



West-Central  
Africa Division

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# SECRETARY'S REPORT



By

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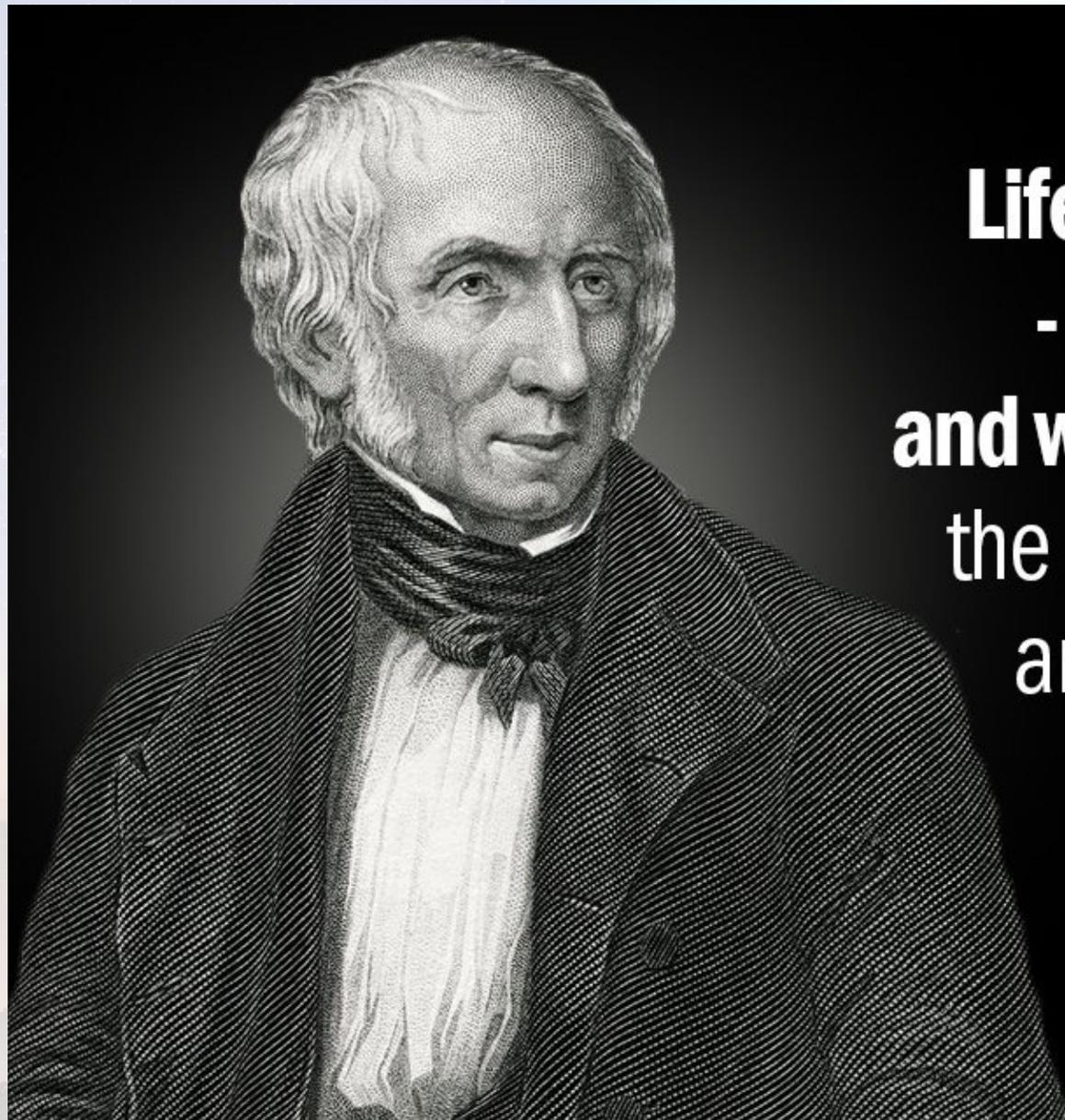
Executive Secretary

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**20 YEARS**

AFTER ITS ORGANISATION

**(2003-2023)**



**Life is divided into three terms  
- that which was, which is,  
and which will be.** Let us learn from  
the past to profit by the present,  
and from the present, to live  
better in the future.

— *William Wordsworth*

AZQUOTES

WAD

20th  
ANNIVERSARY



# The Journey so far...

- In **1980** the church on the African continent was re-organized, resulting in the following Divisions:
  - ✓ **Africa-Indian Ocean Division**,
  - ✓ **Afro-Mideast Division** (organized in **1970**),
  - ✓ **Euro-Africa Division** (organized in **1971**), and
  - ✓ **Trans-Africa Division** (organized in **1980**).

David J. B. Trim, *A Passion for Mission* (Bracknell, England: Newbold Academic Press, 2019), 3.

# The Journey so far...

There were seven unions in **AID**: namely,

1. Central African Union,
2. Indian Ocean Union,
3. Nigerian Union,
4. West African Union Mission,
5. West Central African Union,
6. Zaire Union, and
7. Northwest African Union.

Minutes of the 2002 Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee, action GCC 02-227.

# Historical Development

- In **1981**, AID had **1, 789 churches** and a membership of **320,924**.
- After about **22 years** (in 2002), the membership had increased to **1,521,307**, and the number of churches had grown to **5,311**.
- Other parts of the Church in Africa had also grown greatly.

*Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook, "Africa-Indian Ocean Division," accessed March 22, 2020, <https://www.adventistyearbook.org/2002.pdf>.*

# The Journey so far...

- So, on **October 8, 2002**, the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee voted to authorize, effective **January 1, 2003**, the realignment of territory in Africa and surrounding island nations into three divisions:

- **East-Central Africa Division (ECD)**
- **Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID)**
- **Western Africa Division (WAD)**

Minutes of the 2002 Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee, action GCC 02-227.

# The Journey so far...

- As of June 2003,
  - East-Central Africa Division (**ECD**) had a membership of 2,012,030;
  - Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (**SID**) had a membership of 1,569,033, and
  - West-Central Africa Division (**WAD**) had 669,620 members.

*Minutes of the 2002 Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee, action GCC 02-227.*



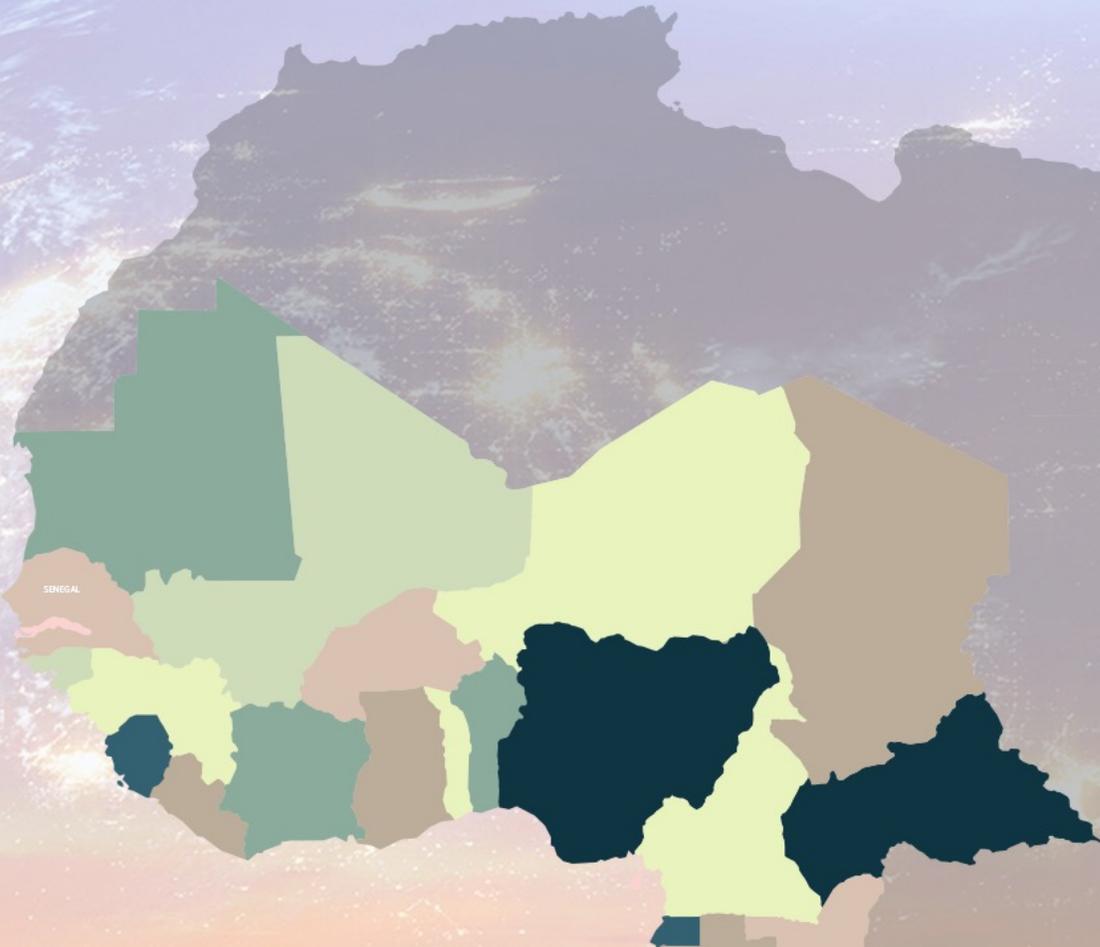
# The Journey so far...

- WAD had **five Unions** when it was organized in **2003**, namely
  - **Central Africa Union Mission**, organized in **1949**;
  - **Ghana Union Conference**, organized in **2000**;
  - **Nigeria Union Mission**, organized in **1972**;
  - **Sahel Union Mission**, organized in **1981**; and
  - **West Africa Union Mission**, organized in **1973** and reorganized in **2000**.



