

# CCI Newsletter March 2023



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## **Preface**

Dear reader,

Devious EU Treaty - From dictating abortion to comprehensive sexuality education, from curbing parental control to new social, gender and cultural norms and more. That is in the 20-year binding proposed treaty the 27-member European Union (EU) wants to sign with a group of 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. Still this treaty has not been signed. And that's good news! Thanks in part to the lobbying also this quarter by Christian Council International (CCI), from the Netherlands to Brussels, from Congo to Uganda. Read on in the newsletter.

<u>Donate</u> - This does cost a lot of money. We urgently need funds to continue and complete our work and secure past successes for Life, Family and Freedom. We are talking about a protective Christian shield for more than 1 billion people for 20 years. We would like to ask you to consider a serious donation for this achievable goal.

Global scope - More and more people are becoming aware of not only the dangerous concepts in the treaty, but also its scope. In ACP countries, but also in Europe. Because 106 (out of 193) countries are covered by this treaty, it will also mean a majority in decisions in the United Nations (UN), guiding all countries in the world. Will this soon make abortion an international human right? Or sexual orientation and gender identity an international non-discrimination category?

**Civilization at stake** - Our civilization is at stake. Christian standards like protectability of Life, the natural Family and the created reality of man and woman and Freedom of Education and Religion are under serious attack. Only with your support can we fight to preserve Christian foundations.

**Hubris and intolerance -** CCI was also at the annual UN meeting in New York on the Status of Women. This biological sex is what the hubristic

(Western) man no longer wants to define. After all, surely modern man will define for himself what is truth and who he is or wants to be? And woe betide you if you don't accept and embrace that. Then you are not inclusive, you discriminate, you hate, you should be punished and excluded. The court case against Finnish politician Päivi Räsänen, who is being persecuted for propagating a Biblical view of the human being and world, speaks volumes about the intolerance of progressives. CCI presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for encouragement.

Light and darkness - An African parliamentarian recently described the battleground as follows: "It became clear once again that the war between light and darkness, between progressives and faith-based groups is great and intense, and that an organization like CCI is therefore needed more than ever to support the campaign for life, family and freedom."

**Easter** - Against all sin and brokenness, may we look forward to Easter. Jesus, the Son of God, carried sin away on the cross and conquered death. Everyone who resorts to Him will live, from now until eternity and try to live according to God's good commandments.

Continue reading the reports of our representatives at the UN in New York and the articles of our board member in the US.

Inspiration meeting CCI business trip Hungary May 10, 2023



I hereby invite businessmen and interested parties to an inspiration meeting about a CCI business trip to Hungary, which is to be planned.

Please reserve in your agenda: May 10, 2023, 4-6 PM (CEST). If interested, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:hjvanschothorst@christiancouncilinternational.org">hjvanschothorst@christiancouncilinternational.org</a>

With warm regards,

Henk Jan van Schothorst

Directeur Christian Council International





Chat with President Museveni from Uganda

## Fields of Work

News from Africa
Our work on cleaning up the EU-ACP Treaty



CCI's impact on the African continent has rapidly increased. Due to CCI's strategic campaigning on the EU-ACP Treaty in 2022, awareness about the dangerous provisions has planted seeds in the minds of many high-level decision makers across Africa. Special allies of CCI come from countries such as Malawi and Uganda which have taken a strong stand against anything that is a threat against African values regarding the family, culture and religion. This beared a lot of fruit for CCI in the first quarter of 2023, as Henk Jan worked hand-in-hand with very vocal pro-life and pro-family Malawian Members of Parliament to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU JPA), the Parliamentary body of this still to-besigned EU-ACP Treaty.



