



AUA-AMR TRAINING

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA

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We are glad you are here!

This intensive two-week AMR Training program will:

- Equip pastors and evangelists with practical tools on how to build bridges of understanding and promote peaceful existence with Muslims
- Explore effective approaches to build trust, friendship, and spiritual dialogue.
- Share real-life ministry experiences and case studies from the African context.
- Offer strategies for establishing sustainable ministry and discipleship among new believers.
- Equip pastors and leaders on how to establish and run an effective AMR ministry at all levels.

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WELCOME ADDRESS

ECD PRESIDENT

Dr. Blasious Ruguri, East-Central Africa Division



Dear Delegates,

It is my great pleasure to warmly welcome all participants to the AUA-AMR Institute Training Program. This initiative reflects our collective commitment to strengthening mission effectiveness, advancing contextual engagement, and promoting peaceful coexistence within our diverse communities. It is a special initiative that is geared towards fostering friendship, understanding, and respectful dialogue between Seventh-day Adventists and Muslims—focusing on finding common grounds, such as shared lifestyle practices and faith in one God—while providing training for respectful outreach.

This is a time when meaningful interfaith understanding is critically needed, and I am encouraged by your willingness to be equipped for this important ministry. This two-week AMR Training program will equip you with practical tools and approaches to build trust, foster understanding and friendship, promote coexistence, and engage in spiritual dialogue that reflect Christ's love and wisdom. I urge each of you to engage prayerfully and wholeheartedly in this learning experience.

I commend the leadership of Adventist University of Africa for organizing this pertinent and timely training. On behalf of the East-Central Africa Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, I warmly welcome you to the Advent Hill, particularly at AUA.

I wish you a fruitful and transformative experience.

WELCOME ADDRESS

GCAMR DIRECTOR

Dr. Petras Bahadur, General Conference Adventist Muslim Relations



Dear Delegates,

It is with deep gratitude to God and great joy that I welcome you to this historic Conference for training Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) leaders across the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Africa; ECD, SID, and WAD territory.

We gather at a crucial moment in mission history. Across the African continent, millions of our Muslim brothers and sisters live, work, study, and worship alongside us. They are not strangers to Adventists, but they are our neighbors, colleagues, and friends. As a Church commissioned to proclaim the everlasting gospel “to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people,” we recognize that intentional, informed, and Christ-centered engagement with Muslims is not optional, it is essential.

This conference represents more than a training event. It is a commitment to build bridges of respect, trust, and genuine friendship to equip leaders who will guide the Church in Africa with wisdom, courage, and compassion in Muslim relations.

Our prayer is that during this time together, the Holy Spirit will deepen our love for Muslim communities, strengthen our biblical foundations, sharpen our practical skills, and unite us in a clear, Spirit-led strategy for mission. May this gathering mark the beginning of a new chapter, one in which Adventists across Sub-Saharan Africa engage Muslims with confidence, humility, and the transforming love of Christ.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this vital ministry. May the Lord bless our fellowship, our learning, and our shared mission.

Welcome!



WELCOME ADDRESS

VICE-CHANCELLOR

Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, Adventist University of Africa



Dear Delegates,

I am pleased to welcome you to the inaugural AUA AMR Institute Training Program. Your presence reflects a shared commitment to thoughtful, respectful, and mission-focused engagement in our increasingly interconnected world. At Adventist University of Africa, we are intentional about preparing leaders who can minister effectively across cultures and faith communities.

This intensive two-week AMR Training Program is designed to equip pastors and evangelists with practical tools for building bridges of understanding and fostering peaceful coexistence with our Muslim friends. It will also explore effective approaches for cultivating trust, friendship, and meaningful spiritual dialogue. Our earnest prayer is that the knowledge and experiences gained here will strengthen your confidence and enhance your effectiveness in the field.

I encourage you to participate actively, learn collaboratively, and apply these insights faithfully within your ministry contexts. We are honored to host you at AUA and pray that this training will be a deeply enriching and impactful experience for each of you.

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PETRAS BAHADUR

Dr Petras Bahadur serves as the Director of the Global Centre for Adventist-Muslim Relations at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He holds a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University and is currently a PhD Candidate at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in England, UK, with a focus on presenting Christology to non-Christians.

His 44 years of work experience are divided into two parts. For the first 21 years, he worked as an Accountant, Business Analyst, Lecturer and Chair of the Department of Business. After he was called to ministry in England in 2003, he began by establishing a ministry to Asians and planted the first Asian Adventist church in London, UK. Over the past 23 years, he has functioned as a lecturer and field practitioner, specialising in cross-cultural engagement with Muslim worldviews. With formal and practical expertise in biblical and Islamic theology, he has published seven books and academic articles that examine cross-cultural paradigms and contextual ministry.



