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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Meanings
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AHSI	African Human Security Initiative
ACCORD	Africa Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes
AMISOM	Africa Union Mission in Somalia
CENA	National Electoral Commission
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CSTs	Community Surveillance Teams
CIDCM	Centre for International Development and Conflict Management
CMC	Cluster Munitions Coalition
ECOSAP	ECOWAS Small Arms Programme
ECCP	European Centre for Conflict Prevention
EWD	Early Warning Directorate
EPLO	European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
ECOSAP	ECOWAS Small Arms Programme
EDWARDS	Early Warning and Response Design Support
GANSA	Gambia Action Network on Small Arms
GPPAC	Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
GIZ	German International Co-operation
GAP	Ghana Alert Project
IFES	International Foundation for Electoral Systems
ISS	Institute for Security Studies
JAES	Joint Africa–EU Strategy
KAIPTC	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre
MARWOPNET	Mano River Women's Peace Network
MOWAC	Ghana Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs
OSIWA	Open Society Initiative for West Africa
PPLM	Pain Pour Le Monde
PACWA	Peace and Conflict in West Africa
SCONPA	Strategic Conflict and Peace Assessment
TRC	Truth and Reconciliation Commission
TJRC	Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission
USIP	United States Institute of Peace
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDEF	United Nations Democracy Funds
WAPI	West Africa Peacebuilding Institute
WAPP	West Africa Peacebuilding Project
WIPNET	Women in Peacebuilding Programme

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## BOARDMembers



Michel Mian  
Board Chair

On behalf of the Regional Board, "I am delighted to express our appreciation to all the member-organisations of WANEP, the National Boards and National Secretariats, the Regional Secretariat and the WANEP-Management Team.



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# About WANEP

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is a leading Regional Peacebuilding organization founded in 1998 in response to civil wars that plagued West Africa in the 1990s. Over the years, WANEP has succeeded in establishing strong national networks in every Member State of ECOWAS with over 500 member organizations across West Africa.

## VISION

"West Africa region characterized by just and peaceful communities where the dignity of the human person is paramount and where the people can meet their basic human needs and decide their own direction".

## MISSION

To "enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society-based peacebuilding practitioners and organizations in West Africa by promoting cooperative responses to violent conflicts; providing the structure through which these practitioners and institutions will regularly exchange experience and information on issues of peacebuilding, conflict transformation, social, religious and political reconciliation; and promoting West Africa's social cultural values as resources for peacebuilding."

## Operating Principles and Values

- ✓ Belief in mutual respect for one another;
- ✓ Transparency and accountability;
- ✓ Gender equality and zero tolerance to discrimination (sex, tribe/ethnicity, race, HIV-AIDS status, etc.);
- ✓ Teamwork and dedication to work;
- ✓ Tolerance and respect for diversity;
- ✓ Justice for all;
- ✓ Quality delivery;
- ✓ Collaboration and consultation

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the capacity of peacebuilding organisation and practitioners in West Africa to engage actively in the transformation of violent conflicts through the use of non-violent strategies
- Develop a conflict prevention mechanism in West Africa to monitor, analyse and respond to conflicts
- Engender peacebuilding policy and practices in West Africa
- Promote a culture of non-violence and social responsibility among young people in West Africa
- Strengthen the conceptual base of WANEP programmes through research, documentation and Monitoring and Evaluation
- Enhance policy formulation and influence on peace and human security through regional and international linkages and advocacy



## Message from the **WANEP** Board Chair



—Michel Mian

The results of our efforts are now beginning to manifest in terms of the improved confidence of funders in what we do.

This is the third official statement I would be making since I was appointed the Board Chairman of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). Last year, I commended the great efforts that WANEP was making at restoring peace to the West African sub-region and the larger world. I expressed the hope that with efforts like ours and the support of all other stakeholders, the sub-region would ultimately become a haven of peace. On hindsight I underestimated the volume of water in the many rivers we have to cross as a peacebuilding institution with limited resources operating in a sub-region under constant peace and security challenges. The ongoing post conflict peacebuilding efforts in Cote d'Ivoire and the escalating Boko Haram crisis in Nigeria all suggest that our best might not be good enough; the world expects more from us as an institution known for excellence in peacebuilding. It is therefore difficult for us to rest on our oars. We have greater tasks ahead of us and we must take on the challenges.

That said, we have come a long way, achieved what some thought was unachievable and we remain in sight of our objective of creating a West African sub-region in which sustainable peace will prevail irrespective of the countervailing agents around us. I must thank all those that have identified with our aspirations and efforts: the government and people of Ghana that have provided us a clement environment within which to operate; our funders who have continued to provide more resources irrespective of the ongoing financial crisis around the world; and the management of WANEP under the leadership of Emmanuel Bombande (fspsp). We also have to specially thank the good people of West Africa who have not only accepted WANEP as a household name but are also making significant contributions to peacebuilding at local level by taking our message of peace to the remotest communities.

