa's youthful population is highly susceptible to foreign liberal ideologies, often driven by poverty and poor governance, including corruption.

2

Disregard to human life

There is a growing disregard for life, evidenced by increasing instances of civil wars, post-election violence, abortion, infanticide, suicide, and other threats to life.

3

Sexual Exploitation

Rising cases of sexual exploitation, including incest, child and women sexual exploitation through pornography, online abuse, prostitution, and physical harassment by predators, pose a serious threat to the family unit and societal moral fabric.

4

Family Breakdowns

Increasing rates of family breakdowns and divorce, coupled with more individuals choosing cohabitation over formal marriage due to economic hardships, are weakening the traditional family structure.

5

Lack of faith

More professed Christians are becoming nominal in their faith, while the numbers of agnostics and atheists are rising.

6

Compromise

African nations face pressure to enact policies, sign agreements, and treaties that contradict their cultural and religious beliefs, with risks of sanctions and ongoing debates about contentious agreements like the ACP-EU partnership and the WHO Pandemic Treaty.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will span five days,
from May 12th - 17th, 2025, in Nairobi.

Features:

Presentations by
selected speakers

A Family
Symposium

Plenary
discussions

International Day
of Families

Open dialogues that will culminate with a commitment statement affirming the sovereignty of African countries and her citizens.

Participants:

The conference will bring together a diverse group of participants, including Christian professionals committed to ACPF's values, religious leaders, and representatives from professional bodies, government institutions, and allied international organizations. Students from FOCUS, the Catholic Students' Association, Kenya Christian Fellowship, and the Young Catholic Association will also be in attendance, alongside church leaders, policymakers, and government officials. Attendees will further include Chairs and Vice-Chairs of National Chapters from across Africa, leaders in pro-life and pro-family organizations, international speakers, allies in life and family organizations, academics from Christian universities, and institutions working in the fields of family values and cultural preservation. This broad range of participants reflects the comprehensive focus of the conference on Promoting and Protecting Family Values in Challenging Times across the continent and beyond.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

There are several ways to participate in the upcoming conference and contribute to its success:



Exhibition

Organizations, companies, and individuals can showcase their work by booking an exhibition booth. This provides a platform to display products, services, or projects aligned with the conference's focus on African values, culture, and family heritage. Exhibitors will have the chance to engage with participants and network with key decision makers.



Volunteering

Volunteers play a crucial role in the smooth running of the event. Whether assisting with logistics, registration, ushering, or technical support, volunteers will gain valuable experience and contribute to the success of the conference while networking with professionals and leaders in various fields.



Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals, organizations, and companies who wish to support the event. Sponsors will receive visibility through various platforms, including conference materials, digital promotions, and media coverage, while demonstrating their commitment to promoting family values and African culture.



Prayer

Participants can support the conference spiritually by joining in prayers, whether individually or through prayer groups. Prayer partners are encouraged to lift the event, its organizers, speakers, and attendees, seeking divine guidance for meaningful discussions and fruitful outcomes.



Speaker/ Panelist

Individuals with expertise in relevant fields, such as family values, cultural preservation, Protection of children from sexual exploitation, Theological perspective on the family, or policy advocacy, are invited to apply as speakers or panelists. This is a unique opportunity to share insights, inspire others, and contribute to the dialogue on defending and promoting African heritage.

Conference Objectives

- 1.To raise awareness about emerging threats to the national sovereignty and cultural values of African nations and their implications.
- 2.To provide in-depth briefings from scholars and experts, fostering dialogue among Christian professionals across Africa to create a unified understanding of ACPF's mission and vision, and to strengthen leadership across the region.
- 3.To encourage African Christian professionals to address these concerns through both multilateral and unilateral actions at regional and national levels, utilizing existing frameworks for advocacy.
- 4.To develop an integrated and unified approach among African Christian professionals in addressing religious freedom, values-based education, the protection of life, and the dignity of the family, through advocacy, policies, mentorship, and programs in areas like education, health, and human rights.
- 5.To provide a platform for sharing experiences within and beyond Africa, promoting a development approach that is family-centered, sustainable, and aligned with the common good.

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Conclusion

The 2nd Pan-African Conference on Family Values presents a pivotal platform to unite stakeholders in a shared mission to promote and protect family values in challenging times. With participants ranging from Christian professionals, religious leaders, policymakers, and government officials to students, community-based organizations, and international partners, this conference seeks to address the key challenges facing families and cultural preservation in modern Africa.

Through inclusive dialogue, expert presentations, and collaborative efforts, the conference will serve as a catalyst for building a unified movement that champions unique values, while addressing contemporary issues that threaten the strength and stability of families. The involvement of various sectors, including pro-life advocates, youth organizations, academic institutions, and policy leaders, underscores the broad and dynamic nature of this initiative.

The comprehensive focus of the conference goes beyond discussion—it aims to inspire concrete actions and strategies that will impact not only African societies but also global conversations on family values and cultural resilience. As Africa faces growing pressure from external influences, this event is a significant step toward fortifying its heritage and promoting the family as a cornerstone of sustainable development across the continent and beyond.

By engaging a wide range of participants, the 2nd Pan-African Conference on Family Values seeks to foster long-lasting partnerships, develop actionable frameworks, and ensure that Africa's rich traditions continue to thrive in the face of global challenges. This gathering marks an important opportunity to not only celebrate Africa's past but to actively shape its future.

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