

“CIVIL SOCIETY IS KEY TO REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY”



Front row: Commandant of KAIPTC Air-Vice Marshal Griffiths S. Evans (middle) and Executive Director WANEP, Mr. Chukwuemeka Eze (right) welcoming the guest of honour and keynote speaker Honorable Ambrose Dery, Minister for Interior to the WAPI 16th Session opening ceremony. Back row: Brigadier-General (Dr.) Emmanuel Kotia, Deputy-Commandant, KAIPTC (left) and AVM Christian Edem Dovlo (Rtd), Board Chair of WANEP Regional

Recognizing the critical role of civil society in peacebuilding and conflict prevention in West Africa, the Minister for Interior in the Republic of Ghana, Honorable Ambrose Dery asserted that sustainable peace can only be achieved “through the promotion of civil society participation in peacebuilding practice and development.” The Honorable Minister who was guest of honor and keynote speaker at the opening ceremony of the 16th Session of the West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI) organized by the Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Institute (KAIPTC) and the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) on September 4, 2017 at KAIPTC.

According to the Minister, “civil society plays a critical role in conflict prevention and the promotion of peace and stability in the region.”

Underscoring the importance of the WAPI training, the Minister said “one of the most effective strategies for promoting peace is through education, it is therefore imperative for peace building practitioners to receive formal training on peace building processes as peace and human capital development are key in the economic growth of every nation.” Speaking in the same vein, the Commandant of KAIPTC Air Vice- Marshal Griffiths S. Evans, in his opening remarks attested to the strategic partnership between WANEP and KAIPTC, which he said is geared towards promoting civil society/civilian participation in peacebuilding practice and development. “Peace is a critical prerequisite for national development. A continent perceived as being consistently at war will

definitely not attract foreign partners and investors,” he said.

Air Vice-Marshal Christian Dovlo (Rtd), Chair of WANEP Regional Board who also spoke at the event, indicated that the unique partnership between WANEP and KAIPTC, especially in the organization of WAPI continues to be a reference of how Civil Society Organizations and State centric agencies can leverage each other’s expertise and strengths to impact society better.

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WANEP News is a quarterly E-Newsletter of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, (WANEP). It provides substantive information on our work in a breezy yet informative style, detailing the communities we serve, the principles underpinning our work and our key achievements.

WANEP News is a platform to keep our key partners and major stakeholders abreast with our intervention strategies towards promoting a peaceful environment in the region and beyond and the key lessons from the field.

As always with our tradition and in the spirit of partnership, networking and community ownership, **WANEP News** will also feature collaborative efforts with tactical partners in achieving peaceful co-existence as an avenue for experience sharing and best practices. We will also highlight WANEP’s social events and Teambuilding strategies in both narrative and pictorial formats.

In a nutshell, **WANEP News** is telling our story our own way! Happy Reading!

WANEP Trains NEWS Managers and Analysts

Buoyed by the believe in the capacity of local people to make a difference in their own context, WANEP in collaboration with ECOWAS held capacity building sessions for National Early Warning System (NEWS) Managers and Analysts to equip them with the requisite skills to handle emerging security issues in the region. The NEWS Managers were drawn from the 15 ECOWAS member states, while the Analysts comprised four analysts and Program Officer Early Warning from the WANEP Regional Office, WANEP/ECOWAS Liaison Coordinator and two ECOWAS analysts from the Early Warning Directorate (EWD). Both trainings had representatives of the African Union in attendance.

In his welcome address at the Analysts training, WANEP Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze said “the training will enhance the quality and quantities of early warning output as well as ensure that participants are in tune with the current dynamics and trends in peace and security in the region”. Dr. Gueye, the Head of ECOWAS Early Warning Directorate expressed gratitude to WANEP’s leadership for aligning its early warning program to that of ECOWAS and strengthening the operational capacity within the networks.



