



# WEST AFRICA NETWORK FOR PEACEBUILDING

## QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

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### DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS IN WEST AFRICA: A YEAR OF ELECTIONS (2)



*WANEP is a leading Regional Peacebuilding organization founded in 1998 in response to civil wars that plagued West Africa in the late 1980s. We place special focus on collaborative approach, working alongside major actors, particularly governments, intergovernmental bodies and women in a bid to establish a platform for dialogue, experience sharing and learning, thereby complementing efforts at ensuring sustainable peace and development.*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN WEST AFRICA

Like the first quarter of 2011, the second quarter was marked by election-related issues. In **Nigeria**, the general presidential and gubernatorial elections were organized. The elections were regarded as one of the most credible elections in the political annals of the country despite uncertainties about the credibility of the elections. However, the announcement of the presidential elections was marred by an outbreak of violence mainly in the northern part of the country.

The quarter also witnessed an increase in the activities of the Boko Haram group with bombings of government institutions and killings of government security operatives as well as civilians especially in Borno and Bauchi State. The peace process in Jos also suffered a setback with renewed violence. There were reported cases of agro-pastoral conflicts between Fulani cattle herdsman and indigenous farmers at Guma Local Government Council of Benue State where 40 persons were reported dead and farmlands/crops destroyed.

In **Cote d'Ivoire**, the political stalemate finally ended with the capture of Laurant Gbagbo after a violent confrontation that left score of people dead. The internationally recognized winner of the Ivorian elections, Alassan Dramane Ouattara was finally sworn into office marking the end of a civil war that threatened to engulf the West African region.

In spite of the swearing-in of President Ouattara, the country is still in a state of insecurity as victimization, brutality of the security forces and crime continued unabated. The process of nation-building and uniting the people has begun with the launch of a Commission on Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation.

Alongside the political tension in Cote d'Ivoire, neighbouring **Burkina Faso** experienced persistent civil

unrests and mutinies that threatened to topple the government of President Blaise Campaore. The security situation was later brought under control.

In **Liberia**, the political atmosphere continued to be heated up as the country prepared for Referendum in August and the general and presidential elections in October 2011.

In **The Gambia**, the Independent Electoral Commission successfully conducted a six weeks voter registration in which thousands of eligible voters turned out to register. On the other hand, the Casamance rebellion continued to threaten the relationship between The Gambia and Senegal. It was reported that in April Gambian soldiers were killed by Senegalese army in an attack against rebels of the Casamance Separatist Movement. This action from the Senegalese army was said to be triggered by the loss of 19 Senegalese army personnel in an attack by the MFDC rebels who were believed to be hosted in the bordering towns of The Gambia.

In **Niger**, President Mahamadou Issoufou was sworn into office marking the entry of the country into the comity of democratic nations.

On the whole, democratic transitions in West Africa are increasingly becoming a source of violence. Cape Verde, Liberia and Gambia are due to organize their presidential elections before the end of 2011. Of serious security concerns are the Liberian presidential elections in October. There is need for proactive actions to ensure that Liberia does not go down the road of Cote d'Ivoire.

WANEP through its respective national networks is actively engaged through advocacy and peacebuilding efforts to support the democratic process in the sub-region to ensure violence free elections and contribute generally to peace and security. Towards this end, WANEP developed a Practice Guide for responding to electoral violence. The Practice Guide will be published in the third quarter of 2011.

## WANEP REGIONAL SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

### *GPPAC Board Meeting and CSDN Meeting*

As the Regional Initiator for West Africa of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), WANEP, represented by the Executive Director who is also the Board Chair of GPPAC, participated in GPPAC Board meeting from 4-8 April 2011. He used the occasion to attend the Civil Society Dialogue Network (CSDN) meeting and the OECD meeting on dialogue on state-building and peacebuilding, which also organized by GPPAC.

### *Regional Mass Peace Action*

Through the SIDA grant, WANEP organized a regional Mass Peace Action in collaboration with AWANICH and Urgent Action Fund in Monrovia, Liberia. This activity mobilized women from West Africa to support their counterparts in Cote d'Ivoire in saying NO to violence against women and the killing of women. At the end of the meeting, the women presented a petition to the office of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.



