



**ACTION**  
FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

# ACTION

## Support Centre

Africa Regional Hub of a global network of individuals  
& organisations committed to positive action  
to transform conflict



# ASC Programmes

In response to cycles of interconnected conflict dynamics and the systems that they form part of, the ACTION Support Centre has developed an integrated set of strategies that connect conflict transformation practitioners and the efforts of civil society formations at multiple levels. A shift in approach that speaks to solidarity, capacity building and the forging of collaborative partnerships appears to resonate well with the needs of the conflict, peace and development context.

This analysis informs the basis of the three core strategies of the ASC, which guide its projects and focus areas:

## 1 Bridging gaps and Forging Partnerships

The ASC aims to create and explore opportunities that strengthen partnerships horizontally amongst civil society formations and between civil society and the stakeholders from within government and the private sector that affect the lives of the communities they are working with. These new forms of innovative collaborative partnership are intended to enable grassroots civil society to engage more effectively with policy makers at national, regional and international levels.

*The choice before us is  
chaos or community.*

*Martin Luther King*





## 2 Skills and Strategies for Change (SSC)

SSC uses a conflict transformation approach to facilitate training and learning processes with individuals, organisations and communities across the African continent, to inform, empower, connect and strengthen a pool of active Conflict Transformation Practitioners.

*“I refuse to be a victim, I am a resource for peace”*

*Dekha Ibrahim*





### 3 Solidarity and Transformation Agenda(STA)

STA supports communities in the region through transformative workshops, campaigning, strengthening networks and promoting functional partnerships. STA supports initiatives that recognise that transformation requires a collective effort from everybody committed to peace, democracy and human and peoples' rights and a deepened understanding of people-to-people solidarity.

*“Peace, in the sense of absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.”*

*The 14th Dalai Lama*



## Background

The ACTION Support Centre was initially established in 2002 as a communications hub for the network members of ACTION global. It has since transformed itself into a regional and continental base for organisations working in the fields of conflict and development. Through a focus on mobilisation, building organisations, advocacy, facilitating training and initiating innovative forms of capacity building it has built a strong network movement that amplifies the voices of communities and links them to policy makers at different levels. With regional bases in Cambodia, Philippines, Guatemala, South Africa and strategic partnerships with organisations in Asia, across Africa and the Americas, and in the European Community, ACTION members throughout the world are committed to the following broad vision, mission and values as they carry out strategies developed in response to local conditions.

## Vision

A global network of individuals and organisations built on shared values, working with communities and committed to positive action to transform conflict and build a world of justice and peace, where basic needs are met, and human rights and dignity are respected.

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## Mission

To promote people-centered approaches to transforming conflict through a process of learning, sharing and working together at all levels and to do this in a way that builds trust and creates a culture of peace.

## Values

ACTION's vision is built on these values and they guide all activities.

- Justice, equity and peace
- Non-violence and solidarity
- Awareness, sensitivity and empathy
- Inclusiveness
- Tolerance and respect for human dignity
- Universal human and people's rights
- High quality of work and effectiveness
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Commitment
- Celebration of the richness of diversity
- Commitment to environmental awareness and active responsibility
- Openness, accountability and transparency

*I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."*

*Mohandas Gandhi*

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