



## **National Consultative Meeting for the Establishment of WANEP-CAPE VERDE in Praia**

Since its inception in 1998, WANEP has established national networks in 12 out of the 15 ECOWAS member states in West Africa. In the remaining three countries, Cape Verde, Mali and Niger, WANEP has been represented through focal points and its early warning monitors.

With financial support from **USAID** under the **Early Warning and Response Design Support (EWARDS)**, and the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Finland** under the project *“integrated and Collaborative Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management in West Africa”*, WANEP held a consultative meeting in Praia, Cape Verde on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, at the Morabi conference hall to establish a fully functional national network. The consultative meeting, coordinated by REDMEC and facilitated by WANEP Regional Secretariat, brought together CSOs and other stakeholders in Cape Verde to develop a roadmap for the establishment of WANEP-Cape Verde

The Opening ceremony was presided over by **Mrs Claudia Rodrigues President of Cape Verdean Institute for Gender Equality and Equity (ICIEG)** and the closing remarks was delivered by **Mrs Orlanda ferreira Parliamentarian of MPD constituency**. While the President of ICIEG appreciated and welcomed the WANEP initiative to establish WANEP-Cape Verde, the Parliamentarian pledged full commitment and support on behalf of the Government for the establishment of WANEP-Cape Verde and its subsequent engagements in resolving conflicts and building peace, thereby creating an enabling environment for sustainable development in the country.

The meeting developed an action plan to be implemented over the next 6 months. A steering committee was elected to implement the action plan and organise a General Assembly meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to validate the draft constitution and elect a National Board of Directors.

The next consultative meeting for the establishment of WANEP-Mali will be held in May in Bamako, while WANEP is in consultation with its strategic partners for the establishment of WANEP-Niger.

## Pictures of the Consultation