Participants at the Analysts Training Workshop pose with Dr. Lat Gueye of ECOWAS (sitting left), Professor Patricia Donli, WANEP Board member (middle) and Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze, WANEP Executive Director, (Right)

TALKING PEACE

“CSOs and academia can play important roles in peace and security !” - Chukwuemeka Eze, Executive Director - WANEP

Today, our countries and communities can best be described as being under siege with non-state actors constantly and consistently questioning the sovereignty of our states. The management or lack of management of such dissenting voices have led and continue to lead to mass atrocities and various levels of violence and crimes against humanity. It is with this background that we commissioned a research on the trends and dynamics of violent extremism in the Sahel with a view to contributing to the debate, knowledge and response strategies.

The prominence of terrorism and violent extremism in West Africa is in some ways consistent with the prevailing regional security narrative that draws attention to the multiplicity of traditional and unconventional threats to state and human security. Indeed, terrorism and violent extremism have emerged onto the regional security agenda at a time when stakeholders have faced grave challenges from transnational organized crime, piracy, climate change and political instability, as well as the tragic growing inequality in all our region and communities.

With these developments and the seeming overstretching capacity of our states and its paradigm shift from a state-centric approach to peace and security, our gathering, could not have been at a more auspicious moment. The meeting aims at presenting the outcome of our yearlong research work on Violent Extremism in West Africa also offers us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the dynamics of insurgency and extremism in our region as well as strategies for addressing them. It gives credence to the fact that CSOs and academia can indeed play an important role in peace and security and that collaborative effort is needed in addressing terrorism and violent extremism.

In doing so, of course, it is apt to consider how existing mechanisms for conflict prevention including cultural nuances that promote harmonious relations and resilience, AU and ECOWAS Counter Terrorism Strategy as well as other various programs and interventions can be adapted.

Excerpts from welcome address by WANEP Executive Director presented at the Research Validation Workshop held on September 29, 2017



“WANEP, KAIPTC will continue to support APSA”

It is my pleasure to join you for the closing ceremony of the 16th session of the West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI). I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Management and staff of KAIPTC as well as to all our strategic partners (Governments of Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Norway) for supporting, funding and organizing this very important training.

Over the last three weeks, the training as I have been briefed, has addressed diverse issues of violent extremism, organized crime, gender and early warning, conflict sensitive programming, resource mobilization as well as various peacebuilding theories, concepts and normative frameworks.

I am very pleased to learn that the learning has not been one-sided and wish to commend you all for your commitment and active participation. We are grateful for the variety of points of view you have contributed/shared throughout the training, particularly during the group works, debates and discussions.

Let me reiterate that, these past few weeks has only been the knowledge sharing phase and although a critical step, constitutes a fraction of what we ought to do in the field. The real work begins when we have applied and used what we have assimilated towards the improvement of our work and enhancing the peace and security of our beloved continent. Let me assure you that all your feedback have been duly noted and will be applied towards enriching the WAPI curriculum.

As I stand here today, I am of the conviction that the underlying aim of the training which was to provoke discussions and inspire the development of new strategies towards the effective implementation of peacebuilding programs and interventions have been met. Most of all, I hope that the networks and connections that have been formed here will be beneficial and will extend beyond these walls.

At this point, I would like to once again thank our strategic partners represented in a JFA for all their support and the sustenance of WAPI. I wish to emphasize that together, WANEP and KAIPTC will continue to develop programs and activities to support the Africa Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and will ensure that our partnership contributes massively to the peace and security landscape on the continent. Commandant, your staff as usual have been extremely supportive and deserve commendation. Our able facilitators, we salute you for a great job done. To the WAPI support team, especially Beatrice and Romaric, thank you so much for your commitment to task. Our interpreters who continue to assist us to bridge the language gap, we say Ayeeekoo!

And finally, let the certificate you receive today be a reminder of your diligent work here and your follow up plans and actions, a testimony that you are true ambassador of WAPI.

