

# TA Conference Feedback

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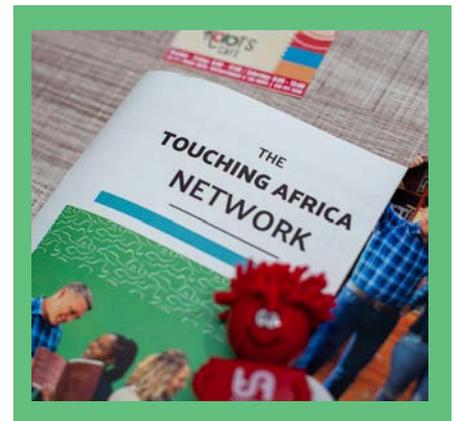
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# Touching Africa Membership

**In order to ensure effective communication and increase project involvement for TA members, we need to make sure we comply with the POPI act as well as to define the different levels of working together. Although some may only associate themselves with TA in a broader relationship status, others have a more direct involvement need, especially in projects. Therefore, TA has designed a membership application form to be completed and signed by all.**



# Who are we as Touching Africa

Touching Africa started more than a decade ago when business people with a Kingdom vision for the workplace came together and started taking hands in their day-to-day operations.

Touching Africa grew into a COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE who share the dream of a healed society. Our vision is to take hands and BE the difference in a broken world, starting at our workplace and day-to-day reality. This dream is born from a passion to perfect the following in us:

- Seek first the KINGDOM of God and His RIGHTEOUSNESS
- Give a practical corporate expression as part of the BODY of CHRIST in society
- TOUCH the world with the LOVE of GOD in us

To give a corporate expression to this dream, we will focus:



to grow a **vision-based community** as a movement



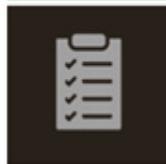
with an active and strong **network** of like-minded people,



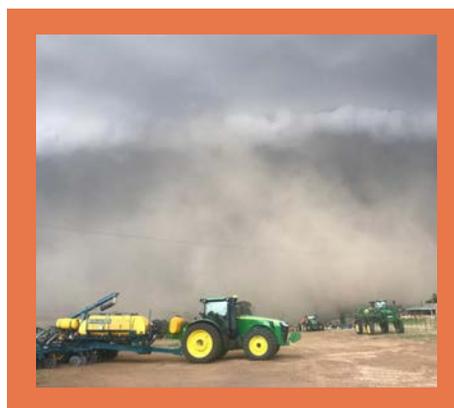
giving this community **institutional wings** to be a corporate and institutional expression (non-profit, NGO, companies, co-operatives and institutes),



develop and implement **projects and programs** with a positive impact on society



working through **co-operatives in various sectors** including Education and Training, Agriculture, Social Development, Enterprise Development, and Infrastructure Development.

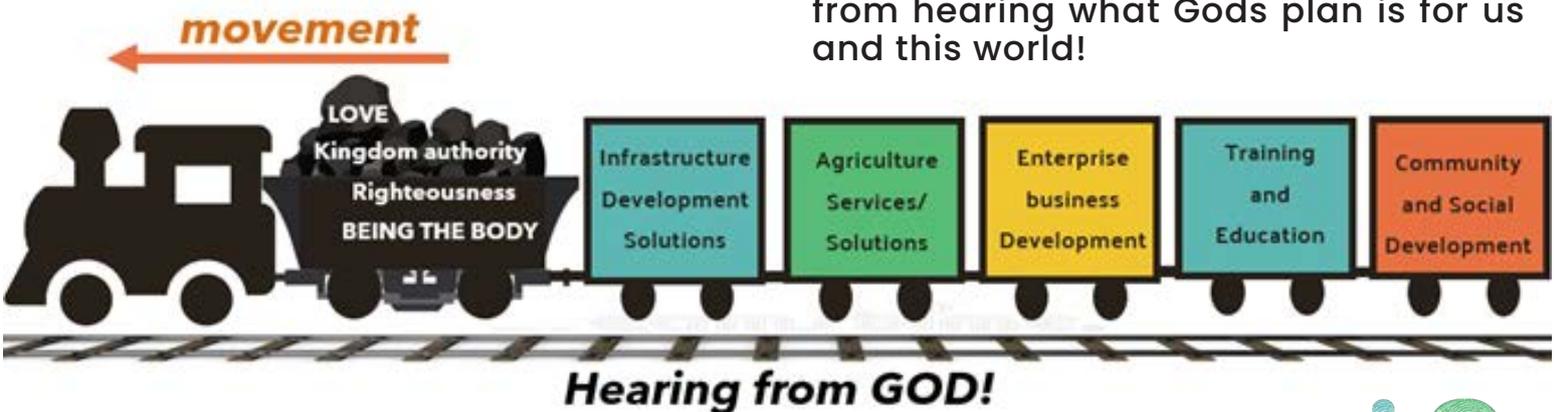


# Where we are at in 2022



The Touching Africa community is strategically at a "tipping point", with momentum slowly building to bring about a real difference in society. With a growing network we have established five active co-operatives and are involved in several projects and programs with various partners covering a wide range of areas throughout society.

