

AFRICAN WOMEN'S ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE INITIATIVES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

(AWANICH)

REFRESHER TRAINING OF TRAINERS IN GENDER AND ACTIVE NONVIOLENCE

25-29 July, 2011

LAGOS –NIGERIA



The just ended Refresher Training in Gender and Active Nonviolence was held in Lagos Nigeria from the 25th to 29th July, 2011 to deepen the skills of 22 members of the AWANICH pool of Nonviolence trainers. This move also aimed at consolidating AWANICH's work in enhancing the capacity of certified women active nonviolence trainers in Africa.

The training sought to:

- Assess their capacity as nonviolence trainers after the initial ToT
- Deepen their knowledge and skills in Gender and Nonviolence with spirituality as the basis of nonviolence.
- Strengthen AWANICH network



During the five-day training, the facilitators refreshed the participants' knowledge on active nonviolence and spirituality. Other topics such as consensus building, social change, movement building were also treated.

The trainees made presentations for the purpose of reflecting on the impact of previous ANV training programmes organised in their various countries. They elaborated on the best practices, challenges and the impact the program has had on them.



The ToT also served as a platform to further assess participants on their competences as nonviolence trainers. Hence the latter facilitated some sessions as proof of their competency.

As a result, some twenty -two women from eight African countries deepened their skills in gender, spirituality and

active nonviolence. The number of informed, competent and active women peace activists has also increased. The participants were awarded certificates at the end of the training.

