

The Kopanong Principles*

1. We commit to promote a strategic and transformative relationship with southern African partners, which go beyond transactional funding.
2. We build our future partnership on solidarity, with a strong commitment to change the power dynamics and being more accountable to partners.
3. Our new model will be jointly owned, but driven by southern partners, and we do not subscribe to the top-down models driven by many INGOs.
4. Our new model has a regional advocacy focus and include both South African and Southern African partners with a regional focus and/or national programmes that links to regional priorities.
5. We engage in strategic partnerships with both ACT Alliance members and faith-based organisations, but also organisations, networks and movements without a direct affiliation to the church.
6. Whatever model – we strongly commit to instate a local independent advisory committee consisting of national and regional partners.
7. We will start from an evolving organisational model (possibly a NCA hosting model) and may over time move into a new localized organisational model, if agreed upon by E4 members and partner organisations.
8. The Board will consist of core funding partners, e.g. Heads of Africa departments plus minimum three independent southern African members.
9. We commit to sustain funding levels during change process (2017-2018)
10. We commit to secure funding for the change manager and change process (2017-2018)

* Adopted by CA, NCA, CoS, BftW – 10/03/2017

This section is included in a 2018 MOU between the European partners and is an updated commitment from the original one in 2017.

Our commitment as signatories (based on the Kopanong principles)

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- 6) Whatever model – we commit to support the formation of a local independent advisory committee consisting of national and regional partners.