



Dear WACC Members and Partners,

At the end of every year many of us usually take a moment to reflect on what we have achieved, the challenges we have encountered, and we also look forward to the coming year. While recent events have made it difficult to do so, *“when times get tough, we don’t give up. We get up.”* (Barrack Obama)

As the year 2022 comes to an end, it is an opportunity also for us to reflect on our individual relationships, the commitment we made to help others either through organizations like WACC or projects for the poor and marginalized. Even though there has been an easing up in the negative impact of COVID-19 on us, the situation brought about by the pandemic tested our resolve and resilience as WACC members to remain as a group, and to maintain our mission of *“enabling people to be heard and seen.”*

We have already laid the foundation for many exciting initiatives to make communication for all a reality while remaining true to the values and Christian principles enshrined in our bylaws. We continue to be challenged in our programmes to maintain and expand membership but with the help of all members and partners, we will pursue new and exciting programmes.

In the coming year 2023, we are committed to expanding the programmes which put communication rights into action. These include our work on promoting digital justice, rooting out gender inequality and gender violence online, changing the narratives and policies around immigration. All of these initiatives have received global attention.

Additionally, we will continue our work on communicating the issues surrounding climate change in ways all peoples can understand and we will bring voices of local communities and marginalized groups into national policy making.

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These are tasks for all of us, members, Board of Directors, and the dedicated and hard-working programme team which has been operating from all regions in the world. *Piti an piti zwazo ka fè nich* (Little by little the bird builds its nest: Creole proverb)

During the coming year, the WACC Board of Directors and staff will continue working to create spaces for all concerned to reflect and act collectively, and to strengthen the momentum for greater social progress worldwide. Because the movement for communication rights is a collective endeavour, each and every one of us is involved. To that end, please share your ideas, be in communication with us, your regional executive committees, your Board of Directors and staff, about your hopes, your challenges, and your successes so that they can inspire our community for change. Our members continue to be the lifeline to communities and the sources of inspiration and ideas.

I wish you as members and partners of WACC rich blessings, peace, courage, care, and comfort as we work to advance communication for all in our communities at home and in the wider world.

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