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AFTER ITS ORGANISATION

**(2003-2023)**

# 20 YEARS AFTER...

DIVISION	MEMBERSHIP IN 2003	MEMBERSHIP IN 2023 (3rd Quarter)	% OF GROWTH
<b>ECD</b>	2,012,030	5,088,938	<b>152.93%</b>
<b>SID</b>	1,569,033	4,096,764	<b>161.10%</b>
<b>WAD</b>	669,620	967,170	<b>44.44%</b>

# 20 YEARS AFTER...

## (STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2022)

DIVISION	UNIONS & ATTACHED FIELDS	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	BAPTISM
ECD	12	19,240	13,223	292,813
SID	13	13,908	14,175	273,191
WAD	10	5,156	5,449	48,647

# 20 YEARS AFTER...

## (STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2022)

DIVISION	MEMBERSHIP IN 2023 (2nd Quarter)	BAPTISM	TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT (TMI)
ECD	5,088,938	292,813	1 = 17 Souls
SID	4,096,764	273,191	1 = 15 Souls
WAD	967,170	48,647	1 = 20 Souls



# **West-Central Africa Division**



**22** Countries

**10** Unions

**56** Conferences

**19** Missions

**04** regions

**5,243** Churches

**5,450** Companies

**1784** Ministers

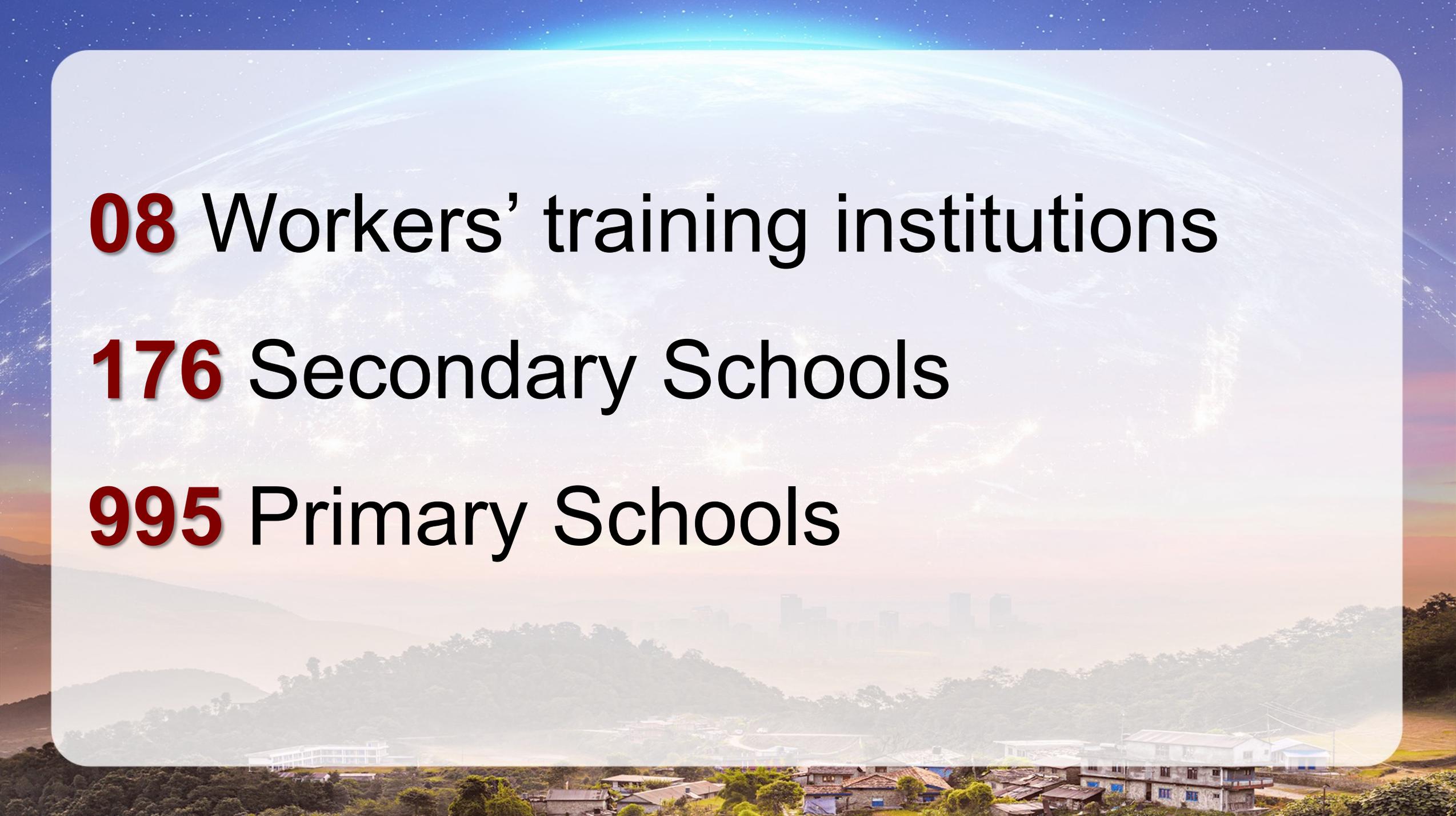
**1224** Credentials

**560** Licensed

Members **978,317**

# 05 Universities

- **Adventist University Cosendai**, *Nanga-Eboko, Cameroon*
- **Adventist University of West Africa**, *Monrovia, Liberia*
- **Babcock University**, *Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State, Nigeria*
- **Clifford University**, *Ihie, Abia State, Nigeria.*
- **Valley View University**, *Accra-Dodowa Road, Ghana.*



**08** Workers' training institutions

**176** Secondary Schools

**995** Primary Schools



**34** Hospitals & Sanitorium

**9** Clinics & Dispensaries

**2** Printing Press

# WAD HAD A MAJOR REORGANIZATION IN 2013

# IN 2013 WAD WAS REORGANIZED FROM 6 UNIONS TO 10 UNIONS

UNIONS IN 2012	UNIONS FROM 2013
Central African Union Mission (CAUM)	Cameroon Union Mission (CAUM)
Eastern Nigeria Union Mission (ENUM)	Central African Union Mission (CEAF)
Ghana Union Conference (GHUC)	Eastern Nigeria Union Conference (ENUM)
North-Western Nigeria Union Mission (NGUM)	Eastern Sahel Union Mission (SAUM)
Sahel Union Mission (SAUM)	Northern Ghana Union Mission (NOGH)
West African Union Mission (WAUM)	Northern Nigeria Union Conference (NONI)
	Southern Ghana Union Conference (GHUC)
	West African Union Mission (WAUM)
	Western Nigeria Union Conference (NGUM)
	Western Sahel Union Mission (WESA)

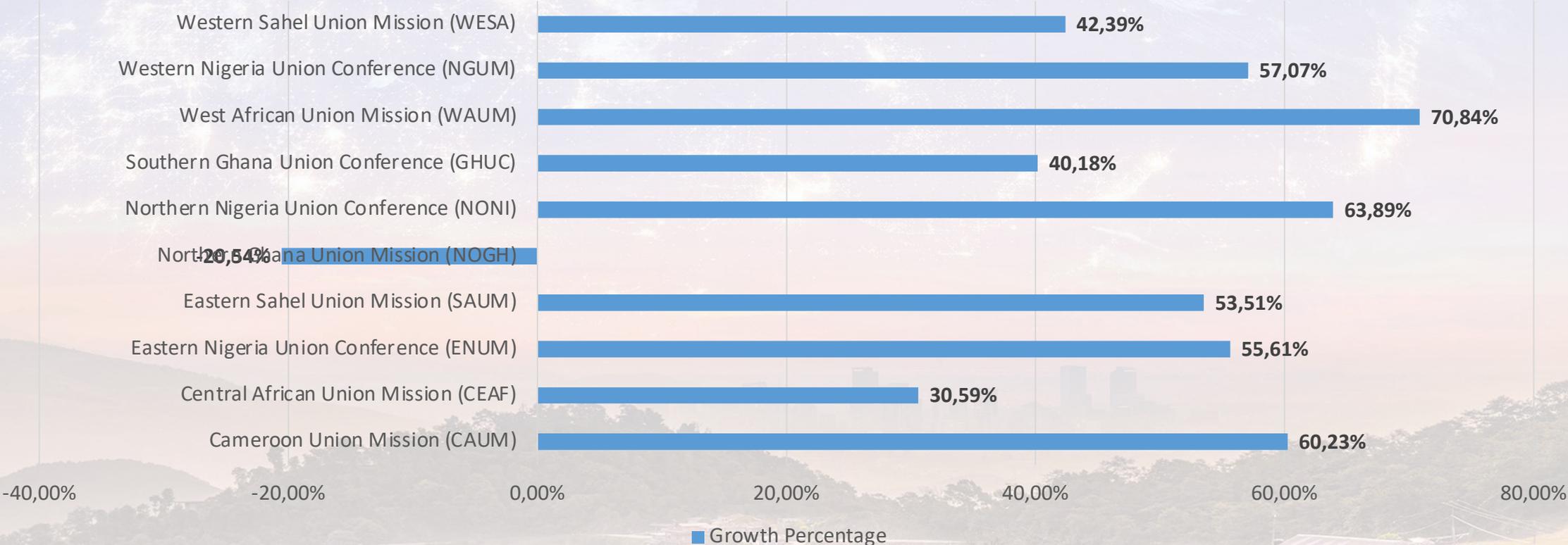
# HOW HAS BEEN OUR GROWTH PATTERN DURING THESE 10 YEARS (2013-2023)?

