

**PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONSULTATION ON
CARITAS IN VERITATE IN THE CONTEXT OF ASIA**

1. Aim of the Preparatory Consultation

To discern new and dynamic approaches to link our faith and life as the path to Social Evangelisation in the context of Asia in the 21st century. To review our journey as Church from *Populorum Progressio* and *Justice in the World* to new challenges posed by *Caritas in Veritate*.

2. Content and Process

1. The process aims to deepen understanding of *Caritas in Veritate* in Asia in the 21st Century. *Populorum Progressio* and *Justice in the World* needs to be revisited in the context of the globalised post-modern world to discern a new perspective of our realities and new paradigm of engagement.
2. Our *Way Forward* calls for both a critical introspection of the past and insightful and strategic interventions as Church in Asia in the areas of Charity, Development, and Justice and Peace (in the light of *Caritas in Veritate*)
3. To identify most urgent issues in the context of Asia, cf *INFO*, July – December 2009 on Eucharist that have implications for our mission of Social Evangelisation.
4. Based on the principle of subsidiarity and the process of Regionalisation as promoted by the FABC, there is the urgent need to identify structures and processes for the implementation of the above at the regional (South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Central Asia) and at the respective national levels.
5. To identify persons and organizations responsible for the above. This will entail the formation of an Asian-level team with links in all our Regions and our Episcopal Conferences.
6. Outcome of this Consultation will be to formulate the Content and Process for conducting Regional Assemblies for the dissemination of the resources that would have to be produced.
7. That these regional programmes will culminate in the Colloquium on *Caritas in Veritate* in the context of Asia. This will follow the format of the BISA Series of Review-Reflect-Respond that was implemented by the Office for Human Development of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (OHD-FABC) from 1972-1986.

3. Venue

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5. Dates - October 15 – 19, 2010

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