

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) organized a 2-day consultative workshop on **Agriculture and Pastoralist Conflicts in West Africa Sahel**, bringing together participants from 8 countries in the West Africa Sub-region on February 22-23, 2011 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

The principal goal of the workshop was to collectively identify and examine the factors contributing to agro-pastoralists conflicts, and discuss issues and priorities for preventive peacebuilding prospect in the West Africa Sahel.

The outcome of the consultative workshop revealed that farmers and herders have been living and plying their trades in a peaceful environment for centuries. Thus, the problem does not stem from ethnicity but as a result of changes in climatic conditions, boundary demarcation, sharp increase in demands for lands, weak regulatory system, and inadequate national and cross-border policy to deal with the issue amongst others.

At the end of the 2-day consultative workshop, participants issued a communiqué highlighting principal points of discussions and the various proposed strategies dealing with this age-long conflict.

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