# WAD 10 RECENT YEARS GROWTH PATTERN

DIVISION	MEMBERSHIP IN 2013	MEMBERSHIP IN 2023 (2nd Quarter)	% OF GROWTH
Cameroon Union Mission (CAUM)	84 310	135,092	60.23%
Central African Union Mission (CEAF)	13 326	17,403	30.59%
Eastern Nigeria Union Conference (ENUM)	122 947	191,316	55.61%
Eastern Sahel Union Mission (SAUM)	22 001	33,774	53.51%
Northern Ghana Union Mission (NOGH)	267 406	212,480	-20.54%
Northern Nigeria Union Conference (NONI)	34 804	57,040	63.89%
Southern Ghana Union Conference (GHUC)	141 438	198,265	40.18%
West African Union Mission (WAUM)	28 043	47,910	70.84%
Western Nigeria Union Conference (NGUM)	42 560	66,851	57.07%
Western Sahel Union Mission (WESA)	12 772	18,186	42.39%
<b>West-Central Africa Division (WAD)</b>	<b>769 607</b>	<b>978,317</b>	<b>27.12%</b>

# GROWTH PERCENTAGE 2013-2023

Growth Percentage



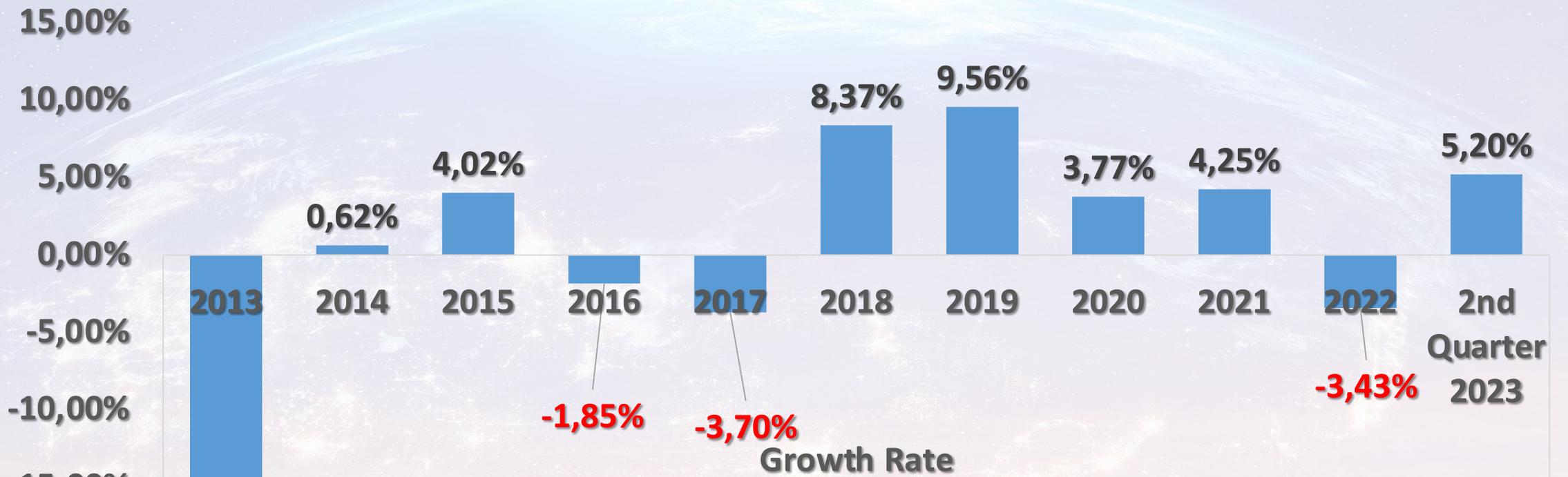
# 2013-2nd Quarter 2023

UNIONS	Growth Rate										
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2nd Quarter 2023
Cameroon Union Mission	-8.86%	5.29%	5.33%	2.93%	9.04%	7.19%	2.56%	-0.33%	5.77%	5.61%	3.95%
Central African Union Mission	-27.60%	0.62%	4.02%	-1.85%	-3.70%	8.37%	9.56%	3.77%	4.25%	-3.43%	5.20%
Eastern Nigeria Union Conference	-23.08%	3.45%	5.89%	4.33%	3.61%	9.93%	2.94%	2.96%	2.41%	2.59%	6.78%
Eastern Sahel Union Mission	-24.35%	-8.74%	-3.55%	13.30%	11.53%	11.55%	7.55%	-3.94%	4.95%	7.11%	3.66%
Northern Ghana Union Mission	4.10%	-42.25%	9.21%	6.23%	6.41%	4.32%	-1.70%	-0.41%	3.51%	4.16%	0.83%
Northern Nigeria Union Conference	-18.19%	6.38%	6.14%	5.65%	4.80%	4.82%	5.35%	4.94%	4.43%	6.05%	1.88%
Southern Ghana Union Conference	1.06%	-24.10%	12.94%	10.28%	13.34%	10.05%	5.47%	1.74%	3.85%	3.32%	1.42%
West African Union Mission	-28.64%	3.48%	1.00%	7.07%	3.45%	7.33%	19.47%	3.34%	3.06%	3.50%	2.43%
Western Nigeria Union Conference	-43.67%	4.30%	11.30%	5.59%	5.42%	4.89%	3.08%	2.20%	2.49%	2.85%	1.37%
Western Sahel Union Mission	4.43%	4.97%	3.83%	5.78%	5.13%	5.01%	0.48%	1.74%	2.92%	3.57%	1.60%
WAD	-11.16%	-17.48%	7.60%	6.11%	7.14%	7.38%	3.34%	1.34%	3.67%	3.81%	2.87%

