

Women Peacemakers Program - Africa **Report on Nonviolence Training 2010**

Women Peacemakers Program-Africa is the Nonviolence women's peace organization committed to empowering African women peacemakers and activists by promoting Active Nonviolence and Gender sensitivity within the peace movement as a means of transforming unjust political, social and economic structures in Africa for sustainable peace.



The Women Peacemakers Program-Africa seeks to amplify the voices of Africa women in Peacebuilding by way of Capacity Building and the promotion of Gender-Sensitive Active Non-violence; through its Training of Trainers (ToTs) in Gender-Sensitive Active Non-violence.



The ToTs also seek to identify qualified women trainers, enhance their capacities, and create a database of resource people. The trainings further develop a network of local resource persons which are linked to regional networks of women trainers, so as to replicate the work of WPP-Africa and ensure the transfer of knowledge at community levels throughout Africa.

WPP-Africa ToTs enable participants carry out follow-up trainings in their respective countries, as a step-down approach to disseminating information

gathered during the ToTs. WPP-Africa then provides seed funding and mentorship support for the execution of these follow-up trainings.

In this vane, WPP-Africa held a Nonviolence training that would serve to anchor already-existing knowledge on Active Nonviolence for WPP-Africa mentors, trainers and selected networks members. The training was held in Accra, Ghana from the 15th to the 19th of November, 2010.

Participants from 12 African countries underwent training that enhanced their skills as African women peace activists, as well as their ability to utilize Active Nonviolence strategies and initiatives towards influencing public policy and decisions in order to promote Gender-sensitive Non-violent peacebuilding.

Participants came away with a better understanding of Active Nonviolence and its practical application in peacebuilding. They are, also, better placed to identify appropriate Nonviolence strategies and initiatives corresponding to issues that require Nonviolence strategies, and policy audiences and strategize on actions to be carried out. There was learning from experiences in successes and challenges of past Nonviolent actions. Most importantly, participants conceptualized and outlined individual Active Nonviolence strategies for implementation on their return to their respective countries.



Topics addressed included “Dealing with fear in the movement”, “The 4 Ps: Participation, prevention, promotion and prosecution”, ‘Mobilization of resources”, and “Visioning tomorrow – in Active Nonviolence action”.



The training methodology included Short lectures, Group discussions, Plenary discussions and the use of video clips