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TWO-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON

“TERRORISM AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS”

1.1. BACKGROUND

The upsurge of terrorism and violent extremism in West Africa has since the past decade created instability and humanitarian crisis in the affected countries. Despite the national and international military operations to combat the threat, groups such as Boko Haram, Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam waal Muslimeen (JNIM), the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) and Ansarul Islam continue to threaten the stability of states in the region. With a grand strategic goal of controlling the entire West African region, the terrorist groups have in recent times expanded their unlawful activities beyond the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin region to the coastal areas along the Gulf of Guinea (GoG). The JNIM (*which is made up of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb [AQIM], Ansar Dine, al-Mourabitoun and the Macina Liberation Front*) for example, has on countless occasions called on its militants to mobilize for Jihadist cause not only in Mali but in Burkina Faso, Niger, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria and Cameroon. However, with the exception of Ghana, Senegal, and Guinea, JNIM and its affiliates have attacked most of the targeted countries.

Although Ghana is yet to experience any veritable terrorist attacks, the country's proximity to neighbouring countries such as Burkina Faso where JNIM and Ansarul Islam militants operate makes her vulnerable to attacks. The high influx of illegal migrants from neighbouring countries affected by terrorism, weak border control systems and the absence of the state in the border communities further makes the country susceptible to attacks. Recent intelligence information about possible terrorist attacks on churches in Ghana and the subsequent arrest of an armed Burkinabe in the Hamile Roman Catholic Church in the Upper West region shows how vulnerable the country has become to such threats. While Government is building the capacity of the security and intelligence agencies to respond to any possible attack, the larger population that is supposed to support Government efforts to counter the threat appears to be uninformed about the modus operandi of these terrorist groups and networks. Additionally, most of the media discussions about how Ghana can deal with terrorism have also not been comprehensive enough to provide the essential terrorism awareness and preparedness strategies needed to neutralised any potential attacks. It is against this backdrop that the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is organising a two-day training Workshop on “Terrorism Awareness and Preparedness” to better equip stakeholders to prevent and disrupt any terrorist attacks.

1.2. COURSE AIM

The course is aimed at equipping participants with the requisite knowledge and skills to prevent, anticipate and disrupt potential terrorist attacks against their institutions.

1.3. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives of the course are to:

1. Provide participants with an overview of terrorism in West Africa;
2. Identify the motivations and explain the modus operandi (tactics and techniques) of the major terrorist organizations in West Africa;
3. Explain the terrorism planning cycle and how participants can identify the preoperational activities of terrorist groups to deter possible attacks;
4. Familiarize participants with the basic personal and facility protection strategies that will enable them to detect and neutralize terrorists' plots against their organisations;
5. Equip participants with the requisite information to be able to anticipate threats, risks and vulnerabilities to terrorism; and
6. Explain the specific component of Intelligence/ Surveillance Methods and their uses in preventing potential terrorist attacks.



1.4. COURSE CONTENT

The Course content include:

- Overview of Terrorism and Violent Extremism in West Africa
- Motivations and Modus Operandi of Terrorist Groups
- The Mindset of Terrorists & Terrorism Planning Cycle
- Radicalization and De-radicalization Process
- Ghana: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
- Building Early Warning System to anticipate attacks
- Intelligence gathering and Surveillance Detection Fundamentals
- Facility Security Protection (Church, Mosques, Malls, Schools, Restaurants etc.)
- Role of Media in Counter-Terrorism
- Cyber Crime and Terrorism
- Threat Awareness
- Lock down and Evacuation Plans

1.5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

There are no specific criteria to be eligible for the course as it targets all those working in potential target areas of terrorist groups. However, participants must have a working knowledge of the English Language, both written and oral skills since the course will be delivered in English.

1.6. COURSE DURATION AND VENUE

First Batch: Monday, 22nd July 2019 to Tuesday, 23rd July 2019, at WANEP Premises around the Trinity Avenue, Off Mile 7 Road, Achimota, Accra.

Second Batch: Wednesday, 24th July 2019 to Thursday, 25th July 2019 at WANEP Premises around the Trinity Avenue, Off Mile 7 Road, Achimota, Accra.

1.7. TARGET GROUP

The target group for the course are personnel working in the following organisations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Government Ministries and Agencies (including MMDAs - Assembly Members)▪ Private Security Companies▪ Banking and Financial Institutions▪ Churches and Mosques	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Public and Private Schools▪ Universities and Colleagues of Education▪ Professional Associations▪ Student Leaders▪ Hospitals and Clinics▪ Media Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mining Companies▪ CSOs/NGOs▪ Hotels and Restaurants▪ Traditional Authorities▪ Transportation Services▪ Market Centres▪ Shopping Malls▪ Other relevant organisations
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1.8. COURSE FEES

Participants attending the course are expected to pay an amount of **GHS 1,000 (\$200)**. The amount covers tuition fee, certificate, lunch and two coffee breaks. No Accommodation will be provided. Participants from outside Accra should arrange for their own accommodation.

1.9. FACILITATION METHODOLOGY

The problem-based learning approach suitable for adult learning would be used in the delivery of the course. These approaches will include PowerPoint presentations, lectures, case study, group exercises, experience sharing and scenario-based learning.

1.10. HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the course kindly call +233 (0) 246 193 188 or +233 (0) 244 799 381 for registration or email your details to this email address: bbrew@wanep.org with copy to wanep@wanep.org

1.11. CONTACT AT WANEP

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TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION/CONFIRMATION LETTER

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Bank Details: West Africa Network for Peacebuilding ECOBANK Ghana Limited Head Office Branch Account No. 0010094402567602 Currency: Ghana Cedi	Terms & Conditions 1. fill the course form 2. Send a copy of the proof of payment to bbrew@wanep.org 3. A receipt will be issued after the proof of payment has been received 4. Full Payment must be made before the training 5. In the unlikely cancellation of the course, exact fees paid will be refunded

- Kindly return the registration Form after filling