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SAMUEL LUMWE

Samuel D. Lumwe is an experienced leader in Mission and Adventist relations, inspiring many through over 35 years of service. An ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister and native of Kenya, he began as a Global Mission Pioneer in 1991, then served as a District Pastor (1995-1999) and as a Field and Union Departmental Director (1999-2015). Currently, he is the Associate Director at the Global Centre for Adventist-Muslim Relations (GCAMR) and an adjunct lecturer at Adventist University of Africa (AUA). Samuel has led numerous international mission initiatives, including the Ramadan Prayer Initiative.

He holds a BA in Theology from Bugema University, a Certificate in Christian-Muslim Relations from Andrews University-Newbold, an MA in Pastoral Theology from AUA, and a PhD in Inter-religious Studies focusing on Islamic Anthropology from Africa International University. Married to Terecia, he is passionate about God's mission and sharing Christ across cultures.

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FIDELIS KYUMA

Pastor Fidelis Kyuma is a dedicated pastoral leader with a passion for soul winning and ministry development. He currently serves as the Assistant to the President of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) of Seventh-day Adventists, where he also functions as the General Field Secretary. The ECD oversees mission work across 12 countries, emphasizing regional evangelism and church growth. Prior to this, he served as the President of the East Nairobi Field in Nairobi for six years.

Pastor Kyuma's academic journey includes studies at Bugema University in Uganda, a Master's in Biblical Studies from the Adventist University of Africa, and ongoing doctoral work in Religion, with a focus on Old and New Testament studies. With over 17 years of pastoral experience, he has served in various churches and leadership roles within the Central Kenya Conference and East Kenya Union Conference. He actively participates on numerous boards and committees, striving to advance Christ's mission both within and outside the church.



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SILAS MUABSA

Silas B. Muabsa currently serves as Associate Secretary for the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, overseeing Adventist Mission, Translation and Interpreting, and the Secretariat Development Program.

A pioneer at heart, Silas has been actively involved in church planting and evangelism since the year 2000—Serving as a self-supporting church planter and denominational leader. His service journey includes roles as science teacher in public and denominational schools, church planter in Christian and African Traditional Religious contexts, headmaster, and Education Director. Setting up systems that galvanize sustainable ministries and service is what moves his heart.

He holds a Master of Divinity from the Adventist University of Africa and is currently pursuing a PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies. With training in ministry, education, translation, project management, mapping, and coaching, Silas believes in interdisciplinary approaches to church planting and starting discipling communities. He is a native of Mozambique, lives in Pretoria, South Africa, with his wife, Eunice, and their two daughters.

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JOSIAH C. NWARUNGWA

Josiah C. Nwarungwa, DMin, PGDE, serves as the Associate Secretary for the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) of Seventh-day Adventists. Since 2022, he has provided strategic oversight for the Office of Adventist Mission, directing key initiatives in Global Mission, Adventist-Muslim Relations, and the Vivid Faith program.

Josiah is deeply committed to expanding the reach of the Gospel through cross-cultural understanding and volunteer mobilization. He is supported in his ministry by his wife, Jane O. Nwarungwa, and together they are the proud parents of two adult sons, Josiah and Justice.



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OLAOTSE OBED GABASIANE

Olaotse Obed Gabasiane is Program Coordinator for the MA in Missiology, Head of the Department of Applied Theology, and Coordinator of the AUA AMR Institute at the Adventist University of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

An ordained minister, he has served in pastoral, chaplaincy, and administrative roles in Botswana, and taught at Solusi University, Lake Michigan College, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), and AUA. He holds a PhD in World Mission and is committed to advancing missiological scholarship and leadership development. Olaotse is married to Betty Chandapiwa Gabasiane, with young-adult children, Tuma and Segó.

