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As we move through 2026, we are delighted to be preparing for the arrival of our **new ALICT cohort at the end of July**. Their participation represents a continued commitment to developing **Christian leaders who serve with humility, wisdom, and courage**, seeking to be agents of transformation in their communities, organisations, and nations.

We also recognise that this year has presented significant challenges. National and international economic pressures, conflicts, rising costs, and uncertainty in general impact all of us. These very challenges underscore the urgent need for called leaders who are equipped, empowered, and grounded in faith to navigate complexity, foster hope, and contribute to the transformation of individuals, communities, and societies. As we welcome the new cohort, we also thank our friends, partners, and supporters whose encouragement and engagement continue to make the ITL's work and the ALICT experience possible.

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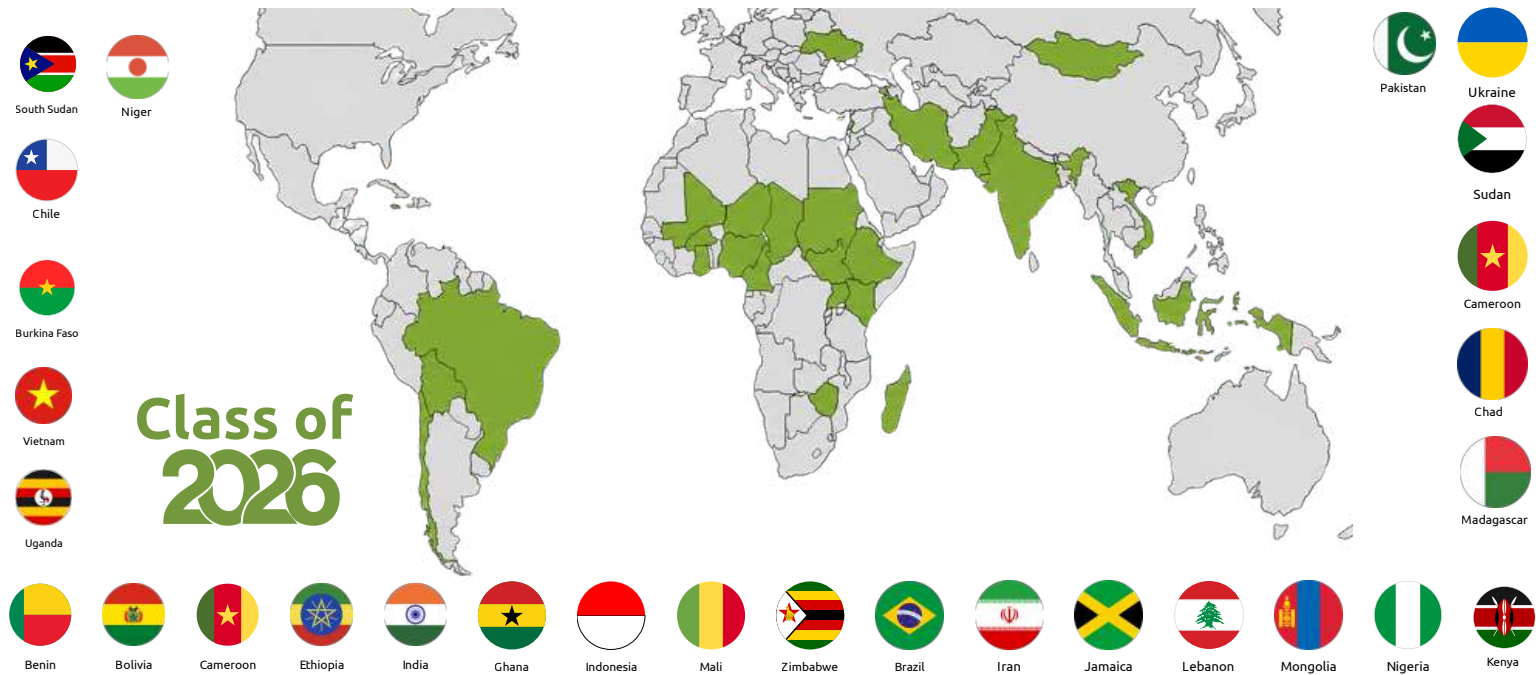
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-Johan Horn-
Director & co-founder
at ITL

ITL ALICT NEWS



ALICT 2026 Is One Month Away!