Remarks by WANEP Program Director, Mrs. Levinia Addae-Mensah, at the closing ceremony of the 17th WAPI session on September 22, 2017



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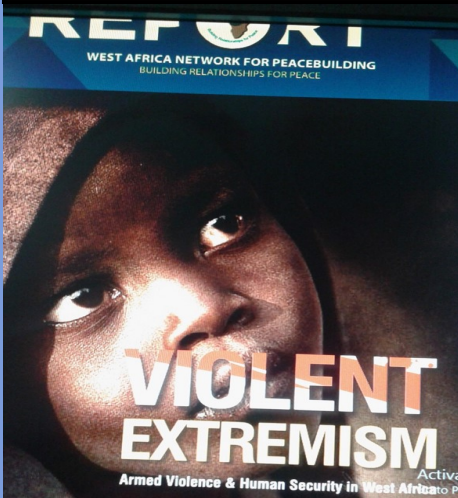
WANEP Executive Director Bags Doctorate Degree

The Executive Director of WANEP Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze recently received a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Peace and Conflict Studies (with bias in Conflict Early Warning Systems) from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. His doctorate thesis titled ***Impact of National Early Warning Systems of WANEP on Peace and Security in Nigeria and Ghana***, is the first doctoral thesis on Early Warning. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, Dr. Eze served as the Program Director at the WANEP Regional Office for 5 years and as National Network Coordinator for WANEP-Nigeria for 7 years. Dr. Eze has garnered over fifteen years' experience in peace and human security with very strong flair for political and community dialogue and mediation, training, researching, monitoring and analysing of conflict trends and dynamics. He consults for a number of organization and institutions in West Africa and beyond including the UN, ECOWAS, AU, Catholic Relief Services, and the ECOWAS Member States and is the lead interface between ECOWAS Early Warning System and CSO in his capacity as the Executive Director of WANEP.



DR. CHIKWUEMEKA BENEDICT EZE

New E-Publication



The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) recently produced a new E-publication titled; "Violent Extremism: Armed Violence and Human Security in West Africa." The publication is a special thematic report of the WANEP Early Warning Network and Response (WARN) Program, which provides specific analysis and interpretation of violent extremism and organized crime for the period January to June, 2017. It relied on data collated from the WANEP National Early Warning System (NEWS), which is an integral part of WARN and also utilized data from the ECOWAS Early Warning and Response Network (ECOWARN). The online publication can be accessed from the WANEP website.

More Recognition for WANEP

The Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP) has joined the ranks of key partners and major stakeholders to recognize WANEP's collaborative approach to peacebuilding. The recognition was contained in a letter signed by the National President of SPSP, Dr. Nathaniel Danjibo and the Secretary-General, Dr. Adeola Adams. The letter expressed appreciation to the organization for its support to the 11th International Conference of SPSP, which held on July 24 to 26, 2017 at Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State of Nigeria under the theme: "Collaborating for Sustainable Peace and Security"

The Conference provided opportunity for participants to share best practices in managing their social, economic and political problems in Nigeria with a view to identifying actionable recommendations for development. The SPSP is a Not-for-Profit organization that promotes non-violent approach to conflict resolution, through multi-level research, advocacy and actions that strengthen local capacities for a sustainable culture of peace. Its vision is to build and strengthen the capacities of scholars, practitioners and others for qualitative service delivery in peace and development work.



Above; WANEP Regional Coordinator, Mrs. Queeneth Tawo receives a Plaque for WANEP from the National President of SPSP, Dr. Nathaniel Danjibo

From the Field

IN BRIEF

Stakeholders Endorse WANEP Early Warning Outputs

More and more partners and key stakeholders are relying on the WANEP highly-analytical early warning and response outputs to make informed decisions for their project interventions on security threats and conflict prevention. These outputs include policy briefs, incidence and situation reports, weekly highlights and thematic report. In Nigeria, the United Nations Development Project (UNDP) utilized the incident report generated by WANEP-Nigeria on kidnapping for their project implementation on security threats in Nigeria. In Guinea, regular updates on road traffic accidents received wide visibility and has been acknowledged by the transport sector who has initiated collaboration with WANEP-Guinea.