WEEK ONE

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY AND TIME	MONDAY MARCH 16	TUESDAY MARCH 17	WEDNESDAY MARCH 18	THURSDAY MARCH 19
07:00-07:50		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
07:50-08:00	Arrival	Discover Bible School (DBS)	DBS	DBS
08:00-09:00		Keynote Address Prof. A. Tayo	Are Adventists, the “People of the Book?” P. Bahadur	Repositioning the Three Angels’ Message P. Bahadur
09:00-10:00		God’s Plan to Ismael P. Bahadur	Introduction to Qur’an S. Lumwe	Introduction to Jurisprudence S. Lumwe
10:00-10:10		Health Break	Health Break	Health Break
10:10-11:10		Challenge of Islam S. Lumwe	The Rise of Islam S. Muabsa	Christ’s Method S. Muabsa
11:10-12:00		Why AMR? S. Muabsa	Beliefs and Practices J. Nwarungwa	Ministering to Women in Islam S. Lumwe
12:00-13:00		What is AMR S. Lumwe	Introduction to Hadith S. Lumwe	Ministering to Folk Islam O. Gabasiane
13:00-14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Registration	AMR Strategy P. Bahadur	Worldview O. Gabasiane	General Mission Principles J. Nwarungwa
15:00-16:00		Pre-Islamic S. Lumwe	Cultural Values J. Nwarungwa	Intercessory Prayer Ministry Part 1 & 2 S. Lumwe
16:00-16:10		Health Break	Health Break	Health Break
16:10-17:00		Islamic Eschatology P. Bahadur	Understanding our Mission P. Bahadur	Prophets and Books P. Bahadur
17:00-17:30		Q & A F. Kyuma	Q & A F. Kyuma	Q & A F. Kyuma
17:30-18:00		Prayer Session	Prayer Session	Prayer Session
18:30-19:30	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY AND TIME	FRIDAY MARCH 20	SATURDAY MARCH 21	SUNDAY MARCH 22
07:00-07:50	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
07:50-08:00	DBS		DBS
08:00-09:00	Al-Rahman Al-Raheem P. Bahadur	Sabbath School	Sirat al-Mustaqeem (The Straight Way) P. Bahadur
09:00-10:00	Dialogue Competency S. Lumwe		Dialogue on Prophethood Part 1 S. Lumwe
10:00-10:10	Health Break		Health Break
10:10-11:10	Contextualization J. Nwarungwa		Kalimatullah and RuhAllah P. Bahadur
11:10-12:00	Ramadan Prayer Initiative S. Muabsa	DBS	Dialogue on Prophethood Part 2 S. Lumwe
12:00-13:00	Why Use the Qur'an? J. Nwarungwa	Sermon "Christian Message Lost in Christianity" P. Bahadur	Names of Jesus in the Qur'an P. Bahadur
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Dialogue on Scriptures S. Lumwe	Dialogue on The Sabbath S. Lumwe	Dialogue on Sonship S. Lumwe
15:00-16:00	Q & A F. Kyuma	Role Play P. Bahadur	Role Play P. Bahadur
16:00-16:10	Sabbath Preparation	Health Break	Health Break
16:10-17:00		Q & A J Nwarungwa	Q & A J. Nwarungwa
17:00-17:30		Prayer Session	Prayer Session
17:30-18:00			
18:30-19:30	Vespers F. Kyuma	Supper	Supper

WEEK TWO

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY AND TIME	MONDAY MARCH 23	TUESDAY MARCH 24	WEDNESDAY MARCH 25
07:00-07:50	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
07:50-08:00	DBS	DBS	DBS
08:00-09:00	Qur'an about the Bible P. Bahadur	Dilemma of Trinity P. Bahadur	Qur'an about the Name of Allah P. Bahadur
09:00-10:00	Identity S. Lumwe	Dialogue on Trinity S. Lumwe	Seeing God's Love S. Lumwe
10:00-10:10	Health Break	Health Break	Health Break
10:10-11:10	Dialogue on Crucifixion Part 2 S. Lumwe	Role Play P. Bahadur	Establishing a Firm Foundation F. Kyuma/S. Lumwe
11:10-12:00	Qur'an about Signs of Allah P. Bahadur	Islamic Worldviews S. Lumwe	Getting to Know God F. Kyuma
12:00-13:00	Discipleship S. Lumwe	House Church Structures P. Bahadur	Experiencing Jesus Power J. Nwarungwa
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Harmony in History P. Bahadur	Establishing a House Church S. Lumwe	Be a Believer S. Lumwe
15:00-16:00	Role Play P. Bahadur/ S. Lumwe	Role Play P. Bahadur	Walking and Growing with Jesus P. Bahadur
16:00-16:10	Health Break	Health Break	Health Break
16:10-17:00	Q & A F. Kyuma	Q & A F. Kyuma	DBS
17:00-17:30	Prayer Session	Prayer Session	Prayer Session
17:30-18:00	Rest	Rest	
18:30-19:30	Supper	Supper	Supper