The Board of WANEP is made of eminent global citizens who more than ever before have decided to fully take charge of the organization. This is not because the organization was not doing well but largely because of our feeling that the more professional and active we are the better the chances of WANEP becoming a stronger organization. Under the new dispensation, the Board has increased its visits to the headquarters to provide oversight. In this respect, I must thankfully acknowledge the cooperation of the Management. A resistance from the team could have slowed down our resolve to take WANEP to the next height in its evolution.

The results of our efforts are now beginning to manifest in terms of the improved confidence of funders in what we do. In the year 2011, the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) which runs a Master's and doctoral degree programmes in Peace and Conflict Studies enlisted the support of WANEP for running its annual one-week capacity building training programme which took off in 2000; WANEP produced a world class practice guide for managing electoral disputes in West Africa and the Executive Director was made the Fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP) in Nigeria. At various national networks, WANEP is playing very important roles in national dialogue and reconciliation efforts, and providing support to the African Union and ECOWAS peace and security initiatives. We expect the leadership role of our organization to improve in the years to come but this would require more hard work from all and sundry.







## Management Report

Peacebuilding efforts in West Africa and particularly the contribution of Civil Society Organisations over the past decade are promoting and consolidating peace and political stability in the sub-region. While the level of collaboration between governments and civil society organisations in building peace has increased, there are also visible efforts to institutionalise peacebuilding by creating national structures for peace in various West African Countries. The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding [WANEP] during the period under review in 2011 continued through its unique network structure to be at the forefront of mobilising civil society efforts for building peace and promoting human security at national and regional levels in West Africa. This report is a narrative of the salient highlights of our work in the past year, 2011.

WANEP acknowledges the very important recognition of the Alfred Nobel Peace Prize awarding committee in awarding the Nobel Peace Prize of 2011 to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia and Ms Leymaa Gbowee, a former staff member of WANEP. WANEP warmly congratulates the women of Liberia for the achievement of winning the Nobel Peace Prize. WANEP shares with a sense of pride the achievement of Ms Leymaa Gbowee as her recognition is attributed to her role in WANEP – Liberia as the Desk Officer of the Women in Peacebuilding Network [WIPNET] program where she demonstrated courage and conviction in the mass mobilisation of women in Liberia for peace. The women of Liberia are ever more inspired to be at the forefront of bringing justice, healing and peace not only to communities in Liberia devastated by war but also reaching out across the sub-region to be true examples of women efforts and leadership in peacebuilding.

Sustaining WANEP's institutional efficiency and professionalism received special consideration in 2011 when a system audit was conducted. The outcomes of the audit provide an important benchmark for strengthening the organisation at all the levels and structures of WANEP. The systems audit will also inform the development of WANEP's Strategic plan from national to regional levels in the coming years. WANEP is now looking for the opportunity to consolidate its operations through a well-structured regional organisation with an efficient regulatory mechanism as well as a rigorous application of its monitoring and evaluation systems from national to regional levels.

"Peace does not come from knowing how you will find the answer, or where to look for it, or when it will come, or what it will be. Peace comes from simply knowing you will find the answer".  
Anonymous



The national networks of WANEP continue to grow from strength to strength with more of its network members active in Peacebuilding practice. At national levels, the improvement in program design and implementation of peacebuilding activities and enhancement of capacities for cross regional learning and exchange of experiences added value to WANEP's work in the sub-region. While a hands-on approach and experience from practice continues to generate knowledge and capacity, new opportunities are emerging for acquiring skills and expertise in academic work and from various training institutions. In 2011 for example, the department of Peace and Conflict Studies at UPPSALA University through a Scholarship from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) provided opportunity for 5 WANEP staff scholarships to attend an International Training Program on Peace and Security in Africa (PASA).

The WIPNET regional conference in November 2011 in Accra provided an opportunity to assess barriers that affect women's participation in post conflict reconstruction and development. It provided a strategic framework with concrete and innovative recommendations to strengthen women's active participation in peace and security initiatives in West Africa in the framework of the UN Security Council 1325

Amongst the major significant highlights in program activities, it is now encouraging to note that the ECOWAS Early Warning Mechanism-ECOWARN is able to provide regularly quality data that informs analysis and decision-making at the level of ECOWAS. In 2011, ECOWAS made specific references to ECOWARN reports as the basis of decisions for interventions in various West African countries. WANEP under its WARN program and through its national networks across the sub-region contribute a significant proportion of the data for the efficient operationalisation of ECOWARN.





It is a success story from West Africa of a civil-society-intergovernmental partnership that is creating synergy for the early detection of signs and indicators of conflicts and engaging in the prevention of violence from community to national level. Such efforts have contributed largely towards the non-recurrence of open and violent conflicts in 2011 although new threats emerged during the year particularly in Nigeria with the violent attacks by extremist groups (Boko Haram). During the year under review, WANEP made significant progress in the involvement of communities in early warning through the development of National Early Warning Systems [NEWS]. These national early warning systems have started to generate enthusiasm in communities and bringing out the sense of ownership and local capacity for conflict prevention.

