

NICMCR Boardmeeting, December 1, 2017, Radboud University, Nijmegen

Present:

UKDW: Robert Setio,	PCI NU: Yus Broersma
Peace Generation: Irfan Amali	KiA: Corrie v.d. Ven
UKIM Ambon: Sonny Hetharia	PThU: Ge Speelman
PThU: Kor Grit (notetaker)	STAKPN: Yance Rumahuru
St. Islam Kennis Centrum: Alper Alasag	Radboud: Frans Wijssen
CRCS UGM: Zainal Bagir	PThU: Leo Koffeman (chair)
NICMCR: June Beckx	

AGENDA

1. NICMCR's organizational structure: participantship, DoC, annual fee, etc
2. 5th Interfaith Dialogue, evaluation and continuation
3. Inclusive Religious Education: evaluation and continuation
4. Publication (Costly Tolerance, Ambon Conference on Incl. Rel. Education)
5. Concept TOR Publication, concept Policy Plan

Additional points:

6. Next NICMCR session 2018
7. Exchange students and teachers

1. NICMCR organizational structure

- a. Board, SC, Declaration of Commitment, fees

DECISIONS:

- By 2019 only institutions who signed the DoC and paid annual fee can participate in the Board
- 2018 is year of transition: institutes can sign DoC and not pay annual fee.
- In case of problems, participants fee is negotiable and decision is with SC
- By 2019: Board will select new SC
- In first quarter of 2018 all participants will be informed in time of this policy

- b. Status KiA in NICMCR:

Until now KiA has been major donator and NICMCR has been a self-managing project of KiA. This will end by 2019, which means that KiA will become Participant (with still making the same financial contribution)

DECISIONS: NICMCR and KiA will make a contract

Starting 2018 SC have to make the budgetproposal to submit to KiA and other fundings.

c. Responsibilities

DECISIONS: The Board decides or mandates the SC to decide on the yearly programming. SC appoints 2 Participants to organize and be accountable for an activity/program. The Participants' team decides on program-content, is responsible for budget and funding, and finalizes the narrative and financial report. They are free to involve other Participants or Partners for the activity, but with the consent of the SC.

Prior to each activity, a clear list of requirements and responsibilities should be accorded between the Participants' team and SC.

d. Next activity/Interfaith Dialogue conference

The suggestion of the SC to hold meetings for 3 consecutive years in Indonesia and one in the Netherlands for financial reasons, is not accepted because:

- there won't be financial problems if activities are well planned in advance;
- this will decrease the Indonesian experience and mutuality.

e. Admission of new Participants:

Should there be limitations or criteria for new participants?

DECISION: so far no limitations or criteria for new Participants are set. As long as they support the mission and vision of the Consortium, they can be accepted.

'Persons' can participate or be Participant on personal title, even if not (entirely) supported by his/her Institution.

'Partners' are those institutes that cooperate, attend meetings, etc., like embassies.

2. 5th Interfaith Dialogue, evaluation and continuation

Comments and advice:

- More dialogue and fewer lectures would made it a real conversation
- Time was too short

- Sometimes boring with all too familiar topics, no break through
- Dialogue not rooted in community, distant from every day life of the communities
- There were no exposures (like in Ambon)
- Good to keep governmental actors engaged
- Though non-government, it is important to maintain public private partnerships
- Grassroot can enter dialogue through best practices of how people dialogue in everyday life
- Step off general themes, bring specific issues into the dialogue as next step

Further discussed in point 6.

3. Inclusive Religious Education: evaluation and continuation

a. Publication of the book:

- Editors are Gerdien Bertram-Troost (VU) and Zainal Bagir (CRCS UGM).
- An English language editor will be needed.

Comments and advice:

- Expert meeting went beyond expectation: many proposals for papers (10 from Indonesia, 9 from NL).
- Publication: possibility of Lit. Verlag.: € 2000 for 30 copies; the editors will do peer-review themselves; can be distributed as e-book
- If we do peer-review, why not in a journal? This gives authors from Indonesia more credits, for the government (40 vs. 25).
- 'Studies in Interreligious Dialogue' is an option. Thematic issues (1 or 2) on Inclusive Education.

b. Relation to Ambon Conference 2016 on Inclusive Religious Education

Comments and advice:

- Definitely connected. In Ambon more practical tools and methods were presented.
- The Consortium mandate is an academic publication, not to implement, but for linking and learning and capacity building.
- Mapping existing activities/approaches rather than developing new methods.
- Complimentary results out of contacts on organizational level, f.i. games from Peace Gen and St. Islamic Center.
- Consortium has to start to link academic research to engagement on practitioner's level.

- In regard to the different realities, organize separate activities on this level in the Netherlands and Indonesia.
 - For instance two separate launches of the publication of the Ambon conference, where the practitioner's level is involved (e.g. teachers, in religion and other subjects).
 - In the Netherlands, the Expert Center for Religious Education (network of various stakeholders with links to the ministry of education)
 - In Indonesia, Interfidei and AGPAll could make relevant contributions
- DECISION:** SC should consider the advices and make further decisions

4. Publication (Costly Tolerance, Ambon Conference on Incl. Rel. Education)

a. Costly Tolerance:

Now starting with translation into bhs. Indonesia and finalization will be in February 2018, plus proposal for launching. Estimation costs from KiA 3000 Eur.

→ KiA confirms that 3000 can be paid in year 2017 if there is a surplus, if not, it comes to the 2018 budget.

b. Ambon Conference on Inclusive Religious Education:

Rachel Iwamony (UKIM Ambon) and Saidin Ernas (IAIN Ambon) are requested to be the editors, they will coordinate with Zainal Bagir on any overlap with the abstracts presented at the Expert Meeting.

→ A small amount of money has to be reserved on the NICMCR 2018 budget.

By 1st of February the Editors have to inform SC if they will pursue with the publication. In case they will not continue with the publication, or if they fail to inform the SC by Feb. 1, the SC will take back their right of publication.

5. Concept TOR Publication, concept Policy Plan

TOR publications:

- **DECISION:** - The draft is agreed upon and accorded.

Policy plan:

- Various goals of PP (2020) are in progress.
- Main guidelines for activities are still the goals of PP.
- **DECISION:** - The draft is agreed upon and accorded.

6. Next NICMCR session 2018/2019

Possibility: Erasmushuis Jakarta. VU is part of the Erasmus Training Centre.

Preference for early 2019;

DECISION:

- Planning for Interfaith Dialogue Conference is 2019.
- Steering comm. decides on 2018 activities. (Also in consultation with Indonesian Embassy)

7. Exchange students and teachers

- VU and IAIN Ambon have signed an MOU.
Before VU and the UKIM Ambon also signed an MOU
- Will "Indonesia Mirrors" add more students to the project?
- By 2020 there should be one Dutch or EU funded research project in order more exchange will be likely

Jakarta, January 2018