### ***Meeting with a Delegation from the Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade***

A delegation from the Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade during their visit to Ghana met with key organisations at Golden Tulip Hotel in Ghana on 12th April 2011 to discuss general issues of conflict prevention and Ghana's mineral sector. Among the very important personalities were His Excellency, Mr. Billy Williams, Australian High Commissioner to Ghana, Mr. Franklin Cudjoe of IMANI Center for Policy and Education and Mr. Emmanuel Bombande of WANEP, among others, who made brief statement on the theme.

### ***Meeting on Power Sharing and Mediation in Africa: What Role for the African Union?***

The African Union's Conflict Management Division (AUD), the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) and the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland invited WANEP to a Seminar from **12-13 April** in Addis Ababa on the theme: ***Power Sharing and Mediation in Africa: What Role for the African Union***. The aim of the seminar was to create a network of power-sharing experts who could be called upon by the AU to inform its mediation efforts.

### ***Support to National Networks***

As part of its strategy to strengthen the national networks, the Regional Secretariat of WANEP represented by its Programme Director, paid a monitoring visit to the network in Sierra Leone. He also took the opportunity to attend the national board meeting which addressed some of the challenges faced by the secretariat.

### ***Mediation Support Network (MSN) Meeting -***

WANEP, represented by the Executive Director, participated in the 5th Mediation Support Network (MSN) meeting which was held from 6-7 June 2011 in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting looked at the different cases of mediation support across the continent. In his presentation, the Executive Director spoke about the dialogue effort that led to a peaceful democratic transition in the 2008 elections in Ghana.

### ***Validation of Draft Practice Guide on Responding to Electoral Disputes in West Africa***

Under the aegis of the Early Warning and Response Design Support (**EDWARDS**) project funded by USAID and managed by ARD Tetra Tech and with additional support from the Swedish International Development Agency (**SIDA**) WANEP held a Validation Meeting in Abuja, Nigeria on 6-7 June, 2011 to provide a forum for experts and practitioners involved in issues of elections and election disputes to review a draft Practice Guide developed in response to electoral disputes in West Africa.

### ***WANEP Executive Director becomes a Fellow of the SPSP***

At the occasion of its 5th Annual Conference held from 27th to 29th June 2011 at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, the Executive Director of WANEP, Mr Emmanuel Bombande was inducted as a Fellow of the **Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP)**. The Fellowship of SPSP is the highest award of the society and given to individuals and organisations that have distinguished themselves in the areas of peace, security and development. With Peacebuilding learning and practice experience spanning close to two decades, Mr Bombande was awarded as a result of his contributions in the field of peacebuilding and mediation as well as the co-founder and current Executive Director of WANEP.

### ***WANEP- Liberia Board Meeting***

As part of its support to the national offices, the regional Office of WANEP represented by the Director of Programme, Mr. Chukwuemeka B. Eze attended WANEP-Liberia Board meeting to discuss institutional matters and establish a smooth transition following the resignation of the National Network Coordinator.

### ***Retreat of the ECOWAS Council of the Wise***

On the invitation of ECOWAS, WANEP participated in a **Retreat of the ECOWAS Council of the Wise** organized from 30th June – 2nd July in Banjul, The Gambia. The meeting looked at ways through which the Council can further assist ECOWAS in its current and future conflict management efforts and came up with recommendations aiming at ensuring democratic stability and consolidation in the region. WANEP was represented by its Executive Director, Emmanuel Bombande.

## WANEP NATIONAL NETWORKS ACTIVITIES

### WANEP-BENIN

#### ***Creation of an Election Monitoring Centre for the Parliamentary Elections of April 30, 2011.***

In partnership with Africa Obota Centre, WANEP-Benin collaborated with the coalition of NGOs for peaceful elections in Benin. During the observation of elections, observers used SMS text messages to report incidents at polling stations throughout the country.