The Touching Africa community can be seen as a movement, metaphorical like a train on its tracks, pulling different carriages from different sectors of life in unity. This movement is empowered by the mandate to seek first the Kingdom of God, with open and vision-based relationships as an expression of His righteousness. We find our energy from being part of the Body of Christ as a corporate expression and God's love for this world emitting through us. This movement can only remain on track from hearing what Gods plan is for us and this world!



# Feedback from the Touching Africa Kingdom Conference 2022

The Touching Africa Kingdom Conference 2022 was an important event and a milestone in rolling out the bigger picture of God's Kingdom reality on earth on a practical level. The conference, held on 23 September, was attended by professional- and businesspeople from a wide range of sectors, as well as farmers, entrepreneurs, educators, fulltime ministers, and students. Our

theme was the Kingdom of God and the practical implication for us – the Kingdom “as in heaven, so also on earth”. Our focus (from 1 Cor 2:5-10) was to build our faith not on the “wisdom of men” like the world and its leaders are doing, but on the “power of God” – a secret hidden, “which God decreed before the ages for our glory”. Therefore, our expectation is “what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined”!



# The Touching Africa Community



It was evident from the conference that the relationships within the Touching Africa NETWORK are growing stronger. We experience the reality that people who share a Kingdom Vision, are taking hands and share their dreams. We are growing from a network to a “community”! This is best defined by the feedback from Hannes Pretorius (MD Foundation, Ficksburg) in describing the “Touching Africa Community” as follows: There is a place on earth at the Southern tip of Africa, where a PECULIAR people live and call it “HOME”. These people have a unique vision for the FUTURE, and they live this vision daily in the BELIEF that it will create a NEW COMMUNITY. A HOME that is created out of LOVE for their CREATOR and one another. Upon these pillars of LOVE, and with a heart of servanthood and responsibility, this community aspires to create a NEW SOCIETY. A society that can serve the needy, tend to the weak and protect the vulnerable. A SOCIETY within which they can all feel included, safe, and secure to be able to PROSPER. Out of this home, filled with LOVE, FORGIVENESS, SERVANTHOOD, and RESPONSIBILITY, flows an attitude of THANKFULNESS. They are thankful that

the WEAK and VULNERABLE can prosper and grow and be part of their NEW SOCIETY and create HOPE for their COUNTRY.

This community knows that their country needs an example of the IMPOSSIBLE BEING POSSIBLE.... And they have positioned themselves to be this solution: the IMPOSSIBLE BECOMING POSSIBLE. They do not see the current decay and destruction in their community as their norm and that is why they are willing to pay the price of unselfishness to create the NEW NORM. A community to the LIKENESS of those envisioned by their CREATOR, even before creation. A community where EVERYONE uses their unique ability to improve the lives of all in the community. Because of this ability to see the Future Home, they respect one another and the current authorities and work in harmony with them towards a common goal. They all work together daily to achieve this Dream for the betterment of the whole community by believing in the Spiritual promises and the invisible as if it is already there.

We see the Touching Africa Community as a cornerstone to the new Kingdom-based society in Africa – a new reality for all who call Africa our Home!



# The Voice of Africa

The people of Africa is our focus! We learned again at the conference about the rich history (also Biblical history) of Africa and its people, and the wealth that is built into Africa. We agreed on the calling Africa has on global scale to be the following to the nations:

- A resource and PROVISION for the nations
- A REFUGE for the nations, a place of safety
- A BIRTHING of what God wants to release to the nations
- HEALING of nations through its ministry and leaves (leaves of healing)
- GENEROSITY (blessing the nations with its abundance)
- SERVING the nations as people that have a heart of Servanthood
- Display unconditional FORGIVENESS to the nations (iniquity, unrighteousness, forced labour)

We realised that Africa is groaning for the true sons/daughters and bride to be unveiled and revealed so that they (as a royal priesthood) will bring to fulfilment the redemption of all things that has already been accomplished

and finished in Christ. Those who will 'tend and steward' the garden called Africa so that it fulfils everything for which it was originally designed. (Romans 8:19 - The creation waits in eager expectation for the revelation of the sons of God.)



