Hope Lab Summary

This Hope Lab was dealing with the question of how to build a healthy national Evangelical Alliance (EA) as you start a new EA. Both Goodwill Shana and Frank Hinkelmann shared from their own respective experience as chairs of the Zimbabwean and Austrian Evangelical Alliance. We addressed issues of membership, clarity of vision and purpose before also looking at some ministry governance issues.

We began this part by looking at the Apostles Council in Acts 15, looking at good principles of running a meeting and of communication we can learn from this "first board meeting".

We continued by looking at three critical relationships every board needs to consider and balance: the relationship to the stakeholders, to management (operations) and to each other on the board as peers.

We spent time to look into the different roles of both governance (the board) and management (operational) as both have their respective and unique role and should not be mixed.

We continued by looking at the mandates of highly effective ministry board as well as possible board member responsibility.

Goodwill and Frank shared from their own experience over many years as leaders on national, regional and international level and additional time was spent on Q&A.