

# World Student Christian Federation



## World Student Christian Federation Executive Committee Sets 2012-2014 Action Plan in Berlin, Germany

*Committee envisions millions of Christian students speaking out and acting for peace with justice.*

Representatives from the six regions of the World Student Christian Federation (Africa, Asia-Pacific (AP), Europe, Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), Middle East, and North America), officers, staff, and partners gathered last week in Berlin, Germany and set a bold advocacy, prayer, theological reflection, and communications agenda for 2012-2014.

The WSCF leadership body renewed their commitment to put the gifts God has given to its members to work for the Federation and in the service of the ecumenical community and a world in need and put this commitment into a plan with the help of an external facilitator.

“The Executive Committee (ExCo) followed up the work initiated in the 2008 General Assembly, reflected in the WSCF Strategic Plan, with an action plan to become programmatically vital, fiscally stable, and with a strengthened capacity to carry out our mission. The vision, plan and tools that came out of this meeting will set us on the path to increase our institutional and financial sustainability and to express in concrete actions the unity of our Federation,” reflected WSCF Chairperson Horacio Mesones.

The WSCF’s Student Christian Movement of Norway fully funded the meeting and Gaute Braekken, SCM Norway’s General Secretary, accompanied the group for the week. “We believe that society needs our global movement, and we’re proud to take an active part in it,” Braekken affirmed.

WSCF’s endowment fund (WSCF Centennial Fund), and longtime partners EMW (Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland E.V.) and GBGM (General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church) also sent representatives. Senior friend and historian of the Federation Thomas Wieser and other alumni led Bible studies each day.

ExCo representative from the LAC region Sarahi Garcia shared: “We achieved a concrete plan, and at the same time it is visionary, a dream. We want to keep giving capacity and formation to

Christian students to work for justice in our communities and society. [This meeting] was also an opportunity for me to rethink my role in the LAC region and connect it with our global strategy – to get the students involved.”

“It is my conviction that WSCF has all it needs to renew itself and become institutionally stable, if we will continue to come together to do it. The work to become fiscally sustainable will not be easy, but the steps we committed to in the vision and plan that came out of this meeting set us on the right path,” says General Secretary Christine Housel.

The action plan runs through General Assembly 2014, which will be held in Mexico City. It includes new global solidarity programs in Colombia and the Middle East, a continuation of the global eco-justice program, a Federation-wide gender justice evaluation, and a “You Are the Federation” communications campaign.

At this meeting, the Executive Committee recognized Georgine Djeunge Kengne and her contribution to the WSCF in her 7 years as Africa Regional Secretary as she prepares to leave the post. The ExCo also said goodbye to Katarina Babicova, Europe Regional Secretary interim, and welcomed Hans Hommens as Europe Regional Secretary.

The World Student Christian Federation is a community of 107 national Student Christian Movements around the world. Since 1895, the WSCF has been inspiring and equipping students to lives of faith, dialogue, ecumenism, service, justice, and peace.

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