# A New Expectation

A new expectation was shared at the conference, and hope was refreshed amongst all. It is almost like a window of opportunity that we have to step through with an urgency. It is now the time to start "doing together". It is the time in which the business sector is to lead the Body of Christ into action to "touch" the world. But it is a time that we must realise that the LORD is our provision in doing this. We must realise that the prophetic hearing of God's WORD are the tracks that lead the way – not the access to project funds! It is a new expectation with a difference in thinking.

We could agree again that for the Kingdom of God to BE on earth as it is in heaven, we must TRUST GOD for His wisdom! The reality is that the love of money and the dependence we have on money can change our mandate to represent the Kingdom of God, by replacing this vision with the achievement of our own Kingdom!

In the expectation of the new dispensation, we realised that we are as strong as our relationships with each other and with God as our Father. We also must realise that the Kingdom comes like a seed. We must start small in all we do and grow according to the decoded DNA of God's Kingdom over time.



# The Way Forward

**From the focus areas we have identified to date, and aspects raised and highlighted from the conference, we will focus on the following within the Touching Africa community. We work to:**

## Leadership

We will integrate members of the existing board to the Touching Africa Development Trust, leaders in the various Touching Africa co-operatives as well as available vision-leaders in our midst to establish a new Touching Africa Leadership corps to lead as with corporative wisdom into the next phase of the development of the Touching Africa community. We will all participate in a 2-day Touching Africa Leadership workshop on 26 and 27 January 2023. Although specific leaders will be invited to this workshop, any network member that avail him- or herself to participate in this workshop will be welcome. From this workshop we will define and establish the management strategy with a clear day-to-day and strategic management, a core council as well as a national prophetic and apostolic leadership.



## Building the Network

We will focus to establish an effective network communication system to support the wellbeing and development of the Touching Africa Community Network. This system must ensure:

- Regular communication from management with easy and effective access to, and participation by, all network members
- A private dynamic TA platform for members to communicate with each other on a personal level and within defined subgroups.

We must ensure the establishment of a well organised Network Management System with a clear understanding of 'who is who' on the various levels of network commitment and participation. This must include the following aspects:

- A clear and easy membership registration process on the TA website with the allocation of a unique TA membership number (this will enable block-chain based management and development in future.
- All compliance to the POPI act
- A clear allocation of TA members at different network levels and all the arrangements on all levels.
- A system management in which no co-operation and involvement is possible without the correct membership registration and level allocation is possible.

We must actively develop and promote the Network services, including:

- Establishment and development of the Touching Africa community bank services
- Identification, establishment, and growth of related network services

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- Development of a “network to network” services where various network members can prioritise the rendering of their services to other members of the network.

The need was defined during the Conference to have more opportunities to meet each other at various levels within the organisation. We must therefore define a network program for 2023 that reflects the establishment and growth of local, regional and central Touching Africa forums with the following actions:

- Quarterly meeting of the Touching Africa management group on various levels.
- The yearly Touching Africa Kingdom Conference will grow into a two-day event, with the focus of the first day on Vision and WORD, and the second day on practical aspects, network arrangements, project implementation, funding, etc.
- Regular webinars and virtual conferences with panel and group discussions on Kingdom and practical related topics as well as project development and implementation.
- Development of localised Touching Africa Group meetings including house meetings, intercultural and intergenerational exposure, telling stories and development of perspectives. We must also prioritise the link with local churches and existing fellowships in this regard.
- Various physical or online interactions to grow relations, unity and presenting an opportunity for members to know each other better.
- The TAG will be rendered more regular and reflect short, dynamic stories, expose business services, projects and products to each other, giving encouragement,

testimonies and sharing of knowledge.

- We must develop the service of MENTORS to the network members in need for guidance.



## Project Development

The identification, development and establishment of Touching Africa projects and programmes is the core function of the Touching Africa Community operation in society. This is an important corporate way we can “touch” and make a difference.

We are busy developing a complete inventory of all existing identifiable projects as part of a Touching Africa Project Prospectus. Focus is given to the definition of the projects, as well as the investment potential, in order to present it to funders and the social wealth growth to “social” investors.

In order to grow the project portfolio, we are taking hands with various businesses and organisations on local level to share and support projects that are aligned with the Touching Africa vision and mission.



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