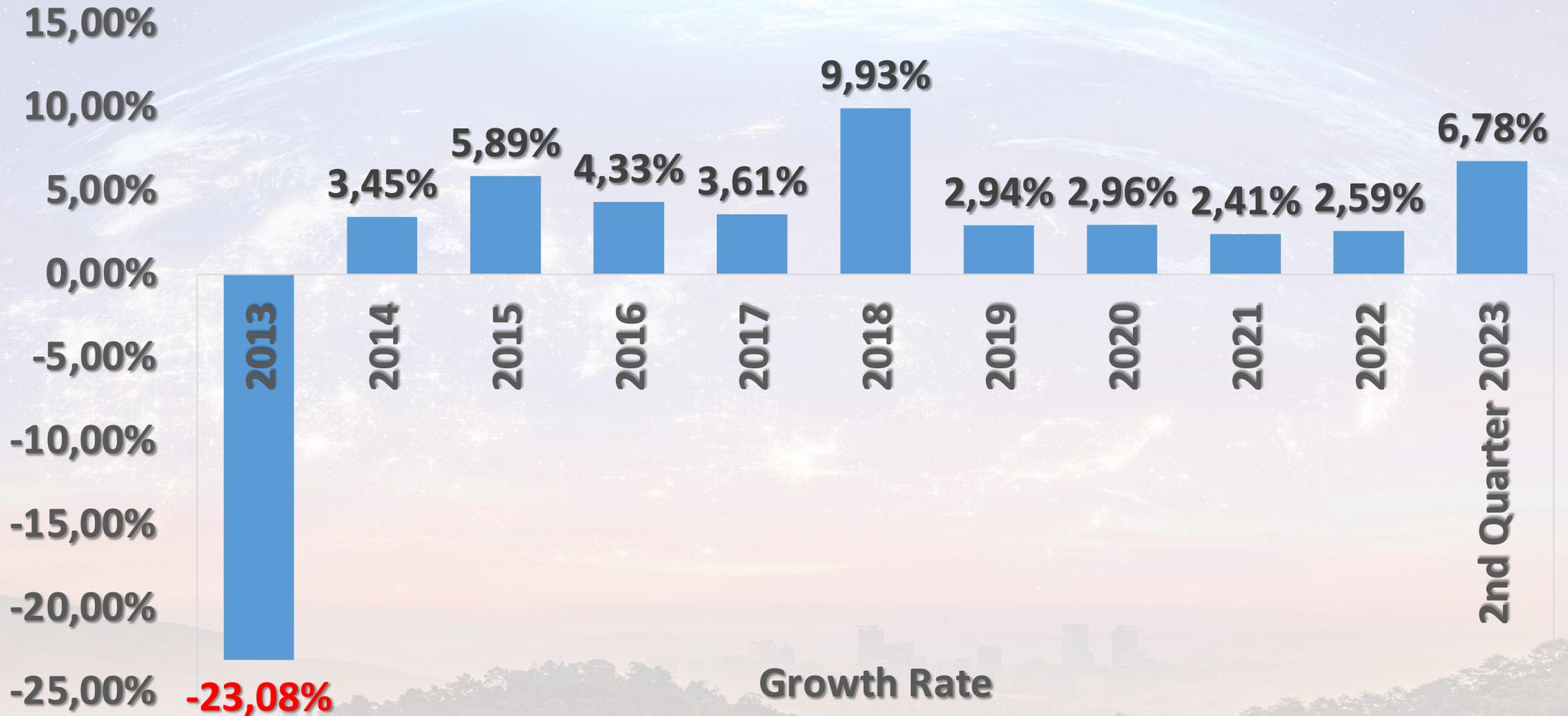


Growth Rate

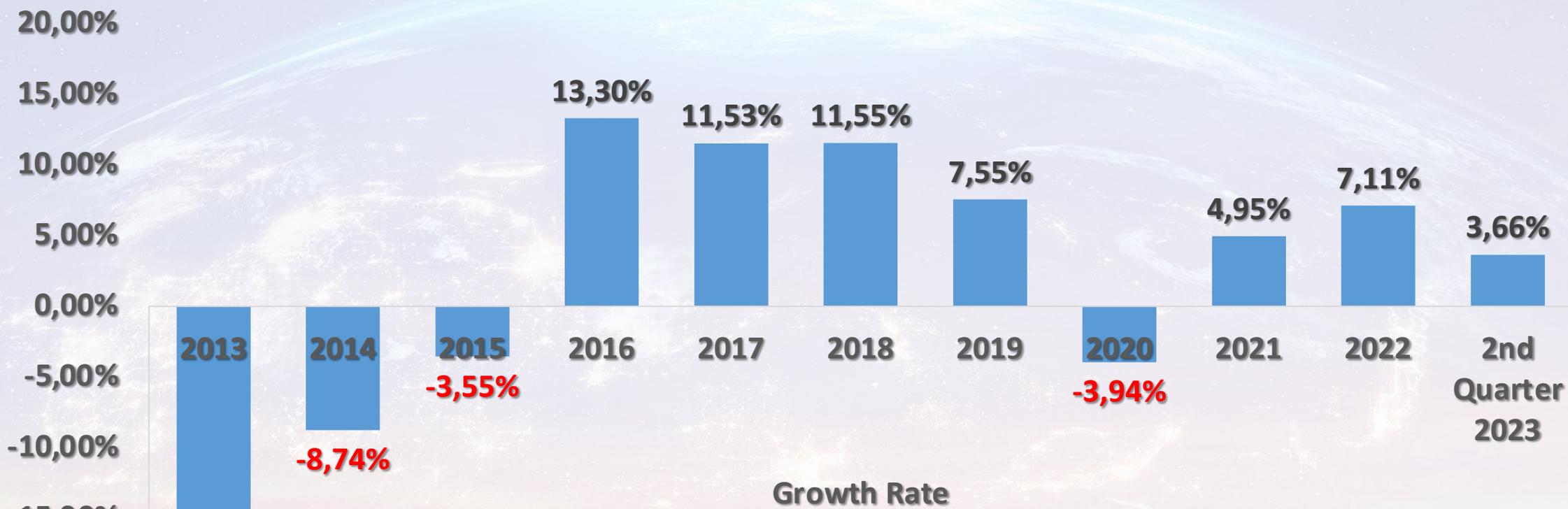
■ Cameroon Union Mission



■ **Central African Union Mission**

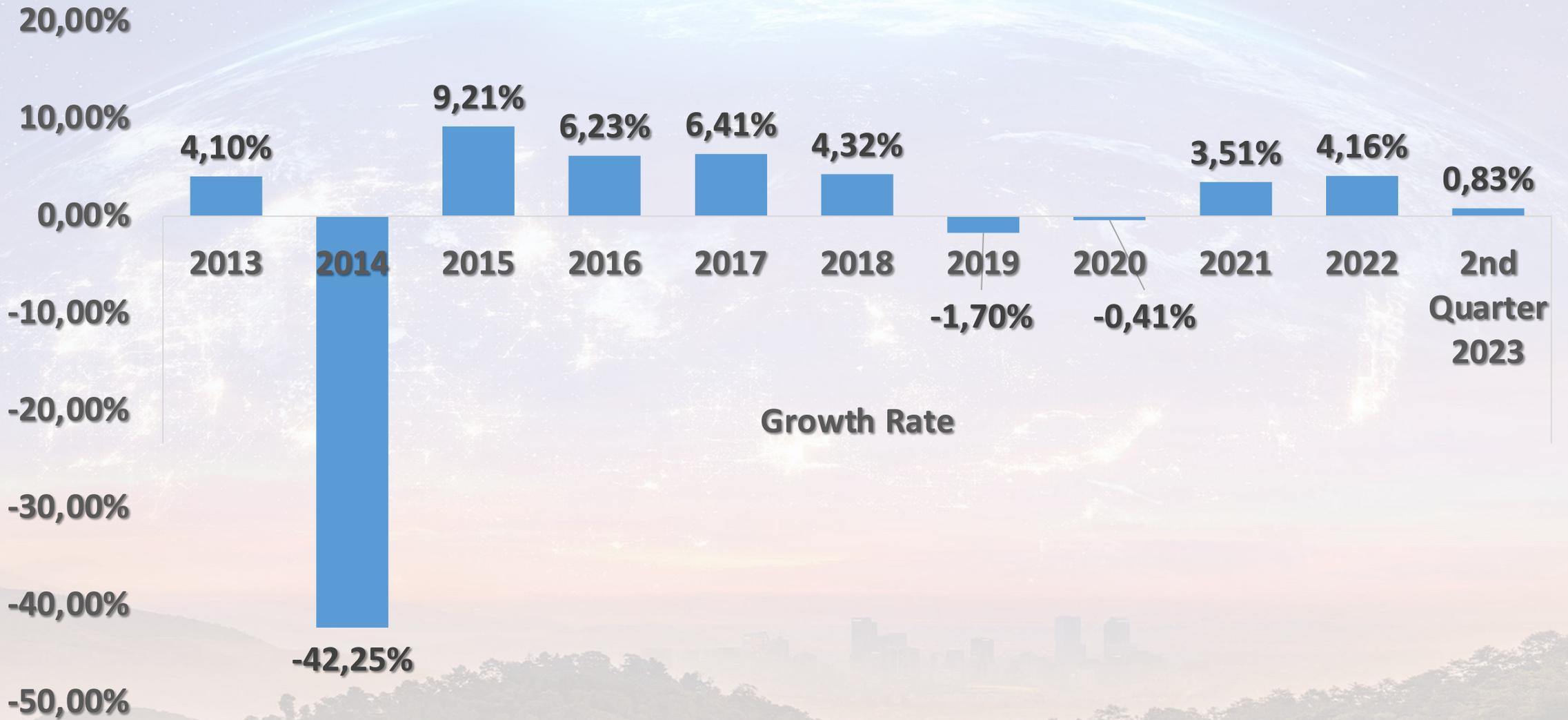


■ **Eastern Nigeria Union Conference**



Growth Rate

■ Eastern Sahel Union Mission



■ Northern Ghana Union Mission



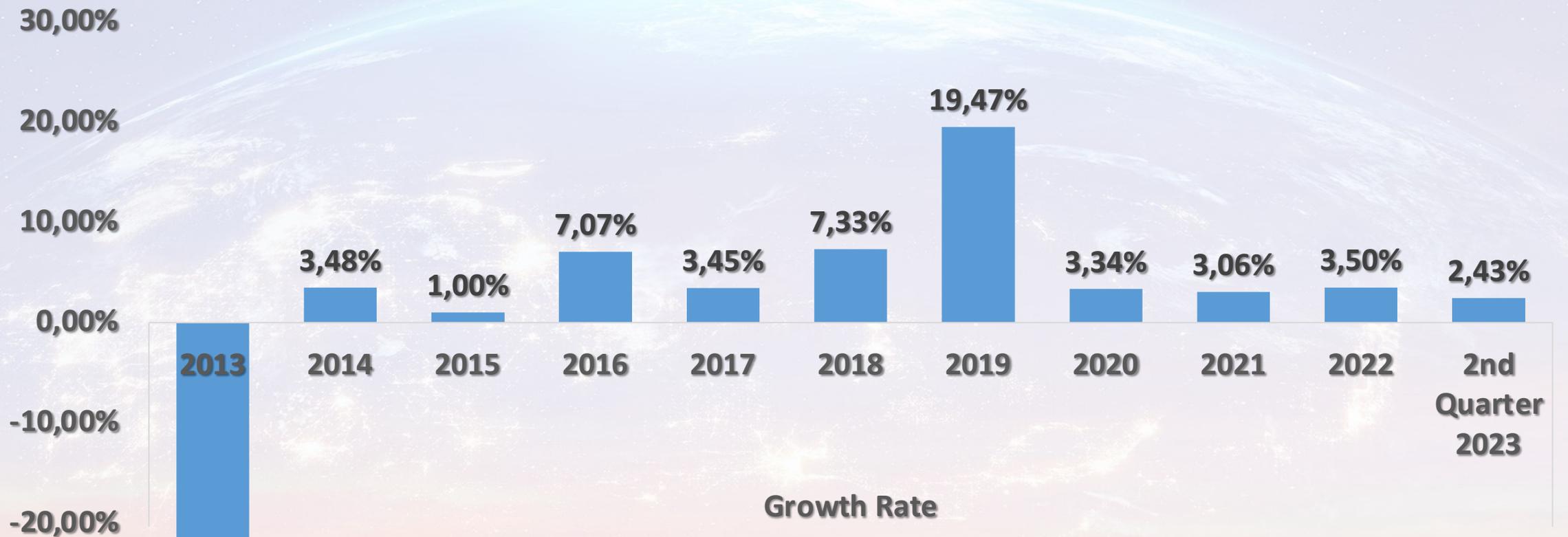
Growth Rate

■ Northern Nigeria Union Conference



Growth Rate

■ Southern Ghana Union Conference



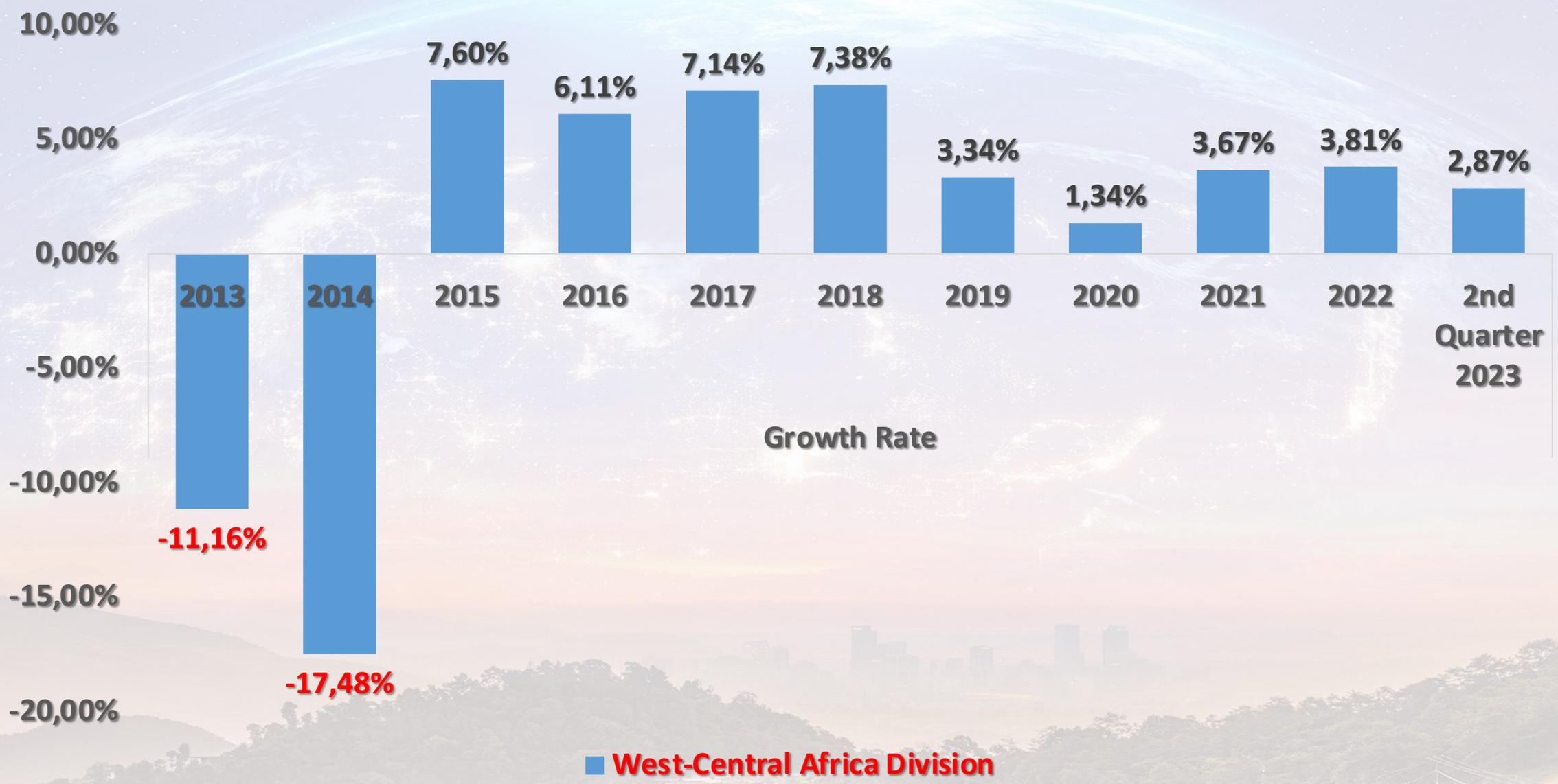
■ West African Union Mission



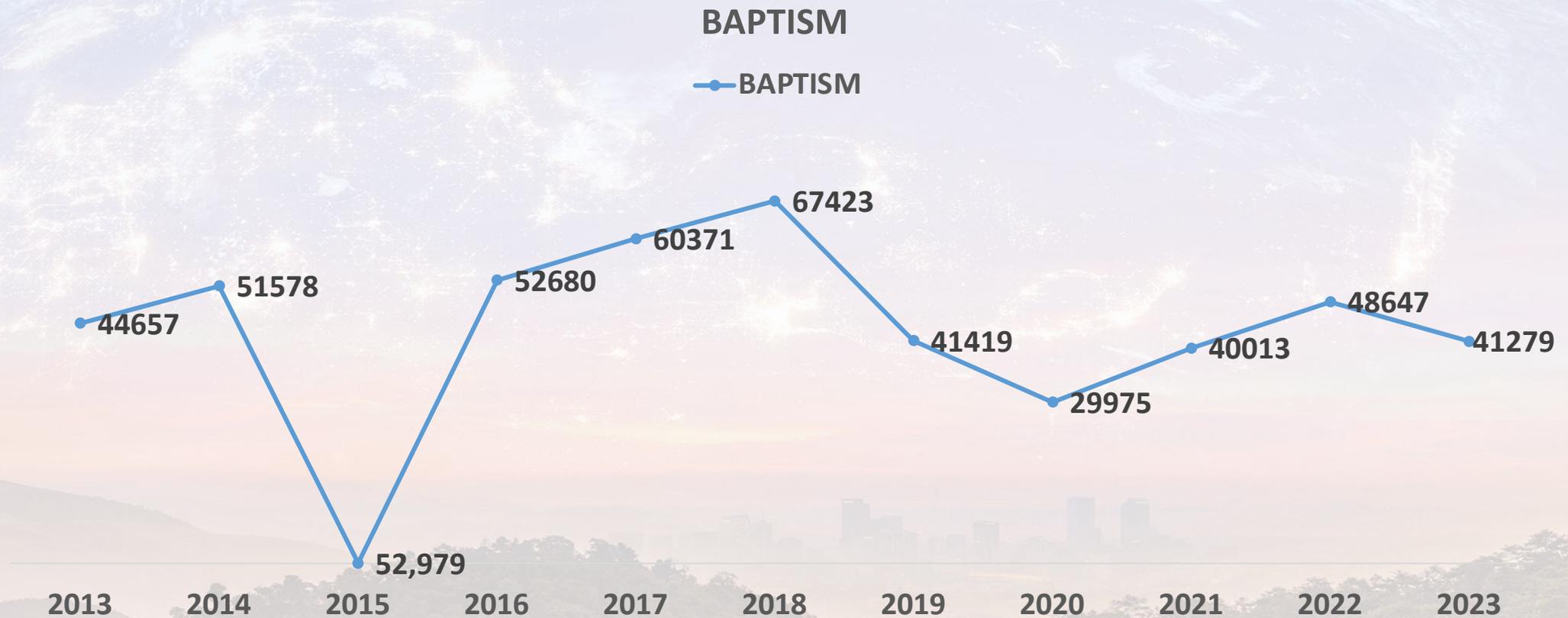


**Growth Rate**

**■ Western Sahel Union Mission**



# WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION Statistical Report Summary Baptism 2013-2023



# WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION Statistical Report Summary Death 2013-2023

DEATH