In very challenging ways, the efforts at sustaining dialogue continued albeit with a reversal of progress made on the Jos Plateau of Nigeria. The emerging threat to peace and stability in West Africa around Pastoralist and Farmers conflicts over grazing lands surfaced strongly in a regional roundtable in Ouagadougou. Elsewhere, the support for community dialogue has maintained peace in communities experiencing conflicts in northern Ghana. WANEP contributed through partnerships with ECOWAS and civil society organisations towards peaceful elections in Benin, Burkina Faso, Liberia and Nigeria.

WANEP continued to be active in various partnerships and collaborative efforts in 2011. Noteworthy of these efforts include the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed [GPPAC] which has now grown into a formidable international platform for various levels of collaboration and regional exchange. WANEP was invited to join the International Coalition of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). During the period under review, WANEP continued to participate as member in the work of the Peace and Security Cluster of the AU-ECOSOC. Also in 2011, within the framework of the AU-EU civil society partnership, WANEP was elected as the chair of the Thematic Cluster on Peace and Security on the Joint AU-EU Strategy (JAES). At the level of the United Nations, there was active interaction and joint activities with UN Agencies and Country Teams in Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Togo and Guinea. At the regional level, WANEP increased collaboration with the UN Office for West Africa [UNOWA] and provided support to the UN Women Office for West Africa in the facilitation of Dialogue and Mediation training for High level West African Women leaders.

In presenting this annual report for 2011, WANEP again acknowledges with profound appreciation, the financial support of its Partners and the opportunities they provided to sustain peacebuilding efforts in West Africa. We particularly highlight the support and partnership from SIDA and the Government of Finland. The support of USAID through the EWARDS project contributed to WANEP's Early Warning program. WANEP equally recognises and acknowledges support from German International Cooperation [GIZ] and IBIS West Africa. There is equal appreciation for the contributions of the Dutch and Norwegian Governments through the GPPAC framework.

# West Africa In 2011

## Peace and Security in Perspective

### ELECTION DISPUTE MANAGEMENT

Practice Guide For West Africa



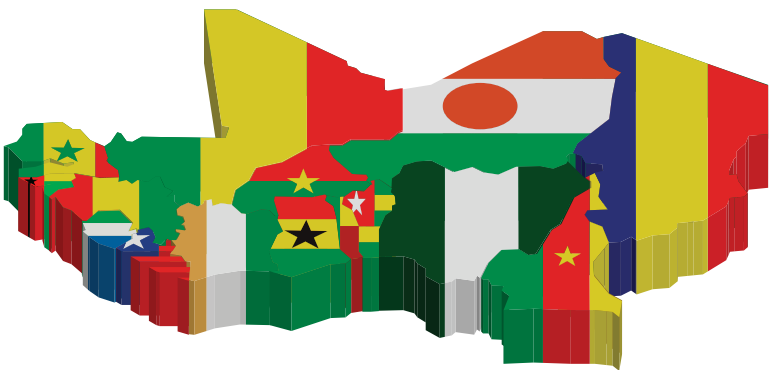
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PROBLEM

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# West Africa In 2011: Peace And Security In Perspective

West Africa is in a constant state of flux; hard-earned peace and security are under continual threat of reversals. Political stability seems to be a perpetual challenge. The political stalemate in Cote d'Ivoire opened the year 2011. The political crisis ended in armed confrontations that forced Laurent Gbagbo (after he was adjudged to have lost the presidential election) out of power and caused over 100,000 displaced persons, the loss of lives and wanton destruction of property. The four-month long battle threatened the fragile stability of the ECOWAS region especially the Mano River Union sub-region. Beside the political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire, a good number of countries in West Africa (namely: Benin, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Liberia and Niger), held a relatively peaceful democratic transition in 2011. However, even with the seeming peaceful elections in a number of countries in West Africa in 2011, democratic transition is becoming increasingly violent and thus raising the risks of political instability and variability. As a result, WANEP produced in 2011 a practice guide to address electoral disputes and prevent violence.

*Below is a brief round-up of events across the ECOWAS region grouped in four clusters<sup>[1]</sup>.*



1 The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) divided the region of its 15 member states into four clusters: Zone One to Zone Four for the purpose of monitoring early warning signs that could threaten peace and stability of the region.

## Zone One (Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Senegal and The Gambia)

Cape Verde, regarded as the most stable and democratic nation in West Africa, held its presidential elections in August 2011 without any major incident of violence. The challenge to security in Cape Verde is the issue of domestic violence, drug trafficking and the rise in gangsterism and crimes. In 2011, more than 13 kilograms of drug was seized in Cape Verde with many more unaccounted for. In The Gambia, the political landscape was characterised by the recurring theme of arbitrary arrests, detentions and the curtailment of freedom of expression. As a result, the ECOWAS Commission refused, for the first time, to observe the presidential election in The Gambia held in November 2011. Its relationship with the regional body is strained. In addition, the Gambian government was the first in West Africa to recognize the National Transitional Council in Libya as the legitimate authority of the country while Gadhafi was still in power, freezing all assets belonging to Col. Gadhafi in The Gambia.

