

Glossary

AACC	All Africa Conference of Churches
adoption of a report	Following reception of a report, the assembly may agree to adopt some or all of its contents as ongoing policy or agreed statement
APC	assembly planning committee
CCA	Christian Conference of Asia
CCC	Caribbean Conference of Churches
CEC	Conference of European Churches
CICARWS	Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service
CLAI	Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias (Latin American Council of Churches)
central committee	The body elected by the assembly to carry out the work of the WCC between assembly meetings
consensus process	A process of seeking the common mind of the meeting without resort to a formal vote, engaging in genuine dialogue that is respectful, mutually supportive and empowering whilst prayerfully seeking to discern God's will
CUV	Towards a Common Understanding and Vision of the World Council of Churches, a document of the WCC
CWC	Christian world communion
CWME	Commission on World Mission and Evangelism
decision session	A session when delegates make decisions about agenda matters – other participants do not contribute at this stage
delegate	A person appointed to an assembly as an official representative of a member church, with the right to speak and the responsibility to participate in decision-making
delegated observer	A person officially designated by a non-member church and invited by the central committee to participate in an assembly
delegated representative	A person officially designated by an organization in relationship with WCC and invited by the central committee to participate in an assembly
ecclesiological	The self-understanding of a church on matters of faith, doctrine and self-understanding ethics

executive committee	Elected by central committee, responsible for monitoring programmes and activities of the WCC between central committee meetings
FABC	Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences
general session	A session reserved for ceremonial occasions, public acts of witness and formal addresses
hearing session	A session in which matters are presented with careful attention to the broad range of perspectives member churches hold, issues arising are discussed by participants, and progress is made towards a possible outcome for the assembly. No decisions are taken in this session
indicator card – blue	Held at chest level after a speaker has concluded, it indicates coolness towards a point of view, or not ready to approve
indicator card – orange	Held at chest level after a speaker has concluded, it indicates warmth towards a point of view, or ready to approve
indicator cards – both	Held at chest level at any stage, crossed cards indicate a delegate's opinion that it is time to move on
IEO	International ecumenical organization
leadership of central committee	Moderator and vice-moderators of central committee, and the general secretary
MECC	Middle East Council of Churches
minutes	The official record of general, hearing and decision sessions of an assembly or central or executive committee meeting, including a record of the discussion, motions and decisions. The minutes will normally incorporate by reference any report of the meeting
minute-takers	Appointed by the business committee to record the official minutes of general, hearing and decision sessions of an assembly or any meeting for which formal minutes must be kept. The minute-taker is usually designated from WCC staff
moderator	elected by the central committee the moderator has the primary responsibility for assuring the coherence of the work of the central committee and of the executive committee
moderator	A person designated to moderate a session

<i>madang</i>	<p>Activities surrounding the assembly in Busan (celebration, exhibition, reflection, discussion, lectures):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to help participants better understand the issues being discussed – to provide a forum for airing concerns of members churches and ecumenical partners – to encourage participation and ecumenical formation of those new to WCC events – to widen horizons through interaction with the many cultures gathered for the assembly
NCC	National council of churches
participant	A person participating in the work of the assembly— includes delegates and those with the right to speak but not to participate in decision-making (advisers, delegated representatives of ecumenical organization delegated observers from non-member churches, representatives of associate member churches, retiring members of central committee)
PCC	Pacific Conference of Churches
PCCC	Permanent committee on consensus and collaboration
PCPCU	Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity
plenary	Meeting in session of the entire assembly in the one place
point of order	An interjection by a participant to make personal explanation if misrepresented, to object to offensive language, or to seek for the issue under discussion to be dealt with in private
president	One of up to eight eminent persons elected by the previous assembly to promote ecumenism and interpret the work of the WCC especially in her/his region; ex-officio a member of central committee
procedural proposal	A proposal for a variation to the procedures.
<i>rappporteur</i>	Person appointed by the business committee to prepare an account of the discussion of a hearing session or report of a committee meeting for which minutes are not kept. A rapporteur appointed for a committee meeting shall function as a recorder of that meeting
reception of a report	Agreement to consider the substance of a report. No action is implied a result – either the report as a whole must be adopted if its substance is to become policy, or specific proposals arising from the report must be considered in their own right before agreement to act can be assumed

record of session	An account of the discussion during hearing or decision sessions including final language of decisions taken
recorder	Person appointed by the business committee to follow the discussion of decision session, to record the language of the emerging consensus, including final language of decisions taken, and to assist the moderator of the session in discerning an emerging consensus. Recorders shall also assist the moderator in ensuring that the final agreed wording of a proposal is translated and available to delegates before a decision is made. Normally a delegate will be appointed recorder
REO	Regional ecumenical organization
Report of a meeting	Summary of a meeting including a presentation of major themes and specific proposals
session	A sitting of the assembly in one of general, hearing or decision sessions (as defined)
SM	Specialized ministry
Vice-moderator	Elected by the central committee with responsibilities to act in place of the moderator as necessary
WCC	World Council of Churches