... Renews Financing Arrangement with Partners

WANEP has renewed its joint financing arrangement with Sweden, Denmark and Austria for another three years from 2017 to 2020. "This signifies the collaborative and trusting relationship between WANEP and its partners," says Program Director and Deputy Executive Director, Mrs. Levinia Addae-Mensah speaking at the symbolic signing ceremony by WANEP Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze on May 15, 2017 at the Regional Secretariat Accra-Ghana. Mrs. Addae-Mensah further described the renewal as "a reflection of the impactful achievements of WANEP as we strive to improve lives and security in Africa."



Above Left, participants at the training. Above Right, Ms Kesia-Onam Birch receiving her certificate

Women CSOs Trained on Conflict Prevention and Mediation

From August 21 to September 1, 2017, Ms Kesia-Onam Birch, WANEP Program Officer WIPNET and Peace Education attended advanced training in Negotiation and Mediation at the Clingendael Academy in the Netherlands. Ms Birch was one of 20 women mediators from across Africa who participated in the third edition of the programme aimed at developing and strengthening the mediation skills of participants for effective conflict resolution.

The theme of the two-week course is titled "Negotiation and Mediation as an Instrument for Conflict Resolution." The trained participants will form a pool of trained women mediators to be included in the AU Roster of the FemWise and subsequently utilized for mediation across the continent. FemWise is a recently established Pan African Network of Women in prevention and Mediation. The case study on the Liberia Women Mass Peace Action which was conceptualized and driven by the WIPNET program of WANEP was a reference point in many of the sessions demonstrating the success of this intervention and giving many lessons.

The training tackled diverse subjects particularly the issue of developing a more inclusive mediation process. According to Ms Birch, "there is resistance towards designing a more inclusive negotiation process. However, having an inclusive mediation process is having a gender sensitive designed peace agreements which are able to stand the test of time!"

Capacity Building for WANEP staff

In the quest to ensure optimal delivery on its vision, WANEP regularly builds staff capacity to equip them with the requisite skills for delivering on organizational goals. In this wise, The Regional Coordinator for Research, Monitoring and Evaluation at the WANEP-Regional, Mr. Vincent Azumah conducted refresher training on basic Monitoring and Evaluation for staff of the WANEP-Sierra Leone National Office. WANEP adopts a bottom-up approach to program implementation which enables the national offices to carry out interventions which responds to the security threats in their countries while the Regional Secretariat provides oversight. M&E is a very critical aspect of programming, the training was to prepare the staff to be able to evaluate their programs and make adjustments where necessary.

Similarly, the Regional Secretariat through its Finance Department also provided refresher training to the finance departments of WANEP-Benin and Togo on the Tally Accounting system based on request from the networks. The new accounting software allows for credible and transparent financial transactions between the Regional office and the national networks. The new system has contributed significantly to improved organizational accountability.

From the Field

IN BRIEF

Executive Director Visits WANEP Nigeria and Liberia

In his capacity as the Executive Director of WANEP, Mr. Chukwuemeka Eze paid official visit to the national offices of Nigeria and Liberia as part of the organizations' Monitoring and Mentorship program. The visit was part of continuous efforts to strengthen and maintain communication lines between the WANEP Regional and National Offices and afforded the Executive Director the opportunity to witness first hand happenings in the networks and the country in general. During the meeting, the Executive Director commended the efforts of the Secretariat in ensuring that the network is moving forward and pledged his commitment to supporting them attain WANEP's goals and vision.