#### ***Institutional Assessment of WANEP-Benin Network Members***

The Board of WANEP-Benin in its determination to revitalize the network began a visit to the premises of all network member organizations. The institutional assessment of member organisations started on May 12, 2011, and so far 6 members were visited and assessed.

#### ***Development of the Strategic Plan 2012-2015 of WANEP-Benin***

The Board of Directors of WANEP-Benin, together with the national Secretariat, is currently in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for 2012-2015 for the network.

#### ***Improvement of Communication between WANEP-Benin and its Members***

In order to improve communication amongst its members, WANEP-Benin has created a SMS-based communication system for its member organisations. A SMS group was created for its network members allowing the group to receive instant messages and notices from the secretariat as well as from its members. This system helps to ensure information reach members in a timely and cost-effective manner in order to increase the involvement and participation of member organisations in the implementation of the activities of the network.

#### ***Consultative Meeting on the Usage of the Practice Guide developed by WANEP***



On 9-10 June 2011, WANEP-Benin with financial support of the USAID through the EWARDS project, organised a consultative workshop on the use of the "Practice Guide" to respond to electoral disputes in West Africa".

#### ***Local consultation in ADJOHOUN in the South East of Benin and Comé***

WANEP-Benin organised a local consultation on June 22, 2011, in the ADJOHOUN community to validate the



findings of a research done by "Front 2011 views" in the municipalities of Dangbo, Adjohoun and Bonou. This brought together councillors of Dangbo, Adjohoun and Bonou; a total of forty five (45) participants.

### WANEP-BURKINA FASO

#### ***Women Marching for Peace***

On May 14, 2011 in Ouagadougou, WANEP-Burkina through its WIPNET programme participated in a peace march. The march past was initiated by the Minister for



the Advancement of Women. The final communiqué was read and presented to the representative of the President by Ms. Lougue Hortense a member of WIPNET.

### ***Press Release on the Security Situation***

WANEP-Burkina issued a press release in May 2011 to address the socio-political situation prevailing in the country. The release was published on the WANEP



Regional website and sent to various media houses in Burkina. The National TV of Burkina published the release and granted interview to the Board Chair of WANEP-Burkina Faso.

### ***Strategic Plan (2011-2014)***

WANEP-Burkina Faso developed a three year strategic plan to strengthen its interventions in the area of peacebuilding and mediation in Burkina Faso.

## **WANEP-CI**

### ***Meeting with Zonal Coordinators on Radio Programme***

This meeting took place on 25 May 2011 at the headquarters of WANEP-CI. It was designed to inform the



various coordinators of the resumption of the activities of the project. In addition to the promotion of democracy, each coordinator was meant to promote reconciliation through the radio broadcasts.

### ***Monitoring Team on Projects***

A monitoring team to oversee the implementation of activities under the Good Governance and Elections project was set up to ensure the proper coordination and the execution of planned activities. Meetings were held with the administrative authorities (prefects and prefect), municipal (mayors and councils), traditional (Chieftainship) and women and youth leaders.

### ***Political and Media Observatory Project***

The periodic reporting of the Observatory project was disturbed due to the armed confrontation in Abidjan. Nonetheless, the Observatory Unit collected information concerning the violations of human rights, and produced a synthesised report of press monitoring.

### ***Mediation and Intervention during the Crisis***

In the month of April 2011 at the peak of the post electoral crisis, WANEP-CI undertook a series of mediation and intervention initiatives, one of which was a mediation exercise between armed groups led by Ibrahim Coulibaly "IB" and the FRCI. The network also provided protection for persons who were threatened.

### ***Early Warning and Early Response***

Four situation and 16 incident reports were produced during this quarter. The reports reflected the difficult security situation of the local populations, who were faced



with issues of assaults, abductions and summary executions. The Early Warning program also worked on identifying indicators specific to the situation in Côte d'Ivoire. This activity was in connection with the finalization of the WANEP National Early Warning System



(NEWS).

