

FORMATORS EMBRACE SYNODAL FORMATION AND AI-ENHANCED LEADERSHIP FOR A TRANSFORMING RELIGIOUS LIFE.

The Workshop for Formators, held on 14 March 2026 at the Augustinian Community, Karen, and T11 April 2026 at Hekima University College, brought together religious formators for a transformative engagement on the theme "Living Synodality in Formation: The role of Decision-Making, transparency, accountability and AI in formation." Running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the free onsite workshop equipped participants with practical skills in promoting synodal listening, communal discernment, participatory leadership, and building a culture of trust, transparency, and shared responsibility in religious communities. Special attention was given to the responsible use of AI tools for both formators and formees, alongside strategies for effective dialogue and collaboration in formation processes. Facilitated by Bro Dr. Elias Mokuu (Jesuit), Bro Dr. Jonas Dzinekou (Comboni), Sr. Elizabeth Nziwa, and Fr. Peter John Imaji, PhD.(Augustinian), the sessions offered rich interdisciplinary insights that strengthened the vision of formation as a shared, transparent, and Spirit-led journey. Meals were provided, and participation was open and free, reflecting the spirit of communion and collaboration in religious formation today.