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International Movement of Catholic Students, IMCS South Africa.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE OFFICE OF

International Relations, Gender and Human Rights

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1. Description- Aims and objectives:

Description: This portfolio is about International Relations, Gender and human rights. To ensure that the association raises awareness on occurrences that infringe the rights of our brothers and sisters, and also addressing Gender equality within the association together with the IMCS. IMCS - Pax Romana is a movement for tertiary students (in universities and colleges) whose mission is to ensure that the academic growth and development of students goes hand in hand with their spiritual development, in the light of the real life situation they encounter and in the process, develop leaders along Christian Principles. In Africa, The IMCS is present in 32 countries and currently expanding to 35 countries and recognized by the Episcopal Conference of 25 countries in which we have affiliated active members.

IMCS aims and objectives:

Vision:

The vision of this Gender Policy for IMCS is part of the IMCS Efforts is ensuring a just and free society free from all the forms of discrimination and violence; a continent in which women, men and children enjoy their God given rights in a holistic manner as stipulated in the catholic church teachings and doctrines and on the basis of equality and non-discrimination in all sphere of life.

Mission:

The mission of this policy is to contribute to student understanding on the need to attain gender equality and non-discrimination at all levels of society and across sectors for all the achievement of peace and sustainable development in Africa.

Goals:

The ultimate goal of this policy is to serve as a framework and provide guideline for mainstreaming principles of gender equality and the empowerment of men and women in the movement across Africa.

Objectives:

- The overall objective of this gender policy is to serve as a framework and provide guidelines for mainstreaming principals of gender equality and the empowerment of men and women in the Movement across Africa.

International Movement of Catholic Students

At the moment there are no known projects that cover IMCS issues because the IMCS leaders are only going in January. This will be communicated with NEC members and Provincial International Relations and Human Rights Representatives as soon as they have communicated with me on what projects we must embark on. There will however, be acute tasks from the office in reaction to sudden issues which need attendance. Please keep your eyes opened.

Aims and objectives of the International Relations and Human Rights

Aims:

- Forming stronger global connections and constant interaction.
- Address issues concerning gender equality and human rights by devising. Practical strategies to be implemented.

Objectives:

- Having campaigns and peaceful marches on gender equality and human rights.
- Uplift fellow member's self-esteem by motivating the less-fortunate.

Gender and Human Rights related issues

2. Proposed year activity or action for provinces and branches + methodologies: Try to address these aspects: (Who? What? How? When? Where? Why?)

Who:

- ACTS members going orphanages, this campaign will serve as a reminder not only to the orphans but also to fellow ACTS members that everyone was born to be great. 1 Chronicles chapter 11 vs 9.
- ACTS members being against Women and child abuse and also crimes against humanity.

What:

- MEPHOBIA and Xenophobia Campaign.
- ACTS members being against Women and child abuse and also crimes against humanity
- The association being against Xenophobia whereby our brothers and sisters from other countries being killed by South Africans.
- ***Mephobia*** is the fear of oneself.
- This project as stated above, everyone was born to be great because we have a seed of greatness planted within us.
- It also states that no one should allow current situations determine where you are headed. Psalm 40:2.

How:

- Each province must come with suitable dates where they go to orphanages to motivate the orphans and tell them that regardless of the situations they are going through they should know that greatness awaits them.
- All provinces must submit their dates before the 29 February 2016, this will enable the Secretaries for Media and publicity to make posters and post them on the ACTS Facebook page.
- Getting motivational speakers, or people who can address the issues example the police commissioner addressing the issue on what the SAPS is doing to ensure that both South Africans, and our brothers and sisters are safe within the borders of South Africa.
- A peaceful march on women and child abuse as well as the crimes against humanity.
- An announcement can be made on radio VERITAS be notified about the march against women and children and crimes against Humanity, and also announce that anyone who wants to join the march should feel free to join (the more the merrier) so that everyone should sign a petition. This can be done during the national rallies to be hosted every year by provinces.

Why:

- This is a way to uplift the self-esteem of those who have a low self-esteem.
- To make people realise that they are more capable than they think they are.
- Also to make them aware that in order to fight anything else you need to fight the fear in you of thinking that you cannot do anything because of self-doubt.
- Many women and children have been sexually offended, assaulted and children are being molested.
- Crimes against Humanity i.e. military attacks.

3. Insert-Relevant photos/ pictures:

