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## West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Subject:** WANEP Holds 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Over forty delegates will be converging in Accra, Ghana from January 23 - 27, 2006 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP).

This year's meeting is being held at the New Coco Beach Hotel under the theme, "Consolidating and Sustaining WANEP Institutional Structures." The AGM will bring together representatives of WANEP's twelve national networks as well as staff members, and partner organizations.

The goal of the 2006 AGM is to complete the WANEP restructuring process to ensure the effective implementation of its mandate and strengthen its mechanisms of transparency, accountability and good governance.

A major highlight of the meeting will be the adoption and internalization of WANEP's second Strategic Plan 2006-2008. The peacebuilding practitioners will share experiences on how to integrate Human Security approach into peacebuilding.

Over the course of the 5 days, delegates will address the issues of coordination and interdependence between the National Networks and the Regional Secretariat. Emphasis will be put on effective management skills and professional behaviors in the field and practice of peacebuilding.

WANEP's Board Chairperson, Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Anyambod, will deliver the keynote speech, while the Executive Director, Mr. Emmanuel Bombande will lead the presentation of the annual financial and narrative reports.

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