In just one month, emerging leaders from around the world will arrive in South Africa to be part of ALICT, our three-month flagship leadership programme.

This year, 29 Christian leaders from 28 countries across the globe have been selected to attend ALICT. They come from countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia, and beyond. Each leader carries a deep commitment to seeing their communities, nations, and sectors transformed through Christ-centred leadership.

As ALICT draws near, we are expectant for another meaningful and fruitful programme. We look forward to witnessing how God continues to transform leaders from the inside out. At the same time, we are preparing for this year's programme in a complex and uncertain global climate. Rising fuel costs, increased travel expenses, food inflation, and accommodation costs have placed additional pressure on the programme and on the leaders who hope to attend. For many of our participants, the cost of attending a three-month residential programme in South Africa is simply not possible without support.

Please join us in praying for provision, smooth logistics, and for the Lord to prepare each leader's heart. We invite you to partner with us by giving. Every gift, at every level, helps fund a leader who will return to serve in villages, cities, churches, organisations, and communities with renewed vision, practical tools, and Christ-centred conviction.

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For Caleb, an ALICT alumnus from Benin, this year's journey has already begun. As the selection team convener, he has played an important role in prayerfully shaping this year's cohort.

"Reading through so many applications and catching a glimpse of what people are doing across the world is both inspiring and humbling. It reminds me of how wide, diverse, and meaningful it is to serve our Master Jesus." Caleb shared.

Caleb will continue walking alongside the cohort throughout this year's ALICT programme as a mentor, helping these leaders discover more, and become further empowered and inspired to facilitate Kingdom impact while walking wholeheartedly in their calling and strengths.

"It is exciting and comforting to anticipate reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new people, and walking with many through the beautiful and crazy journey that ALICT represents," he said.

You are invited to the ITL ALICT Opening Ceremony

6 August 2026, Thursday at 18h30

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ALICT ALUMNI WORKING TOGETHER



ALUMNI UNITE TO EQUIP PASTORS AND YOUTH IN BURKINA FASO

Five ALICT alumni recently came together to facilitate a mission mobilisation training session with ministry and church leaders, and young people in Burkina Faso. Participants explored their role in what God is doing among the nations and considered practical ways to engage in missions within their own countries and among unreached people groups.

Two alumni from the 2023 (DRC) and 2024 (Burundi) cohorts, who serve through a mission organisation, were responsible for organising the training. Through their connection with a Burkina Faso alumnus from the 2014 cohort, they were able to partner with other Burkina Faso alumni from the 2023 and 2025 cohorts to organise and facilitate this impactful training. This story is a beautiful reminder of the strength of the ALICT network and the power of Kingdom collaboration across nations, cohorts, and contexts.



KINGDOM PARTNERSHIP IN KENYA

Two ALICT alumni from Kenya, one from the 2025 cohort and one from the 2017 class, recently partnered together to start a company called Yellow Stroke.

Yellow Stroke exists to empower Christian women to unlock their potential through coaching, mentorship, and training. They are creating spaces where women can be equipped, encouraged, and strengthened to navigate different life situations.

Whether they are navigating career decisions, seeking alignment in personal life, building discipline, working to develop healthy habits or rediscovering identity and purpose, Yellow Stoke provides them with practical guidance anchored in faith. Empowering women to walk in their calling so that they can empower and support others.

Their partnership speaks to the power of Kingdom collaboration and the impact that can be made when leaders come together with shared vision, purpose, and commitment.