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY AND TIME	THURSDAY MARCH 25	FRIDAY MARCH 26	SATURDAY MARCH 27	SUNDAY MARCH 28
07:00-07:50	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
07:50-08:00	DBS	DBS	Graduation Sabbath	Departure
08:00-09:00	Preparing for Baptism S. Lumwe	House Church Model of Worship (Demo)	Sabbath School	
09:00-10:00	DBS General F. Kyuma	DBS General		
10:00-10:10	Health Break	Health Break		
10:10-11:10	AMR Ministry in a Local Church P. Bahadur	Presentation of Plans ECD		
11:10-12:00	DBS General S. Muabsa	Presentation of Plans SID	DBS	
12:00-13:00	AMR Local Church Activities S. Lumwe	Presentation of Plans WAD	Sermon Prof. A. Tayo	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	AMR Strategic Plan Development P. Bahadur/ S. Lumwe (Discussion)	Sabbath Preparation	Graduation Ceremony	
15:00-16:00	Strategic Plan Development P. Bahadur (Groups)		Closing Remarks	
16:00-16:10	DBS			
16:10-17:00	Q & A F. Kyuma			
17:00-17:30	Prayer Session		Prayer Session	
17:30-18:00				
18:30-19:30	Supper	Vespers M. Kibirango	Supper	

KENYA

NATIONAL ANTHEM

SWAHILI

I
Ee Mungu nguvu yetu
Ilete baraka kwetu
Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi
Natukae na undugu
Amani na uhuru
Raha tupate na ustawi.

II
Amkeni ndugu zetu
Tufanye sote bidii
Nasi tujitoe kwa nguvu
Nchi yetu ya Kenya
Tunayoipenda
Tuwe tayari kuilinda

III
Natujenge taifa letu
Ee, ndio wajibu wetu
Kenya istahili heshima
Tuungane mikono
Pamoja kazini
Kila siku tuwe na shukrani

ENGLISH

I
O God of all creation
Bless this our land and nation
Justice be our shield and defender
May we dwell in unity
Peace and liberty
Plenty be found within our
borders.

II
Let one and all arise
With hearts both strong and true
Service be our earnest endeavour
And our homeland of Kenya
Heritage and splendour
Firm may we stand to defend.

III
Let all with one accord
In common bond united
Build this our nation together
And the glory of Kenya
The fruit of our labour
Fill every heart with thanksgiving.

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ANTHEM

By Enslin Baxen
and Siti Magesa

Help us, Lord, to use our ed - du - ca - tion, To dai - ly grow in de - di -
On this lov - ly Hill of God's cre - a - tion, He is the Rock, our str - ong
We com - mit to lead with ex - ce - len - cy, To in - spire oth - ers with this

5

ca - tion. Our pur - po - ses reach be - yond - the sky, We
foun - da - tion. E - ach heart is bound as we ex - cel, In
le - ga - cy. So that by our lives trans - form hi - sto - ry, U -

8

Refrain

dai - ly lift - God's name high. A U A gives praise to God to - day!
love and ser - vice we dwell.
ni - ted t'wards e - ter - ni - ty.

12

Keep us lo - yal and faith - ful we pray. As we learn from what our men - tors say, To

16

has - ten the co - ming of the Lord.

THEME SONG

JOY BY AND BY

1

O there'll be joy when the work is done,
Joy when the reapers gather home,
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun
To the New Jerusalem.

Refrain

Joy, joy, joy, there'll be joy by and by,
Joy, joy, joy, where the joys never die;
Joy, joy, joy, for the day draweth nigh
When the workers gather home.

2

Sweet are the songs that we hope to sing,
Grateful the thanks our hearts shall bring,
Praising forever Christ our King
In the New Jerusalem.

3

Pure are the joys that await us there,
Many the golden mansions fair;
Jesus Himself doth them prepare,
In the New Jerusalem.

PLANNING

COMMITTEE

This Training Program has been made feasible through the working of the following members:

- ⌘ **Accommodation and Meals:** Betty Gabasiane
- ⌘ **Transport Liaison:** Joshua Momanyi
- ⌘ **Finance:** Eglah Okodoi
- ⌘ **Program Design/Adverts/ Material:** Perris Onyambu
- ⌘ **Music:** Dr. Lilia Ponyatowski
- ⌘ **Health/First Aid:** Andreas Omingo
- ⌘ **Sabbath Program Platform:** Dr. Alex Ambuchi
- ⌘ **AMR Training Program Platform:** Dr. Samuel Lumwe
- ⌘ **Registration Desk:** Elizabeth Odhiambo
- ⌘ **Translation:** James Aboge
- ⌘ **Communication, Media and IT:** James Aboge
- ⌘ **Decoration:** Mercy Chebichiy

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PROGRAMMES

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Doctor of Ministry
Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies
Master of Arts in Missiology
Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology
Master of Chaplaincy
Master of Divinity
Master of Divinity in French
PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies

SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Health
Master of Science in Applied Computer Science
PhD in Leadership
PhD in Public Health



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