On the other hand, the Gambian government refused to recognise the presidency of Alassane Ouattara thereby making political analysts to argue on the consistency of the Gambian government's position on issues of democracy and regime change. Guinea Bissau continued to struggle with its systemic challenges of weak state institutions, illicit drug trafficking and organized crime as well as the ability of the civilian authority to have effective command and control of the armed forces. The Defence and Security Sector reform faced with protracted constraints of finance and political infighting. The deteriorating health of President Mallam Bacai Sanha increased the risk of a turbulent transition. In Senegal, President Abdoulaye Wade's third bid faced serious opposition threatening the peace and stability of the country. In June, a protest against President Wade's alleged attempt to revise the constitution turned violent. Incidents of political violence increased alongside the intensification of the fighting in the Casamance region. For the first time since the start of the Casamance rebellion, the Senegalese government openly requested for international interventions to find a lasting peace.

## Zone Two (Niger, Mali, Burkina and Cote d'Ivoire)

In Burkina Faso, the country averted the possibility of coup d'états given the incessant strike actions and mutinies across the country. The unrest threatened the long-standing political stability of the country and revealed the simmering tension across various segments of the society fueled by growing resentment and grievance especially in the military. In Cote d'Ivoire, the ensuing political crisis after the November presidential run-off ended in April with the arrest of Ex-President Gbagbo. The fighting had deepened the ethnic and political division of the country posing serious threat to the fragile peace and stability. The aftermath of the civil war in Libya and the continued presence of AQMI posed serious threat to peace and security in Mali. The situation increased the risk of a resurgence of the Touareg rebellion. In 2011, tax increase triggered strike action in Bamako, while a stampede at the national stadium left 36 persons dead of whom 33 were women. On a positive note, the country appointed its first female prime minister. While its neighbouring countries were experiencing political instability, Niger moved from military dictatorship to civilian rule with the successful organisation of the presidential election. Nonetheless, the country's stability is constantly under the threat of the presence of AQMI as well as large presence of small arms and light weapons as an aftermath of the Libya civil war.



#### Zone Three (Liberia, Ghana, Guinea and Sierra Leone)

The fragile peace in Liberia came under serious strain of snapping in the course of 2011. The failed August referendum to secure the required majority to amend the constitution and the low voter turnout in the run-off was perceived as a dwindling popularity of the incumbent government and the fragile state of the national reconciliation. In Ghana, the political landscape continues to be “hot” with accusations and counter accusations by the ruling political party – the National Democratic Congress (NDC) and the strongest opposition – the New Patriotic Party (NPP). This constant rhetoric and political wrangling is raising the risks of violent confrontations in 2012 which is an election year. In Guinea, the legislative election was postponed in response to a demand made by the opposition groups. The country is still struggling to bridge the ethnic divisions deepened by the presidential elections in 2010. In Sierra Leone, the Chief of Defense Staff of Armed Forces, Major General Robert Yira Koroma announced the approval of a battalion of about 850 military personnel to be deployed to the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). The contribution made Sierra Leone, the first and only West African country to have contributed troops to AMISOM. This indicates the considerable progress of the country in rebuilding its military. Nonetheless, the country’s peace and stability will be tested in 2012 given the rise in political violence in the course of 2011.

#### Zone Four (Benin, Nigeria and Togo)

Benin held its presidential election in March 2011 with the incumbent winning the polls. Shortly after the presidential elections, the country came to a standstill as a result of strike actions over of a 25% increase in salary for personnel at the Ministry of Economy and Finances. The public service called for an increase across the board for all civil servants. In addition, Benin is now looking like a destination of choice for piracy threatening maritime operations across the Gulf of Guinea. In Nigeria, the 2011 elections showed the promise of an era of credible democratic transition even though the announcement of the results sparked violent reactions leading to loss of lives and destruction of property especially in the northern part of the country. The first year of President Goodluck Jonathan’s presidency witnessed the rise of terror attacks by members of an Islamic sect - Boko Haram whose operations fuelled sectarian violence with the potential of deepening the political and ethnic divisions between the Muslim in the - north and the Christian- in the south of the country. In Togo, the main opposition party continued to contest the legitimacy of the government of Faure Gnassingbe Eyadema. The opposition had consistently had run-ins with the security forces. As a result, the Togolese government passed a law banning public demonstration without prior authorisation.

In conclusion, political stability across ECOWAS Member States will continue to face challenges through 2012 from different segments of society given the growing grievances, resentments and disillusionments over limited economic opportunities, runaway unemployment, weakening social and political structures to promote peaceful co-existence and the appeal of terror tactics as a means to seek redress.

## ACTIVITIES OF WANEP REGIONAL SECRETARIAT



WANEP began the year with the 2011 General Assembly which took place from 22-25 January under the theme “Developing National Capacities for Early Warning and Early Response: An effective mechanism for sustaining the Africa Year of Peace and Security”.



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### General Assembly

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The 2011 General Assembly brought together heads and representatives of each of the 15 national networks of WANEP across West Africa including newly recruited National Network Coordinators (NNCs) of the recently established network offices in Mali and Cape Verde who had the opportunity to meet and interact with the rest of the networks in the sub-region. Issues relating to governance, accountability and future of the organisation were addressed. Also present at the General Assembly was the Executive Director of GPPAC, Mr. Peter van Tuijl. GPPAC is a global conflict prevention civil society network of which WANEP is the West Regional Secretariat.