The alumni also recently participated in a mental wellness exhibition, giving them access to a sector and industry where Christian influence is often limited. This opened up a valuable opportunity to bring faith-informed leadership, care, and encouragement into an important area of community life.

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Alumni Project Update: Skills Development | Nigeria

As part of her skills development initiative for youth and people with disabilities in Lagos, Nigeria, an ALICT alumna recently hosted two training sessions. During the sessions, participants were trained to create Afrocentric notepad designs and handmade bags from scratch. After completing the training, they received certificates and sustainability packages/kits to help them continue practising their new craft.

This project equips young people with practical skills they can use to generate income and create opportunities for themselves. It is a powerful example of community leaders empowering others to start businesses and build a sustainable livelihood. This initiative is still ongoing, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact it will have.



Alumni Project Update | Pakistan

As part of her initiative that empowers and discipless women in Pakistan, an ALICT alumna recently conducted a workshop for 20 girls, focusing on spiritual growth, emotional healing, and personal development.

The workshop covered key topics such as Practical Christian Living, encouraging girls to apply biblical principles in everyday life; it focused on emotional healing and finding restoration in Christ; and Confidence Building, helping participants discover their identity, self-worth, and leadership potential.

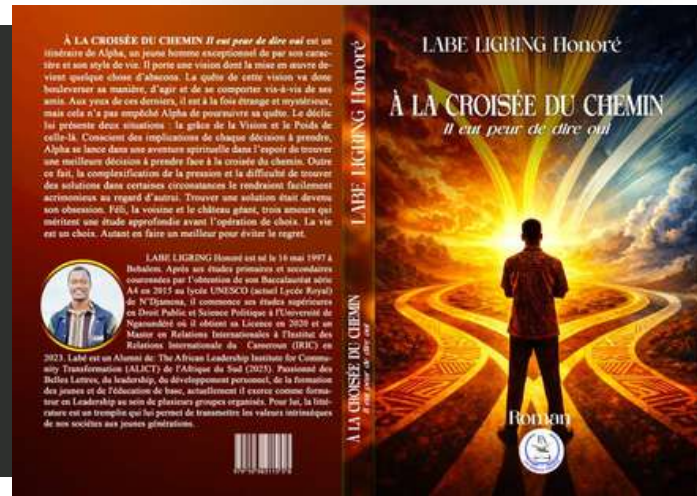
This project helps uplift young women who carry deep wounds and face challenges such as family pressure, rejection, and confusion. Through this initiative, there is an opportunity to invest in these young lives and trust that the lessons learned will continue to help them grow in faith, confidence, and purpose. This project is still ongoing and continues to impact the lives of women in Pakistan.



ALUMNI PUBLICATION

A 2025 ALICT alumnus from Chad, recently published a book titled *At the Crossroads: He Was Afraid to Say Yes*. The book explores the journey of recognising, maintaining, and stepping into one's God-given calling. *"This was made possible through the support of each of you, ALICT, and its programme, which helped me regain confidence and promote what God has placed in my heart,"* he said.

-This provides him an opportunity to share lessons and testimonies from his own journey, inspiring others to walk wholeheartedly in their calling.-



AFROFUNK MASTERCLASS: FAITH, IDENTITY & CREATIVE IMPACT

Through the Afrofunk platform, an ALICT alumnus is equipping emerging Kenyan Christian creatives to use their gifts with purpose and create meaningful change within their communities and the creative sector.

The one-day masterclass will bring together musicians, content creators, designers, storytellers, and other creatives for practical training and conversations around faith, identity, artistic expression, marketing, impact, and income. The initiative responds to a common challenge among talented creatives: having passion and gifting, but limited access to mentorship, community, and practical guidance.

By helping participants grow in confidence, strengthen their craft, and build sustainable creative careers, the masterclass aims to develop Kingdom-minded creatives who can positively influence culture while serving others through their work. It also marks the beginning of a longer-term journey of mentorship, collaboration, and community building through Afrofunk.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

At ITL-ALICT, we are deeply grateful for the volunteers who make our programmes possible. Through their faithful service, and by God's grace, we have continued empowering Christian leaders across the globe since 2004.