#### **ACP-EU JPA**

Together with the lobby support of CCI, Malawi alarmed other heads of delegation to the ACP-EU JPA about the dangerous provisions during the ACP-EU JPA in Brussels from 25 February - 2 March, 2023. While this should have been the moment for his motion to be tabled, the OACPS Secretariat did everything to block that from happening. CCI then assisted Uganda in putting forward their motion asking for the postponement of the signing of the EU-ACP Agreement until the ACP countries have reached consensus on its concerns on controversial provisions. Also this motion was blocked from being tabled. However, just like the ACP-EU JPA in Mozambique last year, both motions steered up a debate between the EU and ACP delegations. This resulted in the growing group of ACP countries that are concerned about the impact of the EU-ACP Treaty on their country. The key concerns being shared during the ACP-EU JPA in Brussels were:

- Lack of clarity on the amendments of the three regional protocols (EU-African, EU-Caribbean, and EU-Pacific), especially regarding the fact that the EU wants the EU-ACP Council of Ministers as a governing body to oversee the implementation of the Agreement, which basically overrules the competence of the national parliaments.
- The increasing awareness about the concerning provisions inside the EU-ACP



Agreement that jeopardize the national sovereignty and the cultural, social, and religious values of individual States under this Agreement.

- The need for the OACPS Council of Ministers to be accountable to the ACP-JPA, just as the EU Council of Ministers is accountable to the European Parliament.
- The possibility to move the OACPS
   Secretariat out of Brussels and inside an African, Caribbean, or Pacific country.

Due to the above-stated concerns shared by the ACP delegations, the voting on the Rules of Procedures did not happen; once again, since the voting also did not happen during the ACP-EU JPA in Mozambique last year.

# United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)

On behalf of CCI, together with its allies, our representative was able to raise its voice, speak up for life, family, and freedom and lobbied many high-level stakeholders about the dangerous concepts of SRHR, CSE, and SOGI which are also found in the EU-ACP Agreement. This resulted in an UNCSW 2023 agreement document without the terms "comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)", "sexual rights", and "sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)".

While this is a reason to celebrate, several non-Western delegations expressed their reservations on the controversial terms that remained in several paragraphs in the EU-ACP agreement: "SRHR" (which includes "safe" abortion) and "comprehensive information about sexual and reproductive health" (another word for CSE).

To underline the words of our representative, "it became clear again that the war between light

<sup>1</sup> The AfBA Conference CCI and allies attended in August 2022 in Malawi made the AfBA President to take a stronger stand on Africa's family, cultural and religious values and national sovereignty. One of the result is their willingness to

and darkness, between the progressives and faith-centered groups is huge and intense and an organization like CCI is therefore needed more than ever to sustain the campaign for life, family, and freedom".

## Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Uganda



The 2-day Inter-Parliamentary Conference held from 31 March till 1 April in Uganda was hosted by the Office of the Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament and co-hosted by the African Bar Association (AfBA)<sup>1</sup>. The Conference was titled '1st African Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Family Values & Sovereignty'. It brought together Members of the Parliament (MP) and religious leaders from over 22 different African countries such as Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Sierre Leone, Eswatini, Malawi, and Uganda itself.

The Conference was a huge success with a variety of MPs providing statements on their stand to protect Life, Family, and Freedom, the exact Christian and traditional values CCI stands for. The EU-ACP Agreement was also discussed in a way to show the significant threat against these values in international agreements with the West. Henk Jan van Schothorst, CCI's Executive Director, was also able to present about his lobbying work on the European Continent (in The Netherlands, EU member states, and in the European Parliament). In addition, CCI was able to join a delegation of Conference participants to meet with the Ugandan President and the First Lady to

co-host this Conference which shows a huge sign against the Western progressive human rights agenda from African influential lawyers.



further raise their awareness about this Agreement as well.

This resulted in various media statements, with both the First Lady and President Museveni appearing to be well informed about the problematic provisions in the ACP-EU Treaty.

Against the massive, decades-long Western lgbt promotion, infiltration and recruitment of mostly young victims in Uganda, the Ugandan parliament has passed a law against homosexual praxis. We advised the President and Parliament to find a pathway for a legal safe haven for people with same sex attraction.