### Regional Board Meeting

In line with the constitutional provision of WANEP which stipulates that its Board shall meet at least twice in a year; the WANEP Regional Board met on January 23 and October 13 in Accra to provide useful advice and direction on the running of the network at both regional and national secretariat and empowered WANEP Regional Management team to undertake some policy reforms aimed at the growth and development of the network. The two board meetings also provided the opportunity for the regional board to perform its oversight functions relating to finance and administration of the network

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

On 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 for being the co-founder and current Executive Director of WANEP.

### Recruitment

Two National Network Coordinators (NNCs) were recruited – Jean Millimouno for WANEP-Guinea and Moussa Sow for WANEP-Senegal. In Guinea Bissau, Robana Nhaté was assigned Acting NNC of WANEP-Guinea-Bissau while at the regional office Kesia-Onam Birch was employed as Communications and Awareness Raising Officer with oversight responsibilities of the Women in Peacebuilding Programme.

### Internship/National Service

Two interns worked with the Regional office for six months. They supported the West Africa Human Rights and Democracy programme supported by Ibis and the Women in Peacebuilding programmes. In October, WANEP received two National Service personnel assigned by the National Service Secretariat in Greater Accra region. They are expected to serve between October 2011 and July 2012. One person is supporting the Peace Monitoring Centre while the other is attached to the Administrative department.

### Staff Development

One member of staff from the Regional Office and 5 others from the National Networks were admitted to the International Training Programme on Peace and Security in Africa (PASA) for the programme year 2011–2012. PASA is a 15-month programme sponsored by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The newly recruited NNCs and some other staff of the National Networks were also sponsored to the West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI).

Two (2) members of staff of the Regional Office were also supported to further their studies at the University of Ghana.





## Systems Based Audit of WANEP

In November 2011, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) appointed a consultant to conduct a systems-based audit for WANEP. The purpose of the audit was to

- ⦿ Examine the reliability and relevance of systems for operational and financial management and control of WANEP's headquarters, and assess to what extent these systems are adhered to and implemented at all levels of the organisation;
- ⦿ Determine whether the documentation and reports received by SIDA under current agreements reflect the real situation, and can therefore be considered to provide reliable data for SIDA in its assessment processes;
- ⦿ Assess WANEP's compliance to terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement with SIDA;
- ⦿ Assess whether the control system of WANEP ensures that partners also comply with these terms and conditions, and;
- ⦿ Provide input to the WANEP's processes of change and systems development

While the report of the audit was very commendable in terms of WANEP's institutional capacity, WANEP found its recommendations very useful as it is helping in the strengthening of its system of operation.

## Partnership

At the beginning of the year the Administrative Manager of WANEP was appointed a member of the permanent board of the Women Peacemakers Programme – Africa (WPP-A) ( now transitioning to African Women Active Nonviolence Initiatives for Social Change (AWANICH)) which WANEP has hosted since 2007. WANEP continued to mentor WPP-A/AWANICH until its eventual exit in December 2011 following the restructuring of the desk into a full-fledged organization.

## The Jos Dialogue Process

WANEP in collaboration with the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution held a preparatory roundtable in Abuja on February 3-4, 2011 to design and develop strategies for the initiation of a dialogue process amongst the parties in the inter-communal violence in Jos Plateau. Following this Dialogue Design Workshop in Abuja, WANEP and its partners (IPCR and CEPAN), with support from SIDA, organized a two (2) day Dialogue Meeting bringing together leaders of the aggrieved communities to start a dialogue process. The participants committed themselves to the dialogue process and made recommendations towards finding a common ground aimed at finding solutions to the violence and killings in Jos.

## ECOWARN Coordination Meeting

Within the framework of WANEP's partnership with ECOWAS, series of ECOWARN Coordination Meeting were held in 2011. Each meeting brought participants from Government and CSOs Focal Points from the 15 West African countries as well as key WANEP regional secretariat staff under the auspices of the ECOWAS Early Warning Department (EWD). The meetings reviewed progress made in the operationalization of ECOWARN, updated its tools and served as a training platform on the new features of the ECOWARN system.



## Agro-Pastoral Conflict Consultation

WANEP organized a two-day consultative workshop in Burkina Faso on February 22-23, 2011 with the support of the Finland Government, bringing together experts, conflict managers and representatives of farmers and pastoralists from Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Togo. The workshop examined the factors contributing to the intractability of the agro-pastoralists conflicts and discussed modalities for intervention to address them.



## Elections Observation

In line with the ECOWAS protocol on Democracy and Good Governance, WANEP participated in all elections observation missions in West Africa in 2011 under the ECOWAS Election Observation Unit. It is to be recalled Benin, Niger, Nigeria, Cape Verde and Nigeria held Presidential Elections adjudged to a large extent, to have been peaceful, orderly and transparent.