### **Meeting of Ivorian Women with the Council of Elders of the African Union**

A delegation of the Council of Elders of the AU made a visit to Côte d'Ivoire to advocate for peace, dialogue and reconciliation. They met on 1-2 May 2011, with civil society organizations including women's organizations as key stakeholders in the Ivorian crisis. The WIPNET program of WANEP-CI mobilised women groups to take part in the meeting in a bid to promote a climate of peace and reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire.

### **ADB General Assembly**

WANEP-CI participated in the Annual General Meeting of ADB in Lisbon, Portugal from 9-10 June 2011. The theme was: "towards a programme for inclusive growth in Africa".



### **RASALAO conference**

On June 15, 2011 The National Coordinator of WANEP-CI co-facilitated with the President of the National



Commission on human rights of Côte d'Ivoire the NDI, a conference organized by the RASALAO-CI on the theme:

"young people and women political commitment and culture of non-violence".

## WANEP-GAMBIA

### **Information Sharing Workshop 20th May 2011**



With the successful completion of information gathering exercise on existing capacity gaps and training needs in the three Local Government Authorities (LGAs) of Kuntaur, Janjanbureh and Mansakonko with regards to LGA Act and potential conflict situations and experiences in the regions, WANEP-Gambia organised a day's information sharing workshop for 25 key stakeholders to validate the report at Trans-Gambia Lodge, Pakalinding Village, Lower River Region.

### **Training Manual Development Workshop 23rd to 24th May 2011**



WANEP-Gambia organised a two day workshop in collaboration with the project beneficiaries on the development of a manual, which was to be used to conduct community radio sensitization activities in the identified regions



### **Capacity Building Training Workshop for LGAs and Communities – 6th June – 25th June 2011**

WANEP-Gambia together with key stakeholders held a series of workshops from 6th June to 25th June, 2011 to raise awareness of targeted participants on the Local Government Act including their roles and responsibilities. The workshops also aimed at promoting community participation in the affairs of the local council. The first of three workshops attracted the local authorities, department of government. Twenty five participants in each of the LGA attended..

### **Project Management Team (PMT) Quarterly Review Planning Meeting 18th to 19th April, 2011**

WANEP-Gambia held the second quarterly review and planning meeting for the PMT on April 18th and 19th to analyze the first quarter activities and discuss upcoming events in the second quarter of the UNDEF project. The quarterly meeting is part of the monitoring process of the project.

### **Validation Workshop on the Development of the Training Manual 28th April, 2011**

The validation workshop of a baseline study relating to the Participation of Women in Politics and Governance in The Gambia took place at the Conference Hall of Jerma Beach Hotel, Kololi. Twenty-six (26) participants who attended the workshop were drawn from all the five regions of The Gambia. The baseline study was meant to set into motion the implementation of the UNDEF project which seeks amongst others to enhance the participation of women in the national democratic and political process.

### **Four Day Development of the UNDEF Training Manual Workshop 16th to 19th May, 2011**

In order to implement the UNDEF funded project, "Enhancing women's participation in Democracy in the Gambia", which aims to enhance the participation of women in the national democratic and political process, a training manual was developed during a four day workshop. 28 participants were trained with knowledge on democratic governance, electoral processes, gender as well as techniques and skills of running for government office.

### **Four Day Training of Trainers 14th to 17th June, 2011**

25 participants were selected for the TOT. They were trained on the basic principles of governance, gender, electoral processes and how to organize an election campaign.

### **Women in Peacebuilding Programme (WIPNET)**

Women, who were trained last quarter, organized in turn in

the Upper River Region two focus group meetings, and three radio programmes. The aim was to sensitize the communities on the Women in Peacebuilding programme and the need for the participation of women. In Lower River Region, two radio programmes were successfully undertaken during the period with similar objectives to sensitize the women.

### **New Staff Members**

At the beginning of the quarter, the secretariat welcomed three new members of staff and an intern, namely; the programme coordinator for the UNDEF programme, the project accountant and a project assistant.

### **WANEP-Gambia Website and Corporate Materials**

As part of a drive to promote its corporate image, WANEP-Gambia commenced the process of creating its website. and produced complementary cards for staff, wall and standing banner with logos to enhance the visibility of the network. The items were printed in Ghana.