Our volunteers serve in many ways, from supporting onsite during ALICT, counsellors and coaches offering care and guidance to leaders across the globe, and mentors walking alongside leaders as they implement projects, campaigns, and initiatives in their communities. Their time, expertise, and commitment help strengthen and sustain the impact of leaders around the world.

Would you like to get involved? Follow the link for more information:
<https://itl.org.za/itl-alict/>



THE ALICT COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

Interdependence is one of our values at ITL-ALICT. It reminds us of the importance of leaning on one another, staying accountable as Christian leaders, asking for help, and being vulnerable within our community.

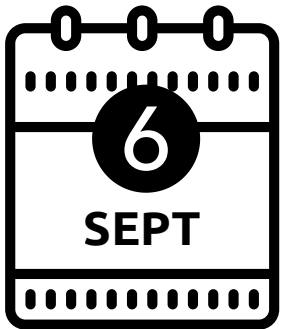
The ALICT community creates a meaningful opportunity to put this value into practice and to witness the fruit of a global christian community in action. As alumni come together across countries, cohorts, and contexts, we are reminded that leadership is not meant to be walked alone, but strengthened through shared faith, support, and collaboration.



MEET THE ALICT COHORT - ONLINE EVENT

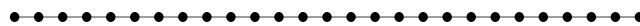


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It will take place on 6 September 2026, so **save the date**. More details will be shared closer to the time.

In the meantime follow the link to learn about ways you can get involved: <https://itl.org.za/itl-alict/>



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**FUNDRAISING
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- Stellenbosch, South Africa (Hybrid)
- 3-5 days per week
- Permanent Part-Time Employee
- Start Date: Immediate / Negotiable
- Applications close 17 July 2026

[Click here for more information](#)

SUPPORT CHRISTIAN LEADERS TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

We believe that transformation is not a journey walked alone, it takes a community of committed individuals, partners, and friends and family, like you. There are many ways you can continue to stand with ITL-ALICT and our alumni as they bring hope and transformation to communities around the world.



Make a donation: Your financial support helps us continue equipping and empowering leaders across the globe. To give, please visit our donation page: <https://itl.org.za/donate/>. You can also support through our Mustard Seed project, to support our Alumni Staff to serve during ALICT.



Use Your Expertise and Gifts for Kingdom Transformation: Whether you have professional skills, leadership experience, or simply a heart to serve, there are opportunities to walk alongside ITL and our alumni as they continue to make a difference. Please reach out should you feel led to serve in this capacity: volunteer@itl.org.za



Partner with local leaders: Through the ITL GetFund platform, you can directly support alumni-led community projects. These projects cover various sectors and issues from Sustainable Agriculture, Education, Crisis Relief, support for women and vulnerable children and more. Visit <https://itlgetfund.com/> to see current campaigns.



Pray with us: Prayer remains one of the most powerful ways you can support our work. We invite you to stand with us in prayer for our alumni, their communities, and the ongoing mission of ITL-ALICT. Reach out to hello@itl.org.za to be added to the prayer group.



Receive Invitations to ALICT Events: Stay informed about upcoming ALICT online and in-person gatherings and opportunities to connect with the wider ITL family and ALICT Alumni. Email us at hello@itl.org.za to be sent updates. Check out our first online ITL Friends event [HERE](#)

Were you encouraged or inspired by this newsletter?

Please share it with someone who may also be blessed by it or interested in learning more about what we do.

We are incredibly grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers. It is because of partners like you that ITL-ALICT can continue equipping leaders who are impacting lives and communities in over **117 countries**. Thank you for journeying with us, we are excited to see what God will continue to do through this ever growing family.

This is what the Sovereign Lord,
the Holy One of Israel, says:
"In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
Isaiah 30: 15

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