## West Africa Human Rights and Democratization (WAHRD) Programme

Following the renewal of the West Africa Human Rights and Democratization (WAHRD) project supported by IBIS West Africa for another five-year period (2010-2014), WANEP and its coalition partners conducted a baseline survey in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The baseline survey established the existing situations in these countries in relation to human rights, democratization and peacebuilding against which measurement will be made to evaluate changes or results that could be attributed to WAHRD interventions.

WANEP further organized capacity building trainings in social cohesion and intercommunity dialogue to support post-electoral reconstruction in Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea and subsequently initiated dialogues processed in communities that were hugely affected by the pre and post electoral violence in the aftermath of Presidential elections while the media was used to advocate for national reconciliation and peaceful co-existence. In Sierra Leone and Liberia interventions were geared towards ensuring that the outcomes of the electoral processes are peaceful.

## Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Toshiya Hoshino

Dr. Toshiya Hoshino, Professor at Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP), Osaka University held a roundtable discussion on 3rd March 2011 at the Regional office of WANEP at the request of the Japan Embassy in Ghana. Dr. Hoshino delivered a presentation on the topic '*Japan's Role in Human Security and Peacebuilding in West Africa*'. Present at the roundtable discussion were staff of WANEP, the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) and the Foundation for Security and Development in Africa (FOSDA).





#### Debriefing with ECOWAS

WANEP held a debriefing session with the Early Warning Directorate (EWD) of ECOWAS on the 11th of March, 2011 in Abuja, Nigeria. The two institutions had extensive discussions on the political stalemate in Cote d'Ivoire amongst other administrative and technical issues relating to its partnership in the operationalization of the ECOWAS Early Warning Mechanism (ECOWARN).

#### Meeting with CRS Vice President

On 31st March, 2011, the Vice President of CRS, Mr. Bill Rastetter, met with WANEP regional secretariat as part of his visit to selected countries in Africa. The meeting was to renew partnership with WANEP and identify new areas for collaboration. WANEP presented a citation to Mr. Rastetter in recognition of his contributions and support to WANEP and its national networks in West Africa.



#### Meeting with Partners – MacArthur and Finland

WANEP met with Dr. Shetima, Director of the Africa Office of the MacArthur Foundation in Abuja and Ms. Anneli Vuorinen, Permanent Representative of Finland to ECOWAS and Ambassador of Finland to Benin, Ghana, Liberia and Senegal on 10 to 11 March in Abuja to evaluate existing partnerships and explore further areas of support and collaboration.

#### GPPAC Board Meeting and CSDN Meeting

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

#### Regional Mass Peace Action

Through the SIDA grant, WANEP organized a regional Mass Peace Action in collaboration with African Women Active Non-violence Initiatives for Change (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 ECOWAS through the office of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf to address the plight of women in the post-election violence.

#### 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 organizations 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. Mr. Emmanuel Bombande of WANEP, made opening statements expressing the importance of the meeting as well as the strategic importance of Australia in peacebuilding.

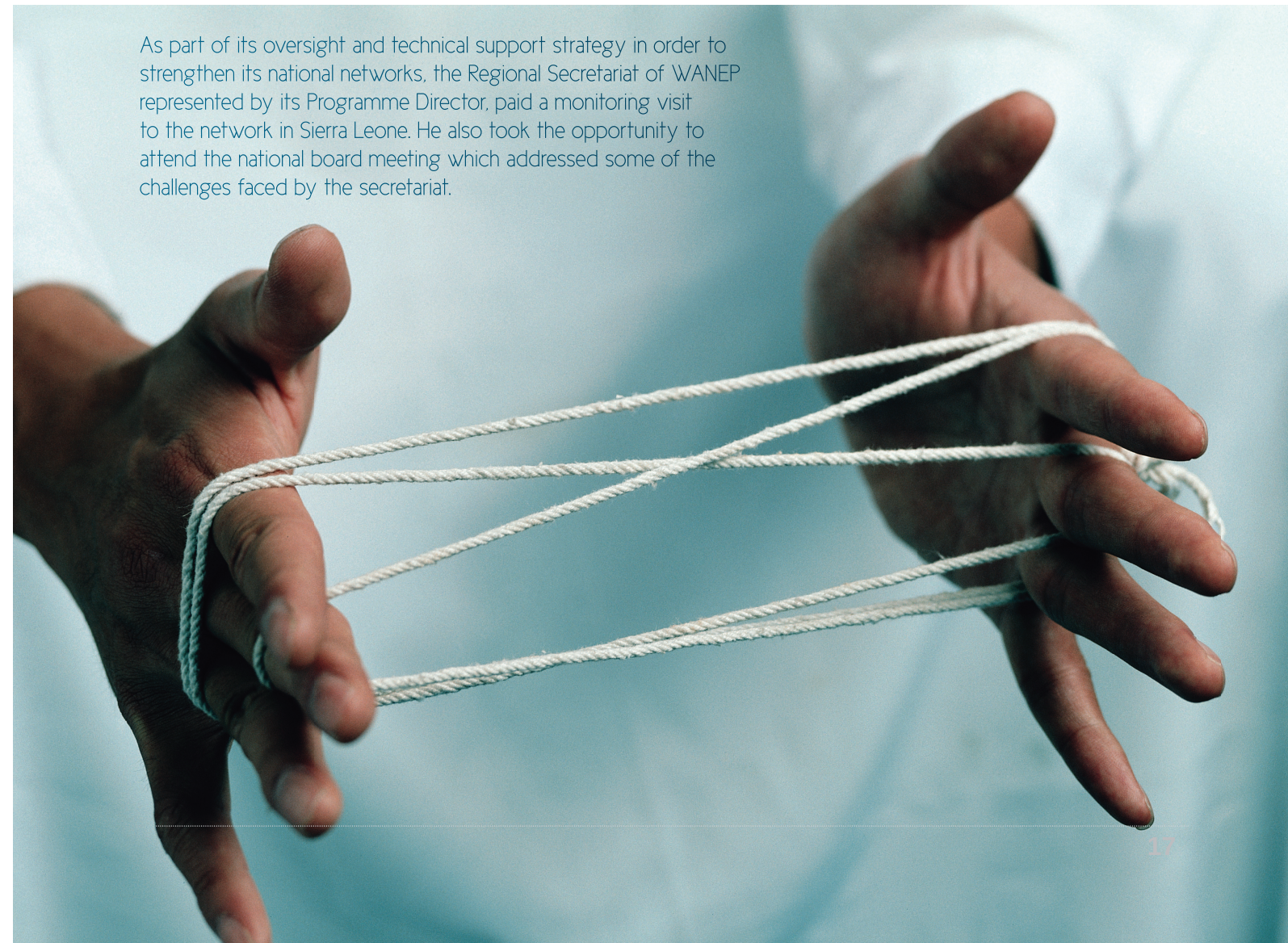
#### Meeting on Power Sharing and Mediation in Africa: What Role for the African Union?