WANEP Commiserates with Sierra Leone Government over Flood Disaster

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) joined the global community to express deepest condolences to the people and Government of Sierra Leone on the flooding and mudslides that occurred in August, 2017. In a solidarity message signed by WANEP Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze, WANEP expressed its deepest condolences to the bereaved families of the unfortunate incident which resulted to loss of lives and wanton destruction of properties, adding, "WANEP stands in solidarity with the Government and people of Sierra Leone in these trying times." The message further appreciated efforts of the Government of Sierra Leone, development partners, the Red Cross and other civil society organizations for their untiring efforts and quick response to arrest the situation. WANEP used the opportunity to appeal to the relevant authorities to find more sustainable measures to prevent such perennial fatalities in future and pledged to remain resolved and committed to the promotion of peace and security in the region.



Mrs. Esther Gordon-Mensah, WANEP Administrative Manager reading the welcome address on behalf of the Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze at the Validation Workshop

WANEP, Partners Validate Research on Violent Extremism

The Executive Director of WANEP, Dr. Chukwuemeka Eze, has expressed concern over the rising spate of violent extremism in the region. According to him, "our countries and communities can best be described as being under siege with non-state actors constantly and consistently questioning the sovereignty of our states. The management or lack of management of such dissenting voices have led and continue to lead to mass atrocities and various levels of violence and crimes against humanity." Dr. Eze made the observation in a paper presented at the Research Validation Workshop on the trends and dynamics of violent extremism in the Sahel held on September 28, 2017 at the WANEP Regional Secretariat. The paper was read on his behalf by the Administrative Manager, Mrs. Esther Gordon-Mensah.

Worried by the spate of violent extremism especially in the Sahel, WANEP commissioned a research on the trends and dynamics of violent extremism in that region with a view to contributing to the debate, knowledge and response strategies to tackle the identified threats. The validation was a platform to present the outcome of the yearlong research work on Violent Extremism in West Africa and also an opportunity to deepen the understanding of the dynamics of insurgency and extremism in the West African region and proffer strategies for addressing them.

The Research was conducted by two renowned academicians; Dr. Festus Aubyn and Dr. Nathaniel Danjibo.



The two Researchers; Dr. Festus Aubyn (Right) and Dr. Nathaniel Danjibo (Middle) with Mr. Ifeanyi Okechukwu, WANEP Regional Coordinator, Early Warning (Left) at the Validation Workshop

From the Field



WAPI 16th Session: Above; group picture of participants, faculty, staff of WANEP and KAIPTC and invited guests at the opening ceremony. Right; WANEP Program Director, Mrs. Levinia Addae-Mensah and Commandant KAIPTC, Air-Vice Marshal Griffiths S. Evans, welcoming the guest of honour, Ghana Interior Minister, Honourable Ambrose Dery. Below left; Deputy Commandant KAIPTC, Brig-Gen (DR) Emmanuel Kotia presents certificate to one of the participants. Middle; some of the participants show off their certificates. Below right; WANEP Regional staff at the event.



Above left; dancing time: participants take time off to unwind at the dance floor; Middle and Right, group working session. Below left: coffee break and middle; a participant making a point during one of the sessions



From the Field



Talk Beats Arms...

Silence the guns!

Safer through borders...

Stop unsafe migration!

Safety over profit...

Stop child trafficking!

Make me count...

End statelessness!

Resilience is safety...

Support IDPs!

International Day for Peace 2017 #Togetherforpeace #safetyanddignity4all

WANEP COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY AND DAY OF PEACE

WANEP held several events and activities in commemoration of two key global events in the quarter viz; the International Youth Day on August 12 and the International Day of Peace held on September 21, 2017. As is the custom of WANEP, the regional office issued a press release calling attention to salient peace and security issues while recognizing the untiring efforts of key stakeholders towards ensuring a peaceful community. WANEP National Offices embarked on sensitization and awareness activities to celebrate the significance of the days and further recommend a holistic and collective approach to promoting peace and ensuring that the youth are given a pride of place to contribute their quota to peacebuilding efforts. The events are captured in pictures below;



Above left: WANEP-Sierra Leone carrying out peace education sensitization at one of the schools, middle and right; Youth day celebration in the Gambia and Senegal.



