

# AEFJN 2024-2028 Strategic Plan as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

This is a 4 year strategy so we are monitoring so we can respond to circumstances. To this end, agility planning and review processes. tuning be required, they will be committee and communicated and collaborators.



mindful of the need for ongoing changing dynamics and is built into our implementation Should any changes or fine-approved by the executive throughout the organization

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<b>1.Strengthening of AEFJN local antennae</b>	<b>1.1</b> Work with the Executive to do mapping of members Congregation to form local antennae in Africa and match them with actors of OLOL in that area.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Form 1 local antenna per semester, thus (ideally 2 antenna per year).</li> <li>2.Collaborate with existing JPIC offices of a target country.</li> <li>3.Orienting and Training of JPIC personnel as collaborators of AEFJ in doing social analysis.</li> <li>4. Hire volunteers/interns as affiliates to help establish and strengthen African antennae.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Committee</li> <li>2. International Secretariat</li> <li>3. African Local Antennae</li> </ol>	Ideally, 1 antenna established per semester	<p>African Antennae - Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya</p> <p>The ideal is to create antennas in every REC so they can respond to the EU</p>	Once established, the local antenna must send a minimum of 1–2 pages article reporting about the justice and peace situation, specifically linked to OLOL advocacies, in the country per month. The article shall be published as part of <i>AEFJN Echo</i> .
	<b>1.2</b> Work with the Executive and the Contact persons to re-establish the European antennae (e.g. as was done with the Irish antenna) Supporting the financial base of the local African antennae by connecting them with potential donors.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Form 1 local antenna per semester, thus (ideally 2 antenna per year).</li> <li>2.Collaborate with existing JPIC offices of a target country.</li> <li>3.Orienting and Training of JPIC personnel as collaborators of AEFJN in doing social analysis.</li> <li>4. Hire volunteers/interns as affiliates to help establish and strengthen European antennae.</li> </ol> <p>Is it possible to have non catholic antennas as the alternative in Europe?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Committee</li> <li>2. International Secretariat</li> <li>3. African Antennae</li> <li>4. European Antennae</li> </ol>	Ideally, 1 new antenna established per semester.	European Antennae -Belgium, Ireland, Germany, Spain	Once established, the local antenna must send a minimum of 1–2 pages article reporting about the justice and peace situation, specifically linked to OLOL advocacies, in the country per month. The article shall be published as part of <i>AEFJN Echo</i> .
	<b>1.3</b> Planning with contact persons on the priorities of the Congregations and bringing them to the platform.	Every congregation (member of AEFJN) should provide a contact person in every country where they work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AEFJN ExeCom and member congregations</li> <li>2. Other religious congregations</li> </ol>	Depends on the Execom		Personal contacts with other congregations are crucial to bringing them into AEFJN. But in the end the congregations will have to apply by their own free will.
	<b>1.4</b> Connect the antennae of Europe and Africa to form as a network of AEFJN antennae in contrast to than antennae working in silos.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Launch a bi-annual online meeting to familiarize the members of different AEFJN local antennae. They can participate in AGM meetings in hybrid.</li> <li>2. Update social media through Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Committee</li> <li>2. International Secretariat</li> <li>3. African Antennae</li> <li>4. European Antennae</li> </ol>		Local antennae are still working in reference to the IS or Execom, not yet 'horizontal' in collaboration.	

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<b>2. Host the Secretariat of OLOL (Our Land is Our Life platform)</b>	<b>2.1</b> Coordinate the meetings of the platform and their multi-level advocacy engagements in the following key areas: - EU-Africa partnership processes (EU Global Gateway, linking Land & Energy, Linking Land and Climate justice and others that will evolve from the process) - EU Corporate Sustainability due Diligence and the UN Corporate accountability Treaty.	1. Monitoring of EU Global Gateway linked via OLOL advocacy written as newsletters in <i>Echo</i>  2 EU Corporate Sustainability due Diligence.  3. UN Corporate Binding Treaty	1. OLOL partners 2. FBO partners	Participate in all the conference and negotiations on the development of the UN Binding Treaty	Active engagement by AEFJN to EU Global Gateway, EU Corporate Sustainability due Diligence, and UN Corporate Accountability Treaty not yet started although in collaboration with OLOL and FBO partners	To make specific strategy simpler and more concrete, specific strategy #6 should be merged under specific strategy #2. Since the monitoring activities of EU-Africa Global Gateway in specific strategy #6 are viewed in the light of OLOL.
	<b>2.2</b> Dedicate a section on the website of AEFJN (or other independent medium) to store the documents or campaign materials of the platform that will be accessible to the actors of the platform.	1. Update the AEFJN website 2. Link and acquire key documents/statements from other OLOL actors.	1. Jaime Rodriguez (AEFJN webmaster) 2. International Secretariat 3. OLOL actors	Second Semester (February to June 2024)	To be initiated, need to contact Jaime.	Additional technical website skills are needed for training for the communication officer.  Alternatively we could get an intern in IT department