—●— DEATH



# WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

## Statistical Report Summary

### Total Added # Total Subtracted 2013-2023



**WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION**  
**Statistical Report Summary**  
**REMAINING TO CELEBRATE OUR 1 MILLION MEMBERSHIP**

**GOAL: 1,000,000**

**REALIZED: 978,317**

**REMAINING: 21,683**



# ACCMS

ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



1 200 000

1 000 000

800 000

600 000

400 000

200 000

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**694 183**

**978 317**

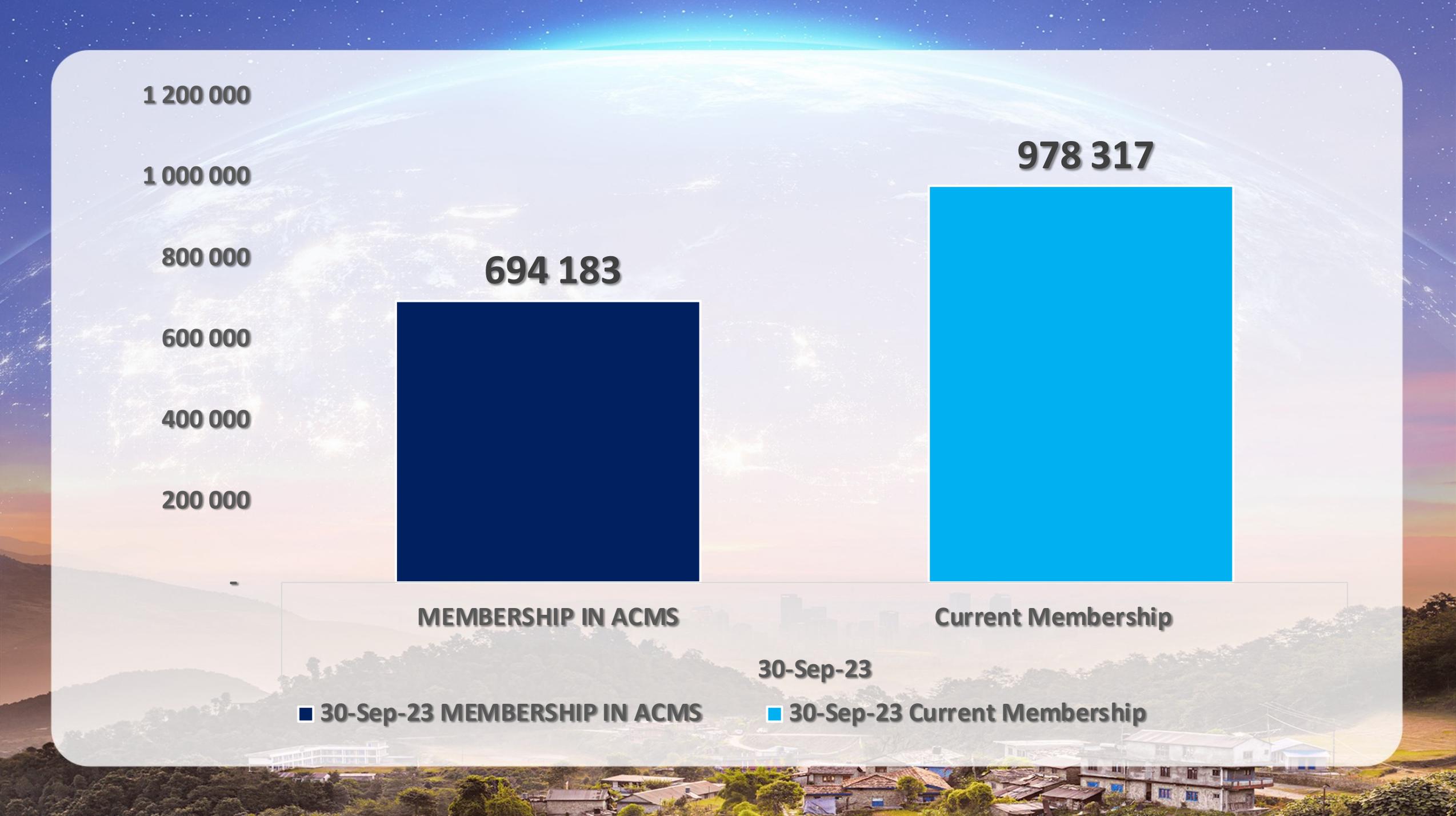
**MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS**

