

Acknowledgement

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This idea was discussed at an Experts' Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, at 9-12 May, 2005. At the meeting, chaired by the World Council of Churches and hosted by the World Conference of Religions for Peace, it was thoroughly discussed what the contents of the Manual should be. The final text of this Manual is to a great extent a reflection of the consultations in Nairobi.

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With the Manual we return the information, questions and concerns about how to advance justice and reconciliation in relation to the ICC back to Africa. We hope to have produced a useful tool for African religious leaders and communities to strengthen their courageous work.

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Background of the Faith and Ethics Network for the ICC (FENICC)

FENICC is a coalition of religious, ethics and interfaith organisations that examine the moral, ethical and religious values surrounding the ICC. Founded in 1997, the Network is sponsored by the international Coalition for the ICC (CICC).

FENICC actively promotes awareness of the ICC among religious, ecumenical, and ethical communities. The Network works to promote partnerships with the ICC, the United Nations (UN), and Network members at the grassroots level to further the reconciliation, rehabilitation and healing of victims, perpetrators and society. The FENICC International Steering Committee was responsible for the writing and publication of this Manual.

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