A further report and overview of fruitful outcomes will be shared in the next quarter



newsletter.

News from UN New York
Is the United Nations rushing toward judgment?
On the Commission on Status of Women (CSW)

By: Peter Smith

Find referenced documents in this article <u>here</u>.

I have spent the last two weeks listening to debate at the annual CSW, from 6 to 17 March 2023. This is not my first CSW, I started getting involved in 1995.



In my daily Bible reading I was reading through the book of Isiah and noticed chapter 3 which in my NIV study Bible has the title Judgement on Jerusalem and Judah.

Verse 9 "" they parade their sin like Sodom."

At the UN various groups get together to voice their positions in general discussion and also when a document is being negotiate. One of these groups is the LGBTQI+ group co-chaired by the Netherlands and Argentina, there being 42 countries in this group out of the 192 at the UN. Some 15 countries spoke individually promoting LGBT etc issues.

## Verse 12 "Youths oppress my people.."

There was a whole half day session in the general discussion given over to youth. This reminded me of wee Gretta Thunberg telling us all we would be destroyed some years ago by climate change. My Bible says, Children obey your parent".

## Verse 12 ".. Women rule over them..."

There was a lot of talk about gender equality at this meeting, but my 28 years of experience at the UN tell me that the real agenda is an oppressive matriarchy to be set over the world.

The other verse that comes to mind is "Thou shat not murder."

The euphemism for abortion and other things is in the term "sexual and reproductive health rights.. This term was used by some 33 countries as well as the EU in the general discussion. Also some 13 countries were pushing for Comprehensive sexuality education, or as I like to say lesson in depravity for children. The Lord warned about causing "Little ones to stumble," millstone, into the water with you ".

No pro-life pro-Family NGOs got to speak. But an Inuit NGO from Greenland had slipped though the net. She complained about Danish medical people visiting them in the 1960s and fitting thousands of IUDs to unsuspecting women + girls. They will not be invited back to another CSW I suspect.

On the positive side there was a group of 25 countries who spoke on behalf of the family.



Enough with the sermon onto the actual subject for CSW this year.

Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

This ended up with a 30 page document, see



T128. It is the usual terrible UN stuff. Its meant to be about technology, and gender equality, but most women are not so interested in this type of work. In the UK 26% of Information Technology engineers are women. On a world -wide basis there are 19% of the technical workforce are women. This does not mean that women are discriminated against, many women are not interested in this type of career. Many want jobs they can interrupt to have children, it is hard to get back into computer work after an absence of many years as so much changes.

The document had 147 references to gender, 107 references to rights, and 4 references to responsibility. There was of course no reference to men, its as if we did not exist. The usual UN biased document, not much use to anyone.

There was the usual resort to the euphemism for abortion, "reproductive health", with one paragraph pushing this a let but there was good protective language limiting its lethality. Sadly there was another paragraph on Comprehensive sexuality education, but not using that wording. Then there was a very good paragraph on family. See: T127

C-Fam did a great job as usual, their report is attached. They listed all the countries making good reservations on family and life issues. Ref

Also attached is an article written by my friend Grace Melton who is a long time lobbyist at the UN , see ref for her article to get an American perspective. Ref T125

I was also in touch with an American friend, who was at the CSW, representing National Right to life. He was hanging around by himself near the end of the meeting, and heard the British delegate complaining about not "making any progress at CSW this year". This sort of thing is music to my ears. He obviously did not like all the family language, and the fact that LGBT wording did not get into the document.

Peter Smith represents CCI at the UN in New York

Viewpoints regarding pro-life values and family rights are considered highly controversial at the UN

By: Mark Den Hollander

During my spring break, I had the opportunity to attend some of the events during the second week of the Commission on the Status of Women at the



United Nations. This event was an eye-opening experience as I was provided with the opportunity to meet with important leaders. Through the different conversations, I was able to share some of the recent work of Christian Council International, especially regarding the recent negotiations of the ACP-EU agreement. I was also able to ask questions to these leaders about the current state of affairs that deal with human rights at the UN.

