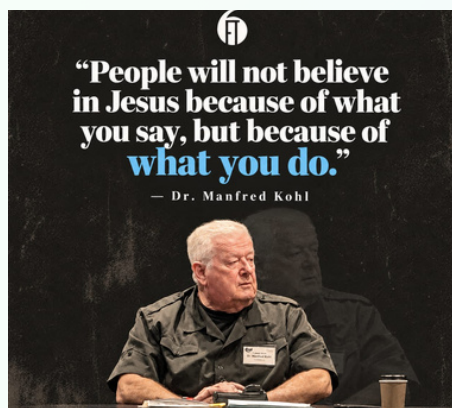




The Re-Forma Informa

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So in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:5



A reason to celebrate – we passed the 10000 study-group milepost.



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Re-Forma gathers at TEN

Teach Every Nation (TEN) Campus in Limpopo Province, South Africa hosted the Re-Forma core staff and National Coordinators for a week's intensive sharing.

"It is vital," said founder and President, Dr Manfred Kohl, "that the vision and mission, values, policies and modus operandi is written on the hearts of all who represent Re-Forma in every country. We work all over the world in different cultures and contexts, but Re-Forma is One."

The week consisted of sharing vision and policies, strategizing, and feedback, and understanding the role of the database, administration, donor relations and selfcare.



Esron Maniragaba, NC for Rwanda, was unable to join us, but joined for online sessions.



Axel Re, Jean Paul Quassy, and Paul Alabi, NCs from Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, and Nigeria respectively, met in Addis Ababa for a connect flight to South Africa.



Re-Forma's joyful international team. Re-Forma is active in 100 countries, the outcomes have been translated into 120 languages, and, so far, 50 Quality Assurance Training Institutes have been held in 20 countries.

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Paul Alabi (Nigeria), James Achola (Kenya), Christian Rustoff (South Africa) and Maggie Gichuki (Kenya).



"We don't need to compare ourselves; God has created each one uniquely and with a specific purpose." During a devotional, Paul Hemming affirmed every National Coordinator and staff member for the contribution they have brought to the Re-Forma team.



Christian Rustoff, NC South Africa, with Dr Manfred Kohl, President and CEO, and **Barbara Olivier**, Head of Administration. Barbara handled all liaison with the Ten Campus staff to ensure a smooth-running week.



The African NCs soak in the tranquility of the TEN Campus, a healing time from a busy schedule, and the demands and expectations of the task.



Benny and Harka from South Asia, and Chris from South America.



The **Management Team** that leads Re-Forma's operations: Paul Hemming (Director for Africa), Dr Manfred Kohl (President), Dr Reuben van Rensburg (Director of Ministry), and Gawie Herholdt (General Manager and Finances).



The global **National Coordinator team**, whose hard work has resulted in reaching 10340 groups, over 5300 facilitators of the groups, and more than 11800 certificates issued to graduating students.

Re-Forma "elevator pitch"

Re-Forma sets a global standard for the training of undertrained church leaders in Biblical leadership and ministry.

Our Mission statement reflects these values:

Global standard
Integrity
Quality assurance
Partnerships
Mentoring
Context adaptable
Accessible



Jolene Olivier, Travel & QATI Coordinator, Vicky Jones, Facilitator Liaison, Chris Arana, NC Guatemala, and Karen Compaan-du Toit. It was Jolene's awesome responsibility to bring all Re-Forma's staff from the ends of the earth to South Africa and be sure they got safely back home again.



Jaycee and Karen Compaan-du Toit, a most joyful couple. Jaycee is the Certificate Administrator.

Re-Forma @ International Conferences & Meetings



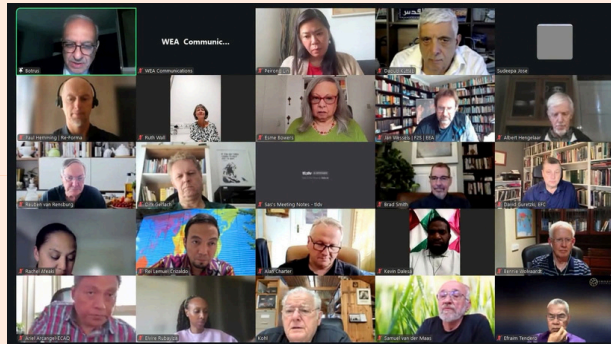
Harka Khadka and Nanda Rai from Nepal promoted Re-Forma's program at the **Global Methodist Church Convention** in Sandton. 1000s of Nepalese Methodist ministers are following Re-Forma's program to become better equipped in ministry. Christian Rustoff, South Africa NC (right), assisted.



Reuben and Beverley van Rensburg attended the **Global Alliance for Church Multiplication Forum (GACX)** in Dallas, Texas, to build relationships. As church planting explodes, Re-Forma's program is the answer and sets the standard to train undertrained church leaders.