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 in the event of a political conflict. WANEP through its Program Director, Mr. Chukwuemeka Eze argued that power sharing should not be an incentive for African Leaders to dispute well conducted and transparent election. WANEP further opined that power sharing should form part of election violence prevention mechanism rather than resolution.

## Support to National Networks

As part of its oversight and technical support strategy in order to strengthen its 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. The Mediation Support Network (MSN) is a small, global network of organisations that support mediation in peace negotiations.

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

Under the aegis of the Early Warning and Response Design Support (EWARD) project funded by USAID and managed by Associates for Rural Development (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 Practice Guide developed in response to electoral disputes in West Africa. The practice guide has been published in English and French and will be launched in February 2012.



### 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 could 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.

### Regional Women in Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET) Conference:

WANEP organised its 7th WIPNET conference on 17th and 18th of November, 2011 in Accra—Ghana. This year's conference brought together over 50 women peacebuilding practitioners largely from West Africa but others were drawn from southern, central and eastern Africa. Each country was represented by a CSO representative and a Government representative from the Ministries of Women and Children's Affairs. The theme of the conference was "*West African Women in Post Conflict Situation – Realities and Ideal*". Country presentations were made on the level of implementation of UNSCR 1325 and/or the development of National Action Plans for that.

The conference reviewed the barriers to full participation of women in post conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding; examined the gaps that exist between government policies and implementation and strategized through a regional action plan for the full participation and involvement of women in post conflict societies in West Africa.





Regional Conference on Justice, Human Rights and Impunity in West Africa:

On 2-5 December, WANEP, under the auspices of the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) participated in a high level regional conference on Impunity, Justice and Human Rights in Bamako, Mali. The objective of the conference was to support the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and States of the sub-region to promote justice and human rights and fight impunity. It took place within the framework of the 10th anniversary of the ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance which envisions peace and security as linked to the protection of fundamental human rights and justice.

Over 200 participants attended the conference including the President of Mali, Ministers of Justice of the sub-region and representatives of Supreme Courts, Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, sub-regional and regional organizations, notably the African Union (AU), ECOWAS and the Mano River Union (MRU); United Nations peace and political missions and Agencies; the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; Bar Associations, National Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organizations such as WANEP and the media.

Peace Education Program

Through the SIDA grant, the peace education programs in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo and Cote d'Ivoire received support. In Nigeria, the support enabled the network to review its existing peace education program in Enugu, South East Nigeria and conduct refresher training for teachers in the 12 schools of the pilot program. In Sierra Leone, a review meeting and refresher training was organized for selected pupils and teachers from the Western and Eastern regions of the country. The training in Ghana drew participants from Community Youth and women leaders from the conflict zone in Dagbon in the Northern region to promote non-violence strategies for conflict resolution. Togo undertook a month-long peace education campaign on non-violence in primary schools in the Casablanca suburb of Lomé under a project entitled "Sowing the Seeds of Peace in Casablanca".

Women In Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET)

Through the SIDA grant, the Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET) program received a boost. The program supported women in peacebuilding activities in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Togo. The various activities conducted at national level included the commemoration of the International Women's Day in Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Liberia and Togo. Women in Cote d'Ivoire focused on sensitizing the population in the hot spots of the crisis on how women can be involved in the peace process in the Ivorian crisis while a capacity building workshop was held in Burkina Faso. In Togo, a two-day training workshop organized for market women in Lome and Tsévié Adidogomé on 8—9 and 10—11 March respectively on the theme *"Involvement of rural women in preventing and managing conflict in their workplace."*

WANEP NATIONAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES

In light of the theme "Make Your Voice Heard" the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, WANEP-Gambia joined the Gambian Community of Civil Society Organizations, to appeal for peace and human security in our region and in the world.