The theme for the event primarily focused on establishing the role of women within society through technological advancement and education. The specific theme was as follows: "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls," as stated by the organizational website.



While attending the event, I learned about some of the different viewpoints that are held internationally about different issues in relation to the rights of women and adolescent girls. In general it seemed that specific leaders from less developed countries were more interested in promoting social issues, culture, and human rights relating to abortion and comprehensive sexuality education, in comparison to less developed countries that need to focus on more pertinent issues such as healthcare and general education for women and girls.

The sub-topics that were talked about in the sideevents were about anything from establishing women's rights within the workplace to securing better healthcare solutions for women in developing countries. For example, one of the side-events that I attended talked about trying to fight for equal opportunities for women pursuing judicial seats within the government.

As I was warned, I soon realized that conservative viewpoints regarding pro-life values and family rights are considered highly controversial at the UN. There seemed to be little to no place to



discuss these matters in a constructive manner. Some of my colleagues indicated that in recent years the hostility towards prolife values and other similar topics has increased significantly.

Leftist protestors did what they could to disrupt a <u>presentation</u> by international law expert Stefano Gennarini from C-Fam who spoke on the need to question far-reaching sexuality education that is

being supported within many educational institutions. The comprehensive sexuality

education that is taught in many schools across the United States, promotes sexual behavior, gender fluidity, and bisexual relationships for teenagers that goes on to influence



pornography and associated sexual violence. The harmful sexual education that is taught furthers harm to women through the increase of sexual violence. All efforts must be made to keep these harmful ideologies from corrupting the minds of our youth across the world and to prevent violence against women. While I have a lot to learn about the inner workings of the United Nations, I remain convinced that there are real ways to have an impact by getting involved and standing up for what is right. I encourage students and others who find interest in political and humanitarian work to seek out opportunities to get involved. The world we live in often does not honor and respect women as they have been created by God. The UN cannot clearly define what a woman is. God's word stands true: "Male and female created he them; and blessed them" (Gen 5:2).

The trip was a success because of the networking opportunities and learning experiences. Having connections and friendships at the UN in order to have an impact on the final policy negotiations. The mission of Christian Council International to the United Nations, in partnership with other organizations that hold similar pro-life and profamily values, is a work that needs to be



continued to prevent harmful policies from infringing on the rights of those who hold to Christian values and principles.

Mark Den Hollander represents CCI in the US.



A Christian newspaper in the US reported on Mark den Hollander's lobbying work for CCI.

# News from the USA To Whom Do Our Children Belong?

By: John Van Der Brink

If you want to know what American society will be like tomorrow, then you need to look into today's classrooms. For many years, the college campus has been the seedbed which progressive



thinkers used to control public opinion and to shape American ideology. Often parents have seen their children come home from college with a radically different mindset from the one they had when they left for college. The traditional values with which they had been raised were challenged in philosophy and psychology classes, and in its place, a woke ideology was entrenched in just a few short years.

## From Biblical to Babylonian

This new way of thinking has now entered the American public mindset. Conservative values and Biblical precepts are increasingly challenged in adult society. Foundations like traditional marriage and a committed family structure are losing ground to loosely defined fluid human relationships. Long accepted standards of morality and proper order have been abandoned. The blind pursuit of individual freedom and equality have led millions of Americans to redefine what is right and wrong. Today the only right thing is that nothing is wrong, and the only wrong thing is that something is called right.

But many are beginning to push back. Parents are awaking to what is happening in American schools, and they are trying to regain their rightful control. Children belong to parents. They do not belong to the state. Parents have a right to know what is being taught in the classroom. They have a right to know and control the values being instilled in their kids. And they are fighting to maintain or regain it.

Liberals are furious. They see the American school system as the surest way to hold onto and even promote their woke agenda. Conservatives want to keep the future of the child in the hands of the parents. This great divide plays itself out in the halls congress, largely between Democrats and Republicans.