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<b>4. Advance local Church involvement and engagements in the struggles of communities to protect their land, natural resources, and environment</b>	<b>4.1</b> Link the local religious communities, antennae, Christian communities, and dioceses on the routes of Caravan West Africa (CGLTE- Global convergence of land and water struggles, West Africa)	1. Coordination Meetings between RECOWA-CERAO and CGLTE-OA both at regional and local levels. 2. Produce a Video Documentary about the West African Caravan through funding of DKA and Broedelijk Delen. 3. Write a newsletter report for AEFJN <i>Echo</i> .	1. AEFJN International Secretariat 2. RECOWA-CERAO 3. CGLTE-OA	1. October 2023 – (Planning Online) 2. 7 November 2023 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition West African Caravan (Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Gambia) 3 AEFJN website for December 2023	<b>1. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED</b> <b>2. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED</b> 3. Newsletter pending for December 2023 publication	Follow-up and coordinate the 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition West African Caravan in 2025
	<b>4.2</b> Link the local religious communities, antennae, Christian communities, and Churches to the struggles of EASFF (Eastern and Southern African farmers FORUM)	1. Conduct Coordination Meetings between actors  2. Initiate common advocacy events with EASFF	1. AEFJN International Secretariat 2. AEFJN East African Antennae 3. AEFJN ExeCom 4. AMECEA 5. EASFF		Not yet started the communication with EASFF	Need to follow-up in 2024
	<b>4.3</b> Strengthen the African continental, sub-regional, national conferences' collaboration with OLOL in their multi-level advocacy.	1. Endorsement of OLOL Policy Brief for COP 28 by multilevel actors, delivered to Dubai through CIDSE. 2. Newsletter for AEFJN linked to the caravan 2023 and COP 28 (cf. 4.1.3)	1. AEFJN 2. SECAM 3. CIDSE 4. CGLTE 5. AFSA 6. RWA 7. DDA	1. COP 28 Dubai – Nov 30- Dec 12	<b>1. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED</b>	Follow-up for future collaboration in shared advocacies in OLOL.
	<b>4.4</b> Link the Church to support communities that are struggling to reclaim their right to their land (e.g. Massai, SIAT impacted communities and the communities associated with our existing land Right cases).	1. Actively participate in and contribute to the MISA discussions.  2. Actively participate in and contribute to the SIAT discussions	1. AEFJN International Secretariat 2. Maasai International Solidarity Association (MISA) 3. SIAT	1. Brussels, Austria, and Tanzania (Online), depends on the agreed schedule of actors as convened by MISA.	1. <b>Ongoing-</b> 8 meetings have been attended by AEFJN since October 2023. As part of the Church track, AEFJN has been pressing higher Church authorities to speak out against the TZ government. 2. SIAT sold its investments in West African countries.	The TZ government is continuing its human rights violations, forced evictions, and abandonment of social services to the Maasai. Big challenge ahead.

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<b>5. Co-shaping advocacy with the EU platform of CSO and actors of OLOL to institutionalize multi-level African community driven advocacy</b>	<b>5.1</b> Secure a constituency for Faith based organization in the new EU-Africa CSO mechanism space.	1. A draft of a proposed structure of Africa-EU CSEM written in collaboration with other CSOs.  2. Attendance in Africa-EU CSEM meetings to make AEFJN's contribution visible in the AU-EU CSEM formulation	1. AEFJN International Secretariat 2. CONCORD 3. Other CSOs participating in CSEM 4. African Union 5. European Union	Brussels (onsite) and online meetings depend on the agreed schedule of actors as convened by CONCORD.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ongoing</b></p> AEFJN has attended 6/7 online meetings for the Africa-EU CSEM from October to December 2023.	The Africa-EU CSEM is coordinated by CONCORD. The creation of the coordinating committee's structure has been tedious for the last two years. No foreseeable date when the CSOs would agree to commit in writing a structure for CSEM.
	<b>5.2</b> Strengthen AEFJN voice in the Brussels Faith based organization platform.	1. Possible expert-seminar on "Spirituality, Justice and Land in Africa" in Oct 2024 by inviting African Scholars on Africa based in Europe. Produce an edited volume/journal. Write a newsletter report about this event.  2. Collaborate in shared advocacy programs with other FBOs in Brussels.  3. Attendance in events hosted by other FBOs in Brussels.	1. AEFJN International Secretariat 2. FBOs in Brussels (COMECE, Caritas, CIDSE, Don Bosco International, Bahai International Community, European Christian Organisations for Relief and Development, World Vision International, Act Alliance, Conference of Ecumenical Churches, Brot für die Welt, etc.)	Brussels (onsite) and online meetings depend on the agreed schedule of actors, usually hosted by COMECE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ongoing</b></p> 1. Still being planned by AEFJN Brussels  2. Collaborated with CIDSE in OLOL and MISA activities. COMECE also sometimes joins the MISA activity when needed.	Possible AEFJN initiated more seminars events/advocacies can be done to strengthen the organization's voice. This will be better done when there is ground information from the AEFJN antennae. This will also require funding and personnel to be organized.

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<b>6. Monitor the implementation of the new EU-Africa Global Gateway</b>	<b>6.1</b> Monitor commission-to-Commission (C-2-C i.e. EU Commission and AU Commission) meetings and co-organize relevant advocacy activities.	1. Newsletter articles for <i>Echo</i> reporting the situation C-2-C meetings	1. International Secretariat 2. AEFJN Antennae	Ideally monthly newsletters	Active monitoring by AEFJN not yet started, although in collaboration with OLOL and FBO partners	Suggestion: This 6 <sup>th</sup> specific strategy should be subsumed to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> specific strategy since meetings and coordination in OLOL would automatically require monitoring of the new EU-Africa Global Gateway for better execution of multilevel advocacy.  Monitoring activities might need additional personnel
	<b>6.2</b> Monitor agricultural and foreign ministers' meetings and co-organize relevant advocacy activities.	1. Newsletter articles for <i>Echo</i> reporting for foreign ministers' meetings	1. International Secretariat 2. AEFJN Antennae	Ideally monthly newsletters	Active monitoring by AEFJN not yet started although in collaboration with OLOL and FBO partners	
	<b>6.3</b> Guide the local antennae and OLOL actors to engage the national EU delegations and Team Europe's engagements in Africa.	1. Write newsletter articles about 6.1 and 6.2 to inform the local antennae through <i>Echo</i> . 2. Biannual online meetings to keep the local antennae informed – per semester.	1. International Secretariat 2. AEFJN Antennae	Online	Not yet started	