### **International and Local meetings**

WANEP-Gambia attended various local, regional and international meetings during the quarter. These include: International Monetary Fund Meeting(IMF), Two Days Awareness Creation for NGOs; Two day Workshop on the Kampala Convention, World Press Freedom Day Ceremony, United Nation Development Assistance Framework Validation Workshop and Small Arms Light Weapons 3 Weeks Training in Accra Ghana.

## **WANEP-GHANA**

### **Publication of Toll Free, Short Code and Hotline**

A toll free number serving as hotline for the community to report incident of violence were published three times in the Daily Graphic in April 2011 and June 2011 and also on the web in June 2011.

### **Radio Discussions**

WANEP-Ghana Regional Chapters organized monthly radio discussions in all five regions: Upper East, Upper





West, Northern, Volta and Brong Ahafo regions. Topics discussed were on security threats specific to each region identified by the Early Warning System. The radio discussions called for the need for calm and peace after the



Dagbon court ruling in March 2011. Other issues discussed were around Farmer/Pastoralist (Fulani herdsmen) conflicts, chieftaincy disputes and its effects on development, road safety, child delinquency and land disputes. The discussions were held in nine languages: Kusaal, Gurune, Wale, Dagaare, Twi, Ewe, Dagbanli, Sissali and Gonja.

### ***One-day High Level Government Meeting in Accra***



WANEP-Ghana held a one-day high level meeting for government and security agencies on May 5, 2011. The meeting on the theme "Strengthening relations between the State and Civil Society for conflict prevention through GHANAWARN" aimed at introducing the GHANAWARN and the work of WANEP-Ghana on peace and security in the country to the government and security agencies. It was also to solicit the contributions and support of Government and development partners to strengthen GhanaWarn in order to make it more effective in achieving its purpose.

### ***Visit to High Risk Districts in Ghana***



Three visits to high risk districts were made within the 2nd quarter. The districts were Central Gonja District (Buipe), Bawku Municipality and Yendi Municipality.

These areas were noted for frequent violence resulting from chieftaincy, land and pastoralist/farmer (Fulani herdsmen) conflicts. The purpose of these visits was to introduce GHANAWARN and to seek the maximum support of the CMT to make the system more effective.



### ***Executive Committee Meeting***

An EC meeting was organised and held in Bolgatanga in the





Upper East Region for the Executive Committee of WANEP-Ghana. The meeting ran for two days from the 12th-13th May 2011 discussing issues that emerged from the previous EC meeting, the AGM and the strategic plan document.

**Ghana Alert Project (GAP- mitigating oil conflicts (GAP-MOC)**



This project is aimed at preventing and reducing violence through the promotion of effective collaboration and coordination on conflict prevention and transformation work both amongst civil society and between civil society and government in the region.



The project component that focused on the Western Region was meant to identify human security concerns in the region and communities that were particularly prone to violence in order to allow for the establishment of Community Monitoring Teams in such communities for early warning purposes.

### **Trainings and facilitations**

WANEP-Ghana during the quarter facilitated a number of trainings for organizations such as RUMENT and CRIS (Centre for Rural Integrated Services). The training content was drawn from the Peer Mediation Manual and also from the Early Warning System (GHANAWARN).

## WANEP-GUINEA



Following the recruitment of a new National Coordinator, an Extraordinary General Assembly under the theme 'Consolidating Peace in Guinea' was organized on May 3-4, 2011 to constitute a new board and established a work plan in a bid to revive the network in Guinea.