**Current Membership**

**30-Sep-23**

■ **30-Sep-23 MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS**

■ **30-Sep-23 Current Membership**



1 200 000

1 000 000

800 000

600 000

400 000

200 000

694 183

978 317

**70,96%**

**registered in ACMS**

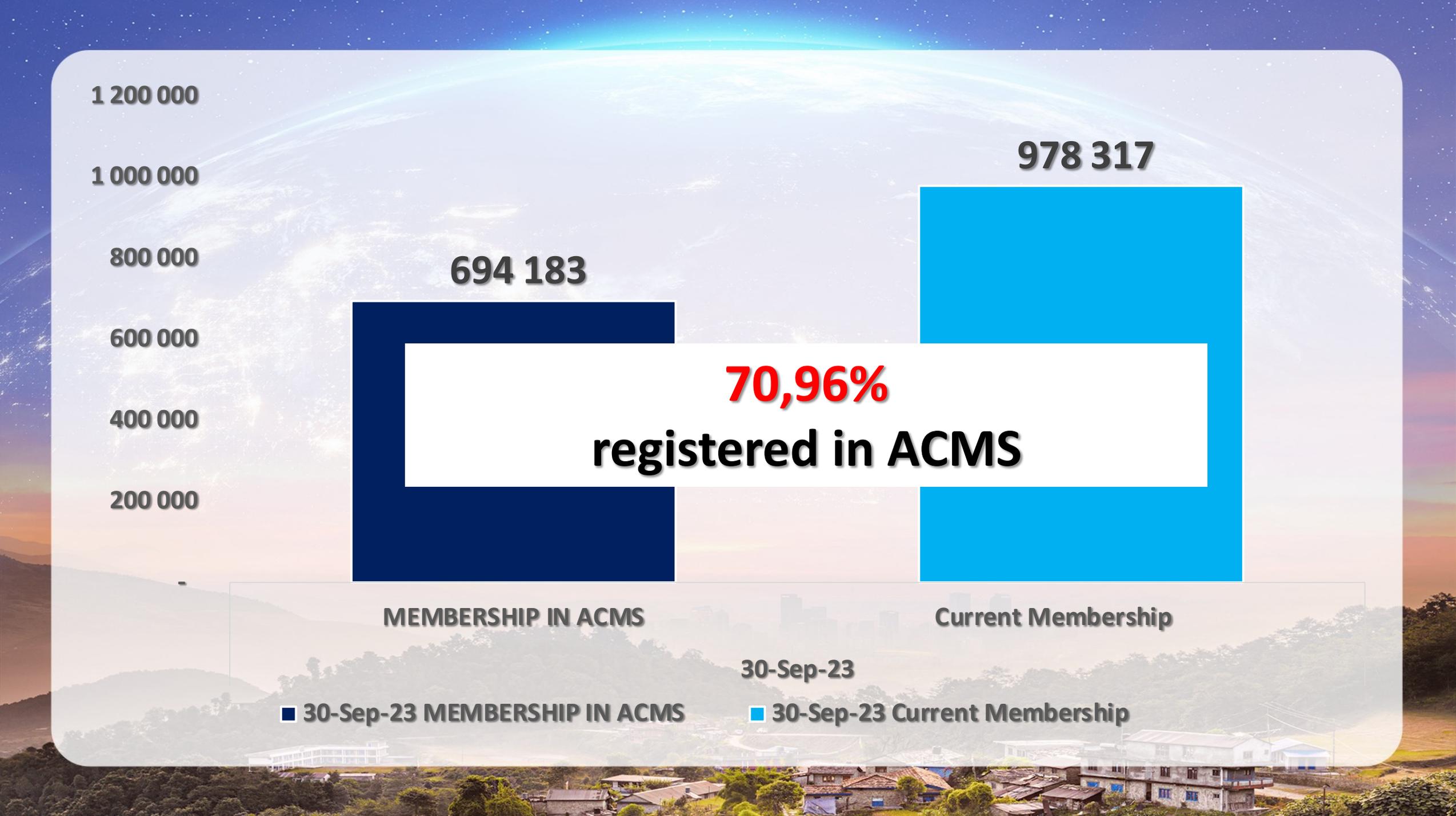
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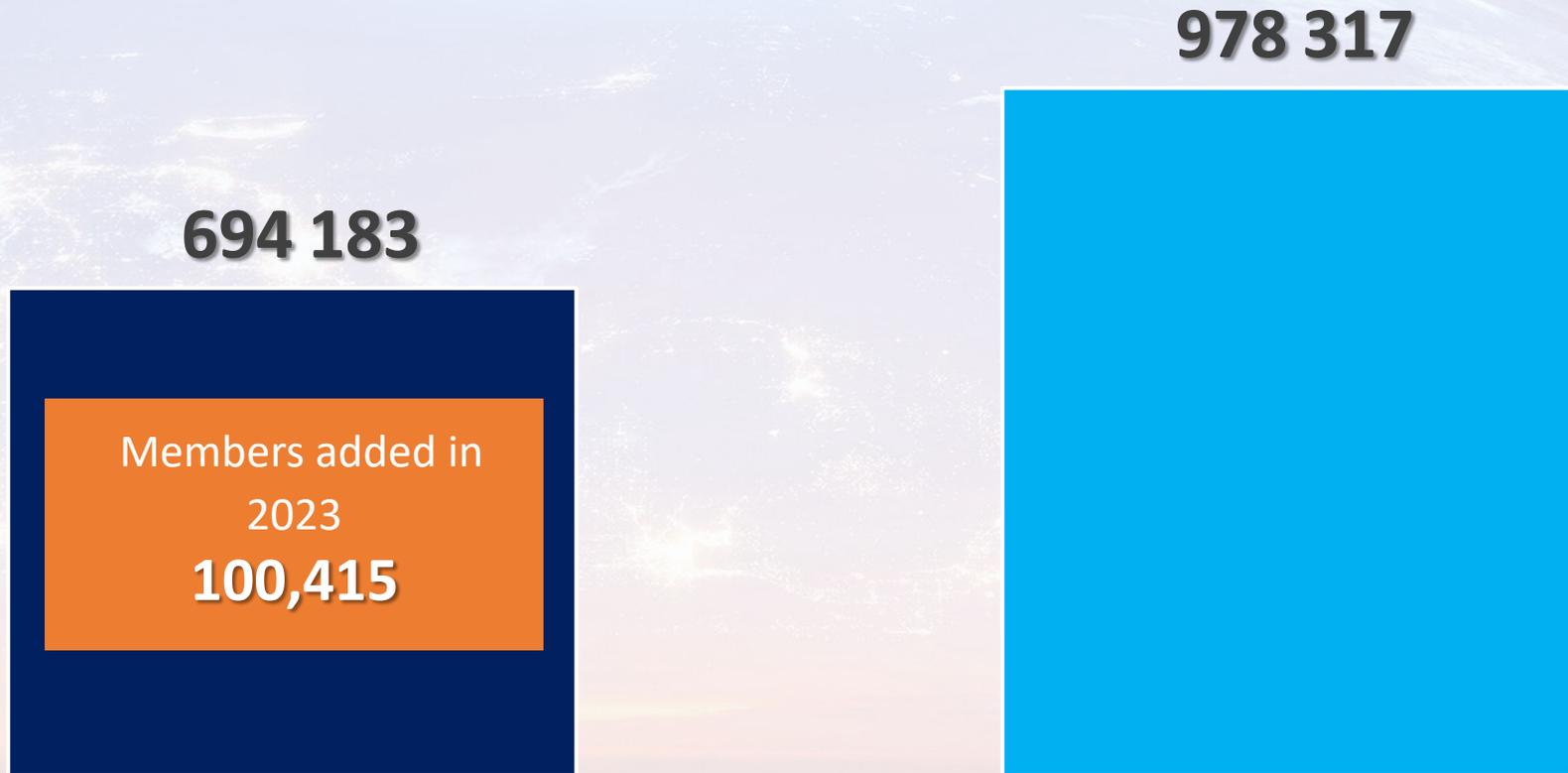
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**MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS**