Left; Women from Okpolo Enhwen and Igbo communities at Oleh, Isoko South L.G.A., at the peace dialogue and peace tour organized by Ideal Women Advancement Initiative (IWA), WANEP- Nigeria network member.

Below left: peace rally facilitated by WANEP-Guinea Bissau and right: peace club members in The Gambia mark the Youth Day.



WANEP Stories of Change

FAOUZIA DEDJILA: The Icon of Peace in SOKODÉ

Located 335 km to the North of the Togolese capital Lomé, Sokode is mainly populated by Moslems and considered as the central point of commercial activities. It is also regarded as the biggest town in the Central Region populated with business men and women both indigenous and foreign and houses technical institutions, primary schools as well as secondary institutions, both private and public. Sokode is not different from other towns in Togo where traditional festivals are celebrated and observed each year. The festival of Adossa-Gadaou is celebrated in Sokode every January. In 2015, there was a serious disagreement between two clans; the Toure in the Didaoure locality and the Mola in the Komah locality on the choice of the date of the festival. This disagreement was almost escalating into violence when Ms Faouzia Dedjila intervened.



Ms FAOUZIA DEDJILA is a beneficiary of the Dialogue and Mediation training program organized by WANEP-Togo. Using the negotiation skills she acquired from the training, Ms Dedjila initiated a mediation session between the two clans and was able to convince the leaders to accept the dates. She also facilitated dialogue sessions with the community members to solicit their support and commitment to the peaceful resolution of the conflict. This process took over two weeks of meetings and discussions. Finally, the community members understood each other and agreed to celebrate the festivals on two different dates.

"It has not been easy to lead the people to change their mindsets on things they believed they knew and believed in. Peace had to prevail because my skills enabled me to lead them all to understand that without peace they cannot have any development and that peace is the foundation of all people and their development."

Peace Births Development

Kévé is a village located over 50 km from Lomé, the capital of Togo. Kévé is made up of three communities, namely Nyimé, Ataviépé and Itcha with one primary and one secondary school only. In order to facilitate the development of the village, a Development Committee was set up, led by Togbui AGBAKPLI III under the chairmanship of Mr Agbemade.

One will think the idea of having a Development Committee will be a welcomed idea by community members who will happily support the various development initiatives implemented by the Committee. Unfortunately, this is not the case! Since the setting up of the Committee, community members have opposed every idea suggested by committee members. This show of intolerance and misunderstanding has considerably slowed down the development of the community and halted some of the development works initiated.



Some of the women who benefitted from the sensitization activities in Kévé

This was the situation in Kévé until the intervention of WANEP-Togo through the activities of the Women in Peace Network (WIPNET) Program. Under WIPNET, WANEP-Togo held several sensitization and awareness activities highlighting the values of peace and the need for a peaceful coexistence in the community. These various activities helped to inculcate in community members the importance of tolerance and respect for each other's opinion, thus helping them to support the leadership of the community through the development committee. Furthermore, they understood that without peace, there will be no development of the community and after the sensitization programs, many of the members confessed to being influenced by the peace messages.

WANEP-Togo has continuously propagated the message of peace in the community and this has had tremendous results. For instance, the women of Kévé have been applying these new ideas into their situation in the community and as a result, there has been a total transformation of the community. The relationship between the Development Committee and the community members is more cordial and they are collaborating with members of the development committee in ensuring that development projects are implemented.

WANEP Socials



BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

Happy Birthday to the following Colleagues (Clockwise);



Raymond Darko -	May 7
Gisele Vedogbeton -	May 8
Michael Darko -	May 8
Ifeanyi Okechukwu -	May 19
Elizabeth Gozo-Djokoto —	May 20
Diana Akpene-Adodo -	June 11
Vincent Azumah -	July 22
Evelyn Avoxe -	July 27
Bismark Beglah -	Sept 15



Wedding Bells

Send-off



WANEP held a send-off party for Ms Dina-Rose Gbeblewoo-Manyo, Executive Bi-Lingual Secretary, who resigned her appointment in June. In her citation, Dina-Rose was described as an asset to the organization whose “calm disposition, optimistic outlook and positive energy contributed immensely to making the workplace a pleasant place to work!” Above, WANEP Executive Director, Mr. Chukwue-meka Eze presents a gift to Dina-Rose.