## WANEP-LIBERIA

### **Supporting Rural Women Learning and Developed leadership**

Under the WIPNET programme, the following activities were carried out during the quarter in Liberia:

- 23 sub-branches of WIPNET were involved in small business development;
- 15 female facilitators of WIPNET were trained and currently working along with 121 learners in 10 Counties
- 24 women graduated from two levels of the Monrovia program directly facilitated by Alfalait International
- 100 cases of Violence against Women (VAW) reported through the advocacy program and of the said number, 62 were reported in Monrovia and 38 reported at the

branch level

- One Human Rights Workshop held with the Human Rights Commissioners and their staff with support from Amnesty International
- 5 day Research, Human Rights and Campaign workshop held for the WIPNET program and members in Gbarnga
- 6 awareness outreaches covering themes of rape, HIV/AIDS, and Elections were held in partnership with UNMIL Public Affairs section and of the six, 4 were held in Monrovia and 2 in Grand Bassa
- One Leadership Meeting held in Bong Mines with the WIPNET Leadership to discuss the upcoming elections and the Up-coming National Conference
- 100 women were engaged to participate in an awareness workshop and campaign around the processes of the Voters registration and the up-coming referendum and said process was supported by the URGENT ACTION FUND
- monitoring and reporting of the Liberia National Action Plan on the UN SCR 1325. As a result, through collaborative efforts with the Ministry of Gender and Development as well as the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders,

### Early Warning

Under the Early Warning programme, the following activities were implemented

- National Early Warning System (NEWS) was launched successfully
- 2 Network meetings were held at the County Level
- 1 policy Brief on Liberia was released
- Publication of the maiden NEWSLETTER of WANEP-Liberia

### Governance & Human Rights program

Under this program, the following activities were implemented:

- The West Africa Human Rights and Democratisation (WAHRD) Project supported by IBIS through the Regional Office was launched
- Three day workshop was held with political party actors and CSOs ahead of the August Referendum
- Two Radio Programs held to discuss critical issues of concern relating to peace and security
- A grant of \$275,000.00 was signed with the National Democratic Institute for a period of two months for the implementation of an Elections Monitoring Project for the Elections Coordination Committee (ECC)

### Capacity Building Program

- The signing ceremony for the second grant agreement worth \$68,000 between IREX Civil Society & Media Leadership Program and WANEP-Liberia was concluded. In addition, One New Vehicle would be given as an in-

kind donation to WANEP-Liberia to be used for the program over the next four years.

- WANEP-Liberia was assigned three counties with an expected number of 21 civil society organisations and Community Radio Stations to serve as WANEP's Mentees over the next four years.
- One day Monitoring and Evaluation needs assessment was carried out

### Partnership Up-dates:

- During the period under review, WANEP withdrew from the implementation of the 1st Phase of the Women Peace and Security Project funded by DFID through UN Women due to implementation challenges being experienced amongst the partners (WANEP, UN Women and the Ministry of Gender and Development)
- The Ministry of Gender delayed in finalizing the TOR for the work of the CSMO and this has caused a lot of delays and set back in working with the membership
- As a direct representation of WANEP as the network coordinator, the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs and the Governance Reform Commission selected WANEP-Liberia to serve as the only Civil Society representative on a panel of Experts working with the National Working Group on the Liberia Rising 2030, National Visioning Process.
- Through our partnership with Alfalait International (An International Adult Literacy Organization), The International Overseer and the National Executive Director during the first quarter promised the WIPNET Monrovia Branch a new vehicle (Mini Bus) to be managed by the secretariat.

### Regional and International Meetings/Travels

At least five travels made to the US, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, and Sierra Leone

### WANEP-Nigeria

#### Refresher Training workshop for Early Warning Monitors in the Southern Region of Benin State April 12-13, 2011

The refresher training enabled early warning reporters deepen their knowledge of the National Early Warning





System (NEWS) as well as sharpen their skills in data gathering and analysis.

### ***Refresher Training Workshop for Early Warning Monitors in the Northern Region in Abuja May 9-10***



Training brought together the newly engaged Zonal analysts and the state monitors in the Northern region to deepen their knowledge for effective reporting into NEWS.

### ***Monthly Early Warning Bulletin***

The monthly publication entitled ***Early Warning Bulletin*** was published on the WANEP-Nigeria's website for the use of state and non-states actors responding to conflict and disaster in Nigeria. The Bulletin presents analysis of the data fed into the system by the state monitors reporting on proximate issues that may cause conflict, disaster and humanitarian crisis across the 36 states and the FCT Abuja.