# WANEP NATIONAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES

## WANEP—BENIN

As part of its Programme on "Elections, Democracy and Good Governance" WANEP-Benin and other CSOs including trade unions and opinion leaders formed a coalition called Civil Society Front for free, transparent and peaceful elections "FORS-Elections" ([www.for-elections.org](http://www.for-elections.org)).



Présidium lors d'un conférence de presse de Fors-Elections avec de gche à drte: Urbain AMEGBEDJI du CAO, Nadège ZINZINDOHOUE de ARG, Joseph DJOGBENOU de WANEP, Mme Fatoumatou BATOKO ZOSSOU de WANEP, M. Orden ALLADATIN de WANEP, M. Martin ASSOGBA de ALCRER

Throughout 2011, WANEP-Benin hosted and coordinated all the activities of the coalition. Activities and events organised included 8 press conferences, 9 communiqués and press statements, political dialogue workshops, 2 marches and sit-in in support of the right to vote campaign, etc. Furthermore, WANEP-Benin coordinated, among others, the deployment of 5,055 observers to observe the presidential election..



Under the same Programme WANEP Benin organized a National Consultation on the Peaceful Resolution of Electoral Disputes which was supported by USAID and the Swedish International Development Cooperation (Sida). The consultation was attended by representatives from the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court, the Economic and Social Council, the Ministry responsible for Institutional Relations, Political Actors, Civil Society, Trade Unions, Traditional authorities, Media, Development partners as well as elections experts (CENA 2011, SAP-CENA, MIRENA, CPS).

As follow up on the recommendations from the national consultation, the Monitoring Committee made up of the Chairperson of WANEP-Benin, Madame Fatoumatou BATOKO-ZOSSOU, the High Commissioner for Consultative Governance Mr. Moise MENSAH and the Moderator of the consultation Madame Célestine ZANOUE met with the principal political actors.

The Committee presented the main recommendations formally to the President of the Republic of Benin, His Excellency Dr. Boni YAYI, political parties and other key stakeholders in the country.



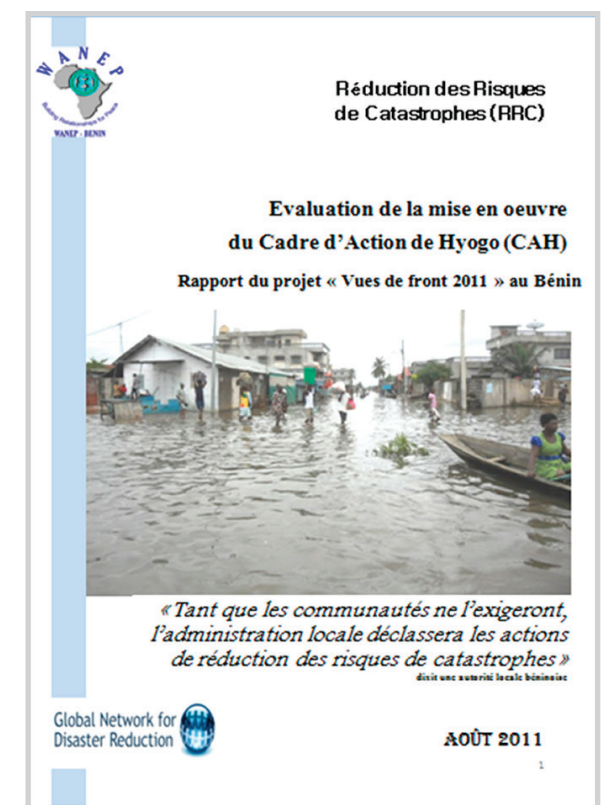
## WANEP-Benin Chairs the "Infrastructures for Peace" in Benin.

From 2nd to 4th February, 2010, a forum on Infrastructures for Peace was organized in Naivasha in Kenya by the UNDP in partnership with WANEP, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) and the Nairobi Peace Initiative-Africa (NPI-Africa). As a follow up to the forum and to implement the recommendations agreed therein, WANEP-Benin from 19th to 29th April, 2011 established the National Coalition for Peace (CNP) constituted by 77 Grassroots Peace Councils and 6 District Peace Councils.

On 12th September 2011, Madame Fatoumata BATOKO-ZOSSOU, Board Chair of WANEP-Benin was elected President of the Orientation Committee of the National Coalition for Peace (CNP). The 13-member Orientation Committee was officially inaugurated on 21st September 2011 during the celebration of the International Day of Peace in Cotonou.

## Disaster Risk Reduction in Benin

Since November 2010, WANEP-Bénin in partnership with Global Network for Disasters Reduction (GNDR) implemented a research project named "Vues de Front" in Benin. The research project covered 260 people of whom 30.38% were women. The research covered grassroots