Mr. Bismark Beglah exchanging wedding vows with his bride at Kpalime Togo. The event was witnessed by family, friends and colleagues. WANEP wishes the new couple a blissful married life!

WANEP SOCIALS

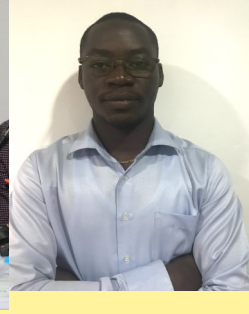


WANEP Welcomes, Interns, National Service Members and New Staff

As the leading civil society organization for peacebuilding in the region, WANEP has carved a niche for itself as the go-to-organization for those wishing to bridge the gap between theory and practical peacebuilding. WANEP fellowship and internship programs continue to be well sought after and attract participants desiring to hone their skills in peacebuilding. In this quarter, WANEP welcomed three interns and two national service members. The interns are;

Above left: Plangi from Nigeria, **right:** Mette from Sweden and **below 1st right:** Romaric from Benin Republic, Maame Petersen, 2nd right from Ghana. The National Service members are: **first and second left;** Gloria and

Charles, both Ghanaians.



ABOUT WANEP

WHO WE ARE

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) was conceived in 1996 but formally launched in 1998. Unlike other activist organizations, WANEP strategically chose to engage major actors, particularly government actors in a bid to establish a platform for dialogue, experience sharing and learning, thereby, complementing efforts at ensuring sustainable peace and development.

WANEP is a member of the Peace and Security cluster of the African Union's (AU) Economic and Social Council –ECOSOCC representing West Africa and also has a Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). WANEP is the Regional Secretariat of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflicts (GPPAC).

OUR GOAL

WANEP's cardinal goal is to build sustainable peace, thereby creating an enabling environment for development in West Africa.

WHAT WE DO

WANEP work covers Six critical areas of intervention including;

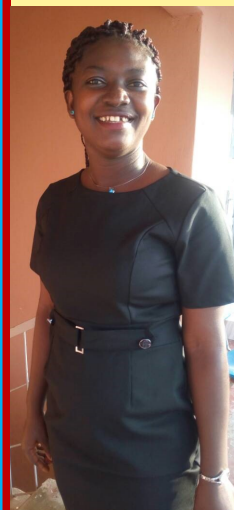
- ◆ The West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI)
- ◆ West Africa Early Warning and Response Network, (WARN)
- ◆ Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET)
- ◆ Non-violence and Peace Education, (NAPE)
- ◆ Civil Society Coordination and Democratic Governance Program, (CSDG)
- ◆ Responding to Conflicts through Dialogue

WHERE WE WORK

WANEP's growth and influence has been phenomenal. After 19 years of peacebuilding practice, WANEP has grown to become a household name in West Africa with national offices in all the ECOWAS Member countries, and over 500 member organizations spread all over WA.

...Reassigns Staff and Welcomes Executive Assistant

Three WANEP staff in the Early Warning Unit have been reassigned as Regional Analysts. They include; Mr. Edward Jombla formerly NNC WANEP-Sierra Leone who now serves as Regional Analyst on Crime and Violent Extremism. Ms Alice Kambire former Zonal Coordinator is now Regional Analyst Democracy and Governance while Ms Evelyn Avoxe who was formerly Program Officer, WANEP Peace Monitoring Center (PMC) now serves as the Regional Analyst for Environment. A new Executive Assistant; Gloria Owusu joined the WANEP family in the quarter.



Clockwise; Gloria Korang Owusu; New Executive Assistant; Evelyn Avoxe ; Alice Kambire and Edward Jombla