### ***Validation Meeting of a Draft Practice Guide on Responding to Electoral Disputes in West Africa June 6-7, 2011.***

WANEP-Nigeria provided logistical support to the WANEP regional office in the organisation of a 2-day meeting under the aegis of the Early Warning and Response Design Support (EWARD) project funded by USAID and managed by ARD Tetra Tech and with additional support from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The meeting provided a platform for experts and practitioners to reflect and critique the draft practice guide for effective electoral dispute resolution in West Africa.

### ***Jos Dialogue in Sustaining Peace in Plateau, June 9-10, 2011***

WANEP-Nigeria provided logistical support as well as participated in this two-day meeting facilitated by the regional office. The meeting was a follow-up to previous consultations and dialogue organised in the first quarter of the year. It enabled critical stakeholders from Jos to deliberate on concrete steps/ actions to be taken towards

sustaining peace in Jos, Plateau state.

### ***Training on the Application and Use of Practice Guide on Responding to Electoral Disputes in West Africa June 17-18, 2011***

In collaboration with the Regional Office, WANEP-Nigeria organized a meeting in Abuja on the application and use of the Practice Guide. The meeting created a platform for professionals to utilize the practice guide in responding to electoral dispute in Nigeria..

### ***Press Release on Post Presidential Election Violence***

WANEP-Nigeria produced a press release condemning the incidents of widespread armed violence, protest/demonstration in the Northern region of the country leading to loss of lives and livelihood as a result of the fallout of the 2011 presidential elections.

### ***Presentation and Launching of the National Early Warning System of Liberia***

The program Manager attended the launch and public presentation of WANEP-Liberia's national early warning system in Monrovia. She provided technical support for the Liberian team and presented WANEP-Nigeria early warning system.

### ***Consultative Meeting with Critical Stakeholders on the Project Framework in the Niger Delta Region***

The project commenced with a consultative meeting held at Benin City, Edo State where critical stakeholders from various organizations working in the Niger Delta region including Ministries of Women Affairs were invited to brainstorm and develop a framework for the project implementation in the focal states.

### ***Training of Trainers on Strategic Review and Confidence Building in Calabar, Cross River State***

A TOT for community women leaders across Cross River and Akwa Ibom took place in Pyramid Hotel, Calabar in



April 19 to 22 2011. It provided opportunity to build the skills of the women selected from benefitting communities

### ***Replication Training/Mentoring for Women Groups in Cross River State***

Step-down trainings provided a platform for already trained women leaders from Ekpri Ikang and Obom Itiat in New Bakassi and Odukpani to train 30 other women from their communities, to serve as a support base for them in their work at the community

### ***Replication Training/Mentoring for Women Groups in Akwa Ibom State***

Similar replication trainings took place in Ikot Ntuen Community Centre and Iboku Town Hall, in Akwa Ibom State. The replications provided platforms for the already trained women leaders in Akwa Ibom State to step down the skills to their social network group members. 24 women from each of the two communities of Oku Iboku and Ikot Umo Essien attended the training.

### ***Training of Trainers for Rivers and Bayelsa States***

A Training of Trainers for community women networks took place in Celebrity Hotel, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State on June 1-3, 2011. The training was meant to build the capacity of selected women in leadership and community mobilisation.

### ***Replication Training/Mentoring for Women Groups in Rivers State***

The replication training for Rivers State took place in Community Hall, Ibaa, on June, 13th -15th 2011 followed

### ***Replication Training/Mentoring for Women Groups in Bayelsa State***

A step-down training in Bayelsa was held in the Community Hall, Akpide in Biseni Clan bringing together several communities. The previously trained women leaders were able to transfer their acquired skills in conflict, the various tools injected into the training as well as other modules like Negotiation, Mediation and Entrepreneurship Development.

### ***Donations from the EU Elections Observation Mission***

During the quarter under review, the Secretariat applied for and got some office equipments and consumables from the European Union Elections Observation Mission in Nigeria. The items were presented by Mr. Terry Popowych, the Transtec Project Manager in-country for European Union Elections Observation.