Paul Hemming, Director for Africa, represented Re-Forma at a **Learning Round Table for Non-formal Pastoral Training**, convened by Mergon, where he was invited to present Re-Forma's program as the global standard.



Dr Kohl, CEO, Reuben van Rensburg, Director of Ministry, and Paul Hemming, Director for Africa, attend a virtual **World Evangelical Alliance** meeting.



A very proud moment for Paul Hemming, and Reuben van Rensburg, who was the promotor for Paul's thesis. Paul completed his Masters degree through SATS and graduated in September.

Example of an Outcome

The 37 Outcomes reflect the competencies we believe pastors need to know, to do and to be, to truthfully represent the Lord Jesus Christ in their communities and in their culture. They reflect **Head competency** (knowledge), **Hand competency** (ability to apply), and **Heart competency** (a compassionate, mature character). The outcomes are grouped into:



Outcome – Leading like Jesus

1.7 Explain the biblical basis for **stewardship** regarding time, abilities, resources, and creation.



Join –

– as **partners** to Re-Forma, who, for the first time in church history, present a global standard for non-formal ministry training.



Pray –

– for Re-Forma's **leadership and team, national coordinators, facilitators, and groups**, for strength, courage, wisdom and resilience, as they raise competent church leaders.



Support –

– Re-Forma's **work and programmes** as they expand rapidly around the globe. You can donate to this vital work on <https://www.re-forma.global/make-payment>.



Spotlight on Nigeria

242 Million people; 500 indigenous languages; can one ever simply explain Nigeria? We can only reflect highlights.

Total Area: 923,768 sq km, 31st largest in the world.

Borders: Niger (north), Chad (northeast), Cameroon (east), and Benin (west)

Coastline: about 853 kilometers on the Atlantic Ocean along the Gulf of Guinea.

Population: over **242 million** people; 250 distinct ethnic groups; highly youthful; most populous country in Africa and 6th in the world.

Languages: English, official language; Hausa, Yoruba, and Igbo, major **over 500** distinct Indigenous languages.

Provinces: A federation of **36 states** and one Federal Capital Territory (Abuja).

Major Cities: **Lagos**, the vast coastal financial, commercial, and cultural hub; **Abuja**, the created federal capital in the center of the country; **Kano**, a historical and commercial center in the northern region; **Ibadan**, a major southwestern urban and educational center; **Port Harcourt**, the primary center of the country's oil industry in the south.

Happiness Index: economic pressures, security challenges, and poverty **balance** against strong community ties, deep religious faith, and a vibrant, resilient social culture.

Economy: One of the largest and most dynamic economies in Africa, rich in petroleum and natural gas; key sectors: Crude oil export, agriculture, telecommunications, and a massive informal trade sector; challenges: Inflation, infrastructural deficits, and heavy reliance on oil revenues.

Striking Features

- **The Niger Delta:** A vast, ecologically rich wetland where the massive Niger River empties into the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Nollywood:** The world-famous Nigerian film industry, which produces thousands of movies annually as a global cultural force.
- **Afrobeats:** A globally dominant music genre pioneered and driven by Nigerian artists.

Re-Forma in Nigeria

Nigeria's population is roughly split between Christians (about 95million) and Muslims, with Christian majorities in southern zones and strong communities in the Middle Belt. In the north, extremist violence and land conflicts have displaced millions.

The vibrant Christian landscape, holding starkly different views on wealth, political power, and religious authority, consists of **Pentecostal** "megachurches" (fastest-growing) that heavily influence culture, politics, and the economy; **Protestant** Anglican, Methodist, and Baptist churches that shaped much of the country's educational and healthcare infrastructure; and **Catholic** churches, with vast networks of schools, hospitals, and social programs in the South-East and Middle Belt.

Despite religious divisions and tensions, the Christian streams form a united political front through the Christian Association of Nigeria to lobby the federal government against the rising tide of Islamic extremism, and advocate for civic education and social justice. **Re-Forma's National Coordinator, Paul Alabi**, reaches out to the leaders of various church groups to promote Re-Forma's outcomes as a global standard of excellence in non-formal theological training.



Paul Alabi's God-story

"I began **encountering Jesus** from 1982, with several commitments. Eventually, I anchored my salvation to 1987—the year I gained deep assurance of being saved. It was also my final year in high school, marking the true beginning of my conscious walk with Jesus, not just as someone I professed to know, but as Lord and Saviour, the One to whom I would give my whole life in service.

"Confessing Christ in my first year of high school was a sign that God wanted me to discover His plans early. I was unexpectedly appointed PRO of my fellowship, later Bible study coordinator in college, and during National Youth Service, Transport and Organising Secretary of the Nigerian Christian Corps Members' Fellowship.



"After missionary training, I became director of a team. That role transitioned me into full-time ministry. In every stage, God nudged me into leadership for His Kingdom. Today, after 26 years of service, I can boldly say: it is **Jesus for life!**"

Nigeria Re-Forma National Coordinator, Paul Alabi