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• Participants will develop draft follow-up activities, such as small workshops/training programs, in their respective communities. The follow-up activities will strengthen civil society networks by introducing them to the field of nonviolent conflict.
• Strengthening a network of African young leaders committed to Non Violent struggle. The network will serve as a peer-review and teaching mechanism by evaluating each other’s activities and sharing information and experiences.
• An African regional Network for Nonviolent Action will be created to highlight African participant’s work as well as act as a resource and knowledge base for practitioners and trainers in Africa and elsewhere. This knowledge base will include access to training materials, grant information, scholarship information, scholarly publication material, and project ideas on reconstruction, dialogue, democracy good governance, and reconciliation models.

Partners and Sponsors
This program is hosted by the Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies (CANVAS), in coordination with the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC).

ADF would like to present its deep gratitude to these two partners for their support in making possible this program in Africa.

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