## WANEP-SIERRA LEONE

### ***Civil Society Peace and Development (PaD)/Social Forum***



immediately after that of Rumuekpe in Emogu Town Hall. The women who were trained at the TOT from Ogoni and Rumuekpe community came together to train 24 of their counterparts in a three-day training.



To enhance effective work and document best practices in peacebuilding, WANEP-Sierra Leone and Partners in Conflict Transformation (PICOT) jointly organized the 14th Peace and Development (PaD)/Social Forum in Kono, East of the country with over 60 participants.



### **SIDA visits the National Secretariat in Sierra Leone**

Jonas Bergstrom, Programme Manager, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) visited WANEP-Sierra Leone Secretariat in a bid to strengthen relationships with WANEP-Sierra Leone and to understand the situations of Sierra Leone in the context of peace, security and development.



### **WANEP-TOGO**

#### ***Peace Education and Active Non-violence in Preschool Plateau Area (PEPNV - Kpalimé)***

The project team conducted the second awareness exercise with parents of the children of Kpalimé Peace Club on 5 and 6 May 2011, under the theme "the Respect of Human Beings". The third meeting was held on 9-10 June 2011 under the theme: "Violence in the Home and its Effects on Children". These meetings aimed at sensitizing

the parents on the concepts of peace and on violence.

#### ***Follow-up to the Activities of 53 Beneficiaries and 6 Kindergarten Children Leaders***



On 9 to 13 May 2011 a monitoring visit was conducted in 53 kindergarten schools in Kpalimé by the project team. The visit aimed at encouraging educators and children in the implementation of the project and to identify the challenges encountered and find strategies to resolve them. A regular follow-up was also done on 6 children leaders from 3 Evangelical kindergarten schools.

#### ***Peace Competition***

WANEP-Togo through the project team organized a competition of peace for 53 peace clubs. The competition aimed at inculcating in the children of Kpalimé peaceful attitudes through drawing, painting, drama and songs. The best 20 peace clubs were awarded.



#### ***TV Programme of the "PEPNV-Kpalimé2" Project***

WANEP-Togo participated on a TV programme on 18 June 2011. The National Coordinator and the Director of programs took part in the program which was meant to present the project entitled "Education for Peace and Non-violence."

#### ***Seeds of Peace of Cassablanca***

During the second quarter of the year 2011, the club

members of the children peace club called "Seeds of Peace of Casablanca" continued their activities every Saturday afternoon where they met and got informed about the concepts of peace and non-violence.

### **WIPNET**

WANEP-Togo participated in two working sessions on 24 and 29 June, 2011 with the Ministry for the Advancement of Women, OHCHR, UNFPA and the UNREC in preparation of a workshop to validate an updated action plan update relating to Resolutions 1325 and 1880.

### **Radio Programme**

This quarter, one TV programme was carried out on the theme "Tolerance: Acceptance of children born out of Wedlock".

### **Project on "Dialogue on the Extraction of Phosphate in Togo"**



With the financial support of the German organization IFA, WANEP-Togo started a project entitled "Dialogue on the Extraction of Phosphate in Togo" in four locations in the maritime areas (Akoumapé, Kpomé, Hahotoe, Vogan). This project is designed to initiate a process of dialogue between the representatives of the local population, the Government of Togo, the new Phosphates Company of Togo (SNPT) and civil society organizations.

### **Early Warning**

From 23 to May 29, 2011, a staff member of WANEP-Togo, serving in the ECOWAS Emergency Response Team, took part in a training workshop on the use of GPS in an emergency situation. The workshop was held in Niamey, at the Palais des Congrès.

### **Networking**

During the quarter, WANEP-Togo attended local and international meetings including:

- Participation in a meeting of the local Committee for approval of the project to support national reconciliation in Togo, under the invitation of UNDP-Togo
- Participation in the second working meeting of CSOs-Media-State relating to the draft law on demonstrations on public roads in Togo
- Invitation to a validation workshop of a report on risk analysis and the dynamics of conflict in Togo.

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