#### **Free School Choice**

There are two major fronts on this war over the child. One is "School Choice". For years, former Secretary of Education Betsy de Vos pointed out the need for parents to be able to choose the education that is best for their children. She rightly argued that children should not be tied to failing schools because of their zip codes nor to schools that promote an ideology that is not their own. Several states have recently passed laws which allow parents to direct some of their tax dollars to schools of their choice, not just to public education.



One of those states is Florida. On March 27, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Bill HB 1 which provides parents with one of the most expansive opportunities to choose, unhindered by finances, where they want their children to be educated. There are more than 30 states now with some kind of School Choice laws, and the list is growing. This allows parents to choose schools which promote values and a worldview more in line with their own. Republicans generally favor school choice. Democrats, who are beholden to strong public school teachers' unions, are vigorously opposed. They fear losing financial support for public education, and they risk losing control over their woke agendas.

## **Parental Bill of Rights**

The second major front in this debate is the recently introduced "Parental Bill of Rights", which gives parents the right to know what is being taught in public school curriculums. It



would also require parental consent for the school to make gender changes on the child's school records or use of opposite sex bathrooms. It was introduced by Representative Julia Letlow and vigorously promoted by House Education Chairwoman Virginia Fox before it narrowly

passed on March 25, 2023 in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.
Unfortunately, it will not pass in the democratically-controlled Senate, and President Biden would veto it if it did. Certainly, this bill will be the center of debate in the upcoming election cycle. And its passage puts on public display that Democrats want to remove parental influence in education while Republicans want to promote it.

So, the struggle for the American child wages on.

To whom do our children belong? God says in his Word that children are a gift of God to parents. The fruit of the womb is His reward. Schools are there to support the parents in their tasks as stewards of the gift God has given. Children do not belong to teachers, or to politicians, or to the state. That is why many parents are turning to Christian education for the support of the ideology and worldview they want to teach their children.

What tomorrow will bring, no one really knows. American society is so volatile at the present time that it is impossible to see a clear path going forward. But one thing we can be sure of is that, as chaotic as things seem, the Lord stands above it all. His kingdom reigns. He can and He will still gather His church, even in confusing times. The candlestick of His Word, and its influence in society, will not be put out. Men and women and boys and girls will still be gathered into His everlasting kingdom by the mighty irresistible work of His Spirit. Christ is and will be King of kings and Lord of lords. There is a day coming when all His enemies will be forever vanquished. Then right will be right, and wrong will be wrong. And He will be all in all. Where will we and our children be on that day?



From left to right: CCI board member George Roller, Virginia Foxx and Henk Jan van Schothorst in December 2021

## Media

## The Diploma Debacle

By: John Van Der Brink

A new piece of legislation has serious concerns for all New Jersey schools including our own Christian school. Some legislators in the Assembly have introduced Bill 1588 which would require all New Jersey schools to issue diplomas in the "preferred name" of the graduate instead of his/her real name. Ironically, the school will not be allowed to require students to provide legal documentation of a legal name or gender change. Under this bill, schools would also be required to

Please note that the target of this legislation is not just public schools. The woke culture is trying to reach into every American institution, even the Christian church, school, and home. They want to change the way we think, the way we believe and the way we behave. Christians need to learn to take a stand against the gradual but persistent inroads already being made. May the Lord give courage, wisdom and discretion in facing these and other matters in our present society. Let us pray for our nation and its leaders in this difficult time.

John Van Der Brink, director of the Netherlands Reformed Christian School in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, and a member of the Board of Directors of Christian Council International (CCI) update their academic records showing a legal name or gender change of a former student.

This bill is set to be voted on by the full Assembly soon. A similar Senate Bill 2775 has been introduced but has not been heard by any Senate committees yet. Where this legislation will go is something that only time will tell. But it is easy to see the absolute disaster and total confusion which will result if it is passed. The accuracy and reliability of school records will be destroyed. One can only hope that there is enough common sense in the majority of legislatures who will see this bill for what it is, and reject it completely.

A bill about diplomas – is that so important? Perhaps it sounds rather trivial. But there is something more to consider here. Why does a bill like this even get written? Because there are those who want to pave the way and remove any opposition from society, completely. They want everyone to accept, endorse, and celebrate gender fluidity. They want to remove any hesitancy which arises from religious convictions, from legal implications, and even from parental influence. We are living in a society which claims to promote tolerance, but often practices intolerance towards conservative values.

## Certificate of Appreciation for Päivi Räsänen

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary (today, January 28, 2023) of Christian Council International (CCI), director Henk Jan van Schothorst presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Päivi Räsänen, a member of the Finnish Parliament.





https://www.christiancouncilinternational.org/news/news/2023/cci-10-years-support-finnish-politician-paivi-rasanen

## 'This is colonial behavior'

Europe tries to undermine African sovereignty with LGBT laws. Find an article about this on CNE.news, based on a production of the 'Nederlands Dagblad', click on the image:



Featured! Jan. 30, 2023 Henk Jan van Schothorst CCI on new colonization Africa



(English subtitles available). Europe is accused of colonialism by African leaders. There is a firm but almost invisible ideological gender and abortion agenda in the trade deal African and European leaders want to strike.

## CCI 10 years – January 28, 2023



Thanks to a loyal CCI supporter!

## Abortion is not an EU fundamental right.



## February 8-9

Abortion is not an EU fundamental right. Human life is an inviolable gift of God. Unbelievable that this has to be defended <u>Oneofus</u>. We were gathered in Brussels for that. And for opening Brussels office for <u>The European Conservative</u> <u>Alvino-Mario Fantini Ellen Kryger Fantini</u> . Meanwhile, Zelensky stopped by the <u>European Parliament</u>

## Call to action in Congo

## March 7-14

Raised alert in DRCongo about serious overlooked (moral) problems in the 20-year, binding, not yet signed ACP-EU Treaty, at ministerial, parliamentary and political party levels and call



for action: Clean-up in National Parliaments. https://deviouseutreaty.org/



Meeting with Senate vice president DRCongo (The video above has no sound)



Press conference Congo (video)

## Support for Hungary

March 23

Again an alarming mandate overstep against #Hungary by an increasingly more power and cultural appropriating, child-sexualizing EU+NL Minister-president

https://hungarytoday.hu/european-parliamentjoins-attack.../ Worn today in The Hague with extra adhesion the Gold Cross of Merit of Hungary from @Andras Kocsis Novák Katalin



Video reports of visit to First Lady and President in Uganda

March 31-April 1



UBC Tonight Uganda - Visit First Lady Uganda (video)



UBC Television Uganda - INTER PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR 23 AFRICAN STATES HELD IN ENTEBBE (video)



## Urgent financial support needed for CCI

In order for CCI's work to continue and expand, a steady flow of funds is necessary. To get an idea of what the project plan looks like for the next three years, see the picture below or click here. It is an ambitious plan, but every contribution helps us!

## Sponsorship plan



## **CCI Program** January 2023 -December 2025

Ambitious three-year program aiming to return Christian perspectives to the very center of public debate in North America, Europe and worldwide.

The Program "For Life, Family and Freedom at UN, EU, AU, US and its Member States" protects Christian values and freedoms at a time when the Christian basis for these achievements is crumbling.

## How?

- By using CCI's consultative status at the UN, EU, and AU, and its full-time presence in the US, to strengthen the protection of Christian values and freedoms and national sovereignty.
- By mobilizing a network of like-minded decision makers, parliamentarians, the media, and CSOs to jointly raise awareness and influence the policy makers to protect Life, Family and Freedom.



#### 1. Project United States

- Location: Washington
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day-to- day affairs in US politics and US Congress.

OSCE.



## 2. Project United Nations

- Locations: New York, Geneva
- Permanent monitoring and action on the dayto-day affairs at the UN Headquarters, the UN Human Rights Council, and WHO Office.





year

4. Project ACP

- Location: Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
- Permanent monitoring and action on the day- to-day affairs at the African Union (AU) and its member states, and the Caribbean and Pacific countries (with voting rights at the UN).







# CCI's main activities across the four different project locations

- Contribute with oral and written statements to influence strategic policy- and decision-making meetings that threaten national sovereignty and Christian values and freedoms regarding life, family and freedom.
- Organize strategic side-events and awareness raising conferences.
- Maintain strong partnership relations with like-minded policy influencers.
- Organize regular online planning sessions to develop joint intervention strategies with key allies.
- Conduct research, gather and share information on concerning international policies / treaties, and write policy briefs and media articles.

Use this sponsorship opportunity to showcase your stand for our shared Christian values and freedoms!

## **Expected results**

- Harmful policies / treaties blocked or amended in favor of life, family and freedom.
- A high-level international policy network established and effective in influencing policy at the US, UN, EU, and ACP level.

## Key policy focus areas

- Dangerous policy key words threatening life, family and freedom:
  - Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) - sexualizing children
  - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) - abortion rights
  - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) - LGBT promotion
  - Safe Abortion in relation to the rights of women as victims
- Current international policies that contain the above-stated dangerous keywords:
  - The new 20-year binding EU ACP Agreement (not yet signed)
  - Eastern and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment
  - AU Safety and Social Security Protocol
  - WHO Treaty And more is likely to come....

## Special project

November 2022 - January 2024

Support lobby Africa to clean up ideological and neo-colonial EU-ACP Trade Agreement

## **EXPECTED RESULT**

More than 1 billion people will be spared for 20 years from being forced to accept CSE, Abortion, and LGBT / SOGI as promoted in this treaty

\$ 265,000

## Donate to Christian Council International (CCI)

CCI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity with tax deductible status for donations.

Checks can be sent to: Mr. John Van Der Brink, 243 Garside Ave Wayne, NJ 07470, USA

https://www. christiancouncilinternational.org/ donate





## The work of CCI in a nutshell

## Life

The source of human life and its dignity is the fact that God created us in His image created as man and woman.

This dignity respects the right of everyone to life and to be born and to, as much as possible, to live in freedom together with others.

#### What's at stake:

In a 20-year binding trade deal with 79 poor countries, the EU is cunningly threatening to introduce abortion laws and sex education. The EU is not at all authorized in the field of education and health care, thus undermining their (and our) sovereignty.

#### What we do:

Together with key figures from these poor countries and the EU, we will ensure that this is known and countered and freedom to legislate is preserved.

## **Family**

The traditional family is the cornerstone of society.

It is a natural unity that arises from a marriage of love and fidelity between a man and a woman. From this, boys and girls can be born who grow up in security and safety to adulthood under parental guidance.

#### What's at stake:

With EU and US in the lead attempts are made to impose the controversial term "sexual orientation and gender identity" as a new universal non-discrimination category through UN.

Gender is a feeling, not biology but self-chosen identity.
Gender ideology turns creation, nature and biology upside down.

#### What we do:

Through participation, we expose this overbearing ideology at the UN and lobby for global respect for Biblical standards for marriage and family.

## **Freedom**

Freedom and human dignity are bonded together, but affected by sin.

The protection of freedom of religion and education is non-negotiable. The powers of states are therefore limited. They are accountable to their citizens.

#### What's at stake:

Finnish Christian politician Päivi Räsänen is on trial for incitement to hatred because of her expressed views on homosexuality and marriage of one man and one woman. Räsänen, on the other hand, defends freedom of religion and expression and bears witness to the gospel of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

#### What we do:

We support this courageous woman with prayer, personal encouragement and our presence in the courtroom in Helsinki and as cocommentators in the media.



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