**Current Membership**

**30-Sep-23**

■ **30-Sep-23 MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS**

■ **30-Sep-23 Current Membership**

**Member entries in the year**

**100 415**

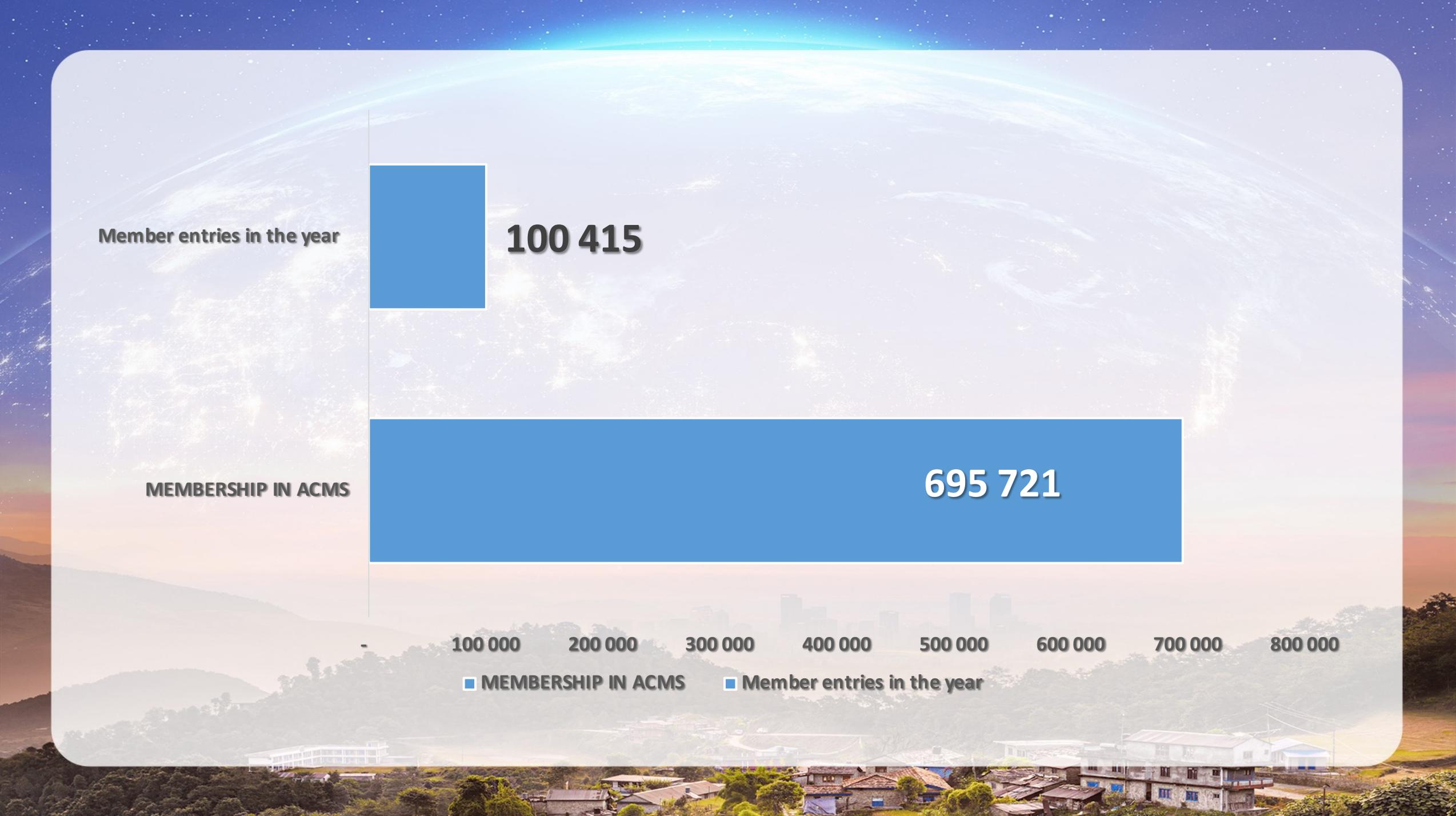
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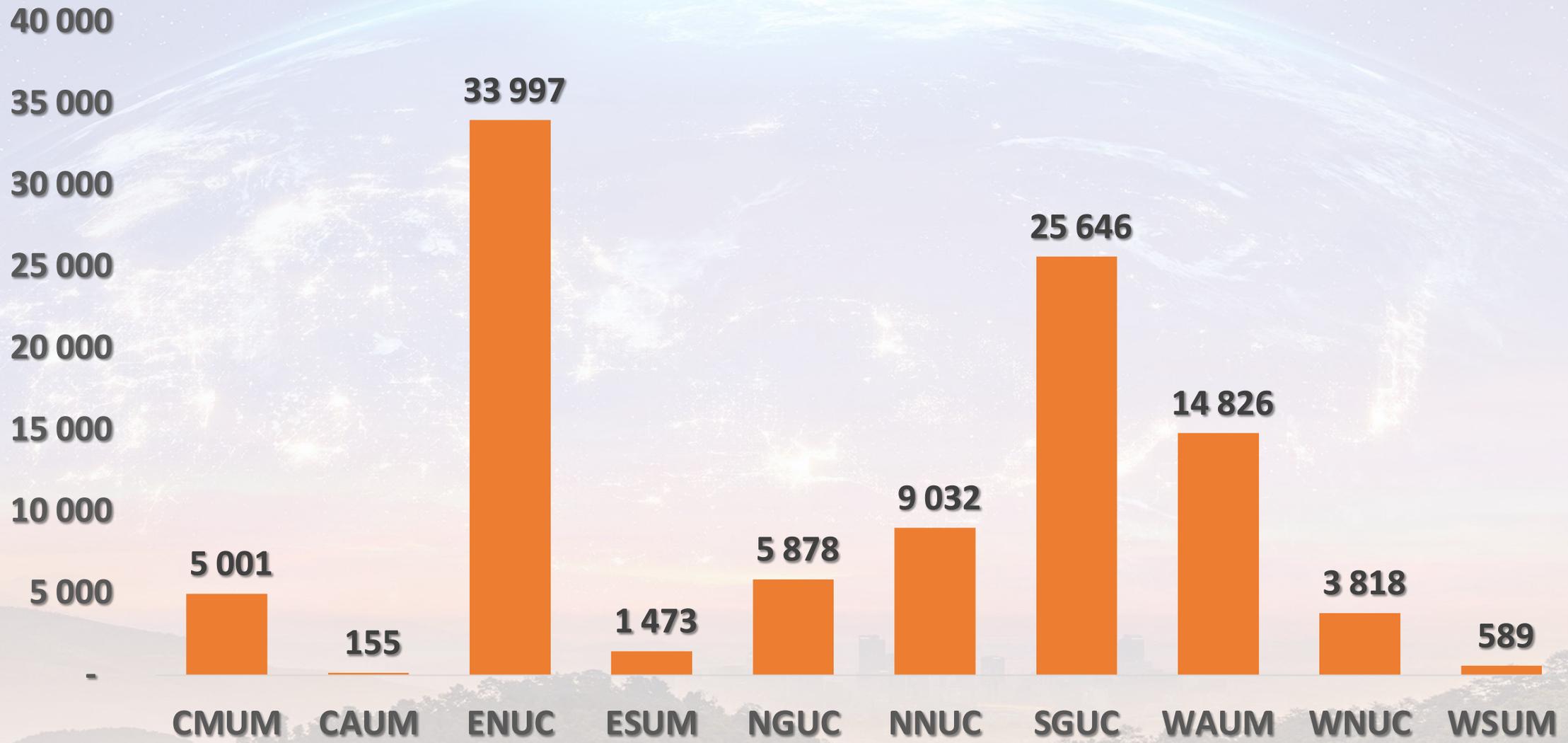
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■ MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS

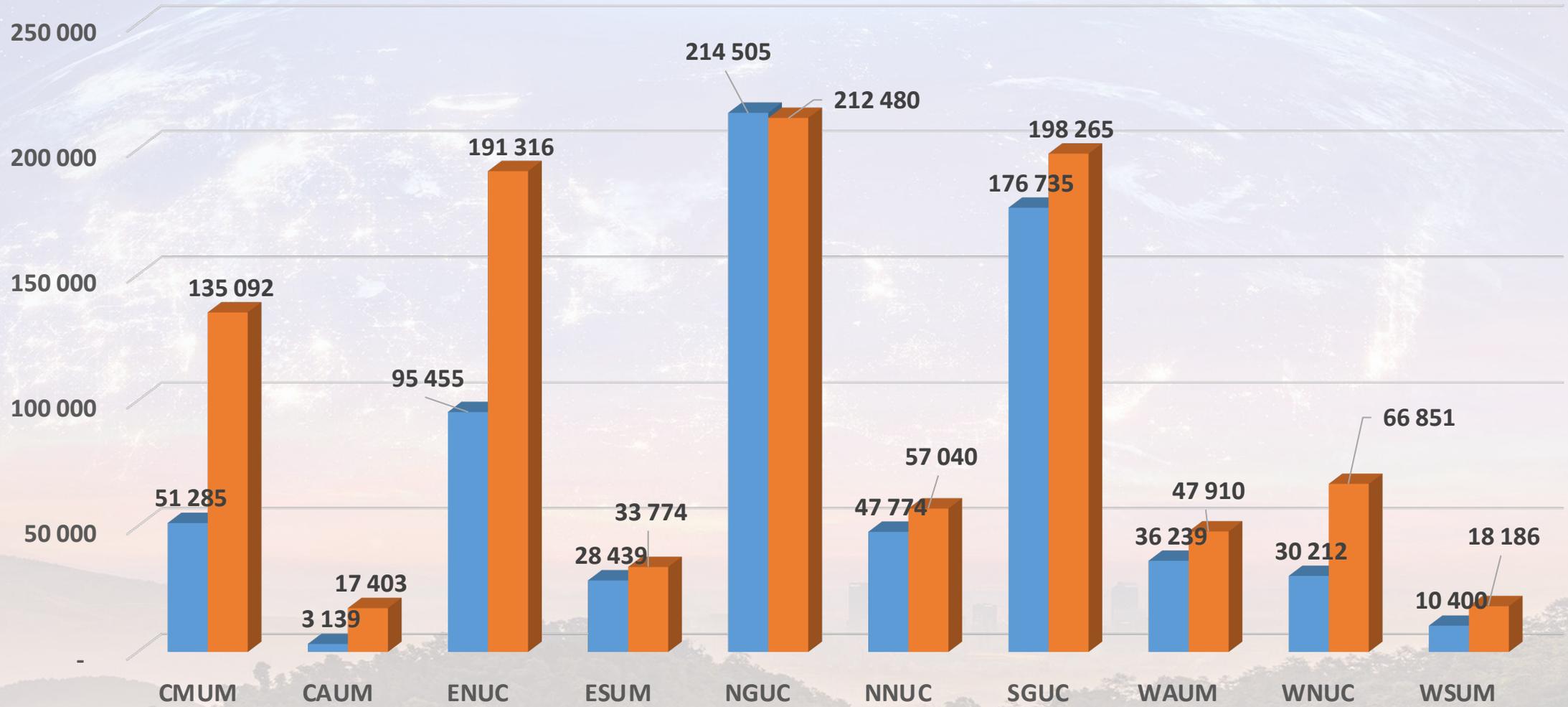
■ Member entries in the year





Member entries in the year

Chart Title



MEMBERSHIP IN ACMS      Current Membership      [September 30, 2023]

120,00%

100,00%

80,00%

60,00%

40,00%

20,00%

0,00%

CMUM

CAUM

ENUC

ESUM

NGUC

NNUC

SGUC

WAUM

WNUC

WSUM

WAD

37,96%

18,04%

49,89%

84,20%

100,95%

83,76%

89,14%

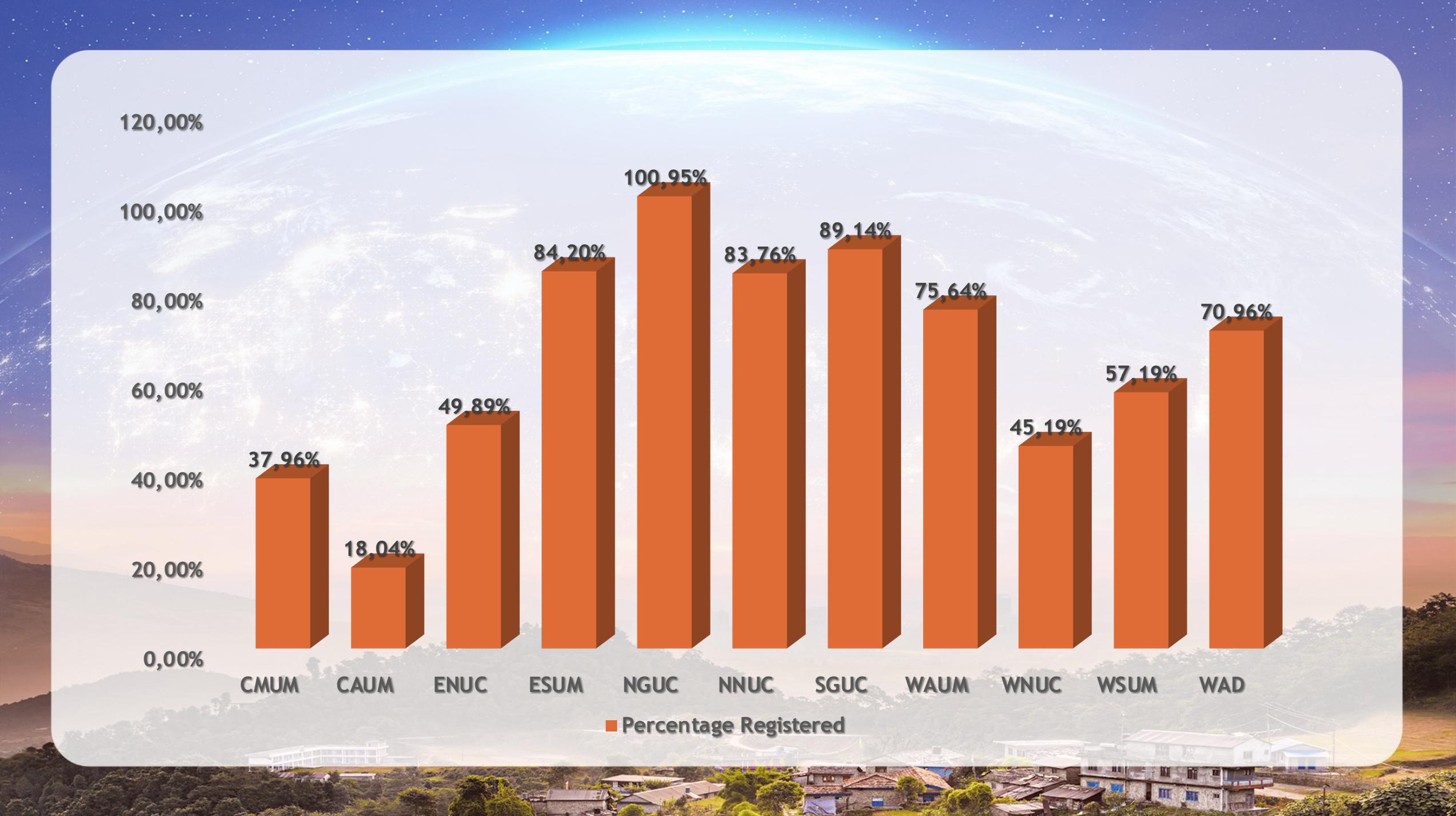
75,64%

45,19%

57,19%

70,96%

■ Percentage Registered





NORTHERN GHANA UNION CONFERENCE

**ACMS**  
ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



**ACMS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
And Treasury Module Launching in Northern  
Ghana Union Conference**

# OTHER SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



# MISSION (KPI 1)



**A new church established at EziOrsu Oguta by the grace of God.  
Let's pray for help to meet the needs of this church.**





SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
VOLTA GHANA MISSION  
HO.

Presents

10days  
Bible Lecture  
series

# Hope For Today Evangelistic Series



Preacher:

Pastor Selom Sessou

Venue:

HO DOME  
EP BASIC SCHOOL PARK

9th-19th  
**AUGUST**  
2023

Time:  
6:30 pm  
to  
9:00 pm

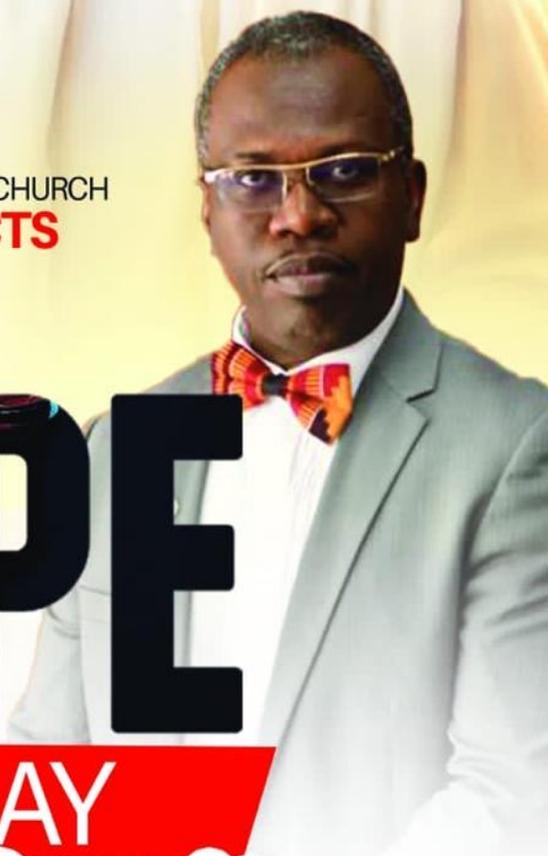
..... ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED .....





VOLTA GHANA MISSION  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
**HOHOE DISTRICTS**

Presents



# HOPE

for **TODAY**

**Evangelistic Campaign**

With PASTOR  
NATHAN TEYE ODONKOR

Wednesday 9th Aug - Saturday 19th August, 2023

**GBI-HOHOE**  
(OLD STC YARD), AGORDOME

TIME: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM EACH EVENING



# MISSION (KPI 2.6)





# Health Expo in Niamey, Niger



# 2 UNIONS

## SECRETARIAT EVALUATION



# WESTERN SAHEL UNION MISSION EVALUATION



# NORTHERN NIGERIA UNION CONFERENCE EVALUATION



May 24-25, 2023

# SECRETARIAT EVALUATION EXERCISE IN WAD

## Already Evaluated

- 1.SGUC
- 2.ESUM
- 3.CMUM
- 4.NOGH
- 5.ENUC
- 6.WNUC
- 7.WSUM
- 8.NNUC

## Yet to be Evaluated

- 1.CAUM
- 2.WAUM

# AVS & VIVIDFAITH TRAINING



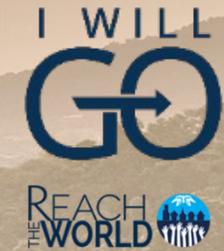
I WILL  
GO





May 27-28, 2023@  
Babcock University

May 19-21, 2023@  
PRAIA (Cabo Verde)





**WAD ADVENTIST YOUNG  
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS**

**OUT OF THE 72 VOLUNTEER APPLICANTS  
50 CURRENTLY ARE DONE WITH THEIR  
SERVICES OR ON THE FIELD**

**WAD 1000 AYMV  
ACHIEVEMENT: 17%**



# Secretaries Training @ Western Nigeria Union Mission

May 30-June 2, 2023 @  
Lagos (Nigeria)





## Secretaries Training @ Eastern Nigeria Union Mission

June 1-5, 2023 @ Aba, Nigeria

# ISE RETREAT (KPI 8)







# ESUM Church Clerks Summit



September 7-11, 2023

# PRIORITY FOR 2024

1. **Souls Winning,**
2. **Disciples making,**
3. **Secretaries continuous trainings,**
4. **Secretariat evaluation**
5. **Redemptive membership audit,**
6. **Nurture and Retention activities, and**
7. **Policy compliance at all levels.**
8. **ACMS, ACMS+, 7ME, ACMS Treasury Module**
9. **Documentary, From AID to WAD**



# *Appreciation*

## **My appreciation goes to:**

- ❑ God Almighty
- ❑ Pastor Robert Osei-Bonsu, President
- ❑ The Treasurer, Elder Markus Musa Dangana and his team.
- ❑ **The Departmental Directors** and their Associates
- ❑ **The Unions and Institutions Officers**
- ❑ **WAD Associate Secretaries:** Elder Frederick O. Falayi;  
Pastor Nathan T. Odonkor,
- ❑ **Other WAD Secretariat Staff:** David Kiminou, Rene  
Kamonou, Emah Same & Monica Bakari
- ❑ **WAD Executive** Committees Members
- ❑ **To my Dear Wife and Children** for their constant  
support and prayers

**We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.**

**CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND TEACHINGS OF ELLEN G. WHITE, 204.1**



**“The Lord will cooperate with all who earnestly strive to be faithful in His service, as He cooperated with Daniel and his three companions. Fine mental qualities and a high tone of moral character are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them. The openings of Providence must be quickly discerned and eagerly entered.”**

***Messages to Young People*, P147.3**