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'Testimony and Service'

In the memorandum 'Testimony and Service' the management describes the cooperation between KIA and ICCO and the changes this cooperation is presently undergoing. Further is established that new possibilities developed from the cooperation. The question for the meaning of religion for development projects is addressed by ICCO and KIA, by which the program Mission has a special input.

A consequence of the changes is that identity, inspiration and Christian values are more on the agenda than before, as becomes clear in the 'Manifest of opportunities' which was published jointly in 2009.

ProCoDe

ICCO has developed new policy under the title ProCoDe. That is a new manner of working in development cooperation, recognizable from three mainlines: Programmatic working, Co-responsibility and Decentralization. In programmatic working various partners execute the work methodically within the frame of a program or theme which was jointly decided. This way a better result can be achieved with combined activities, 'best practices' can be exchanged and learned from each other.

Decentralization ICCO and KIA

Combined responsibility and decentralization mean that partner get more direct influence on the policy. By decentralizing relation-management and bring that partly from the Netherlands to the regions the work gets closer to the people in the South, the partners of the cooperation.

According to the plans KIA as well will participate in these developments. Participation of KIA to the process of decentralization creates new possibilities, according to the management. The church-network which is represented by KIA is an important contribution to the cooperation with ICCO.

On Saturday-morning November 14 the general synod will discuss the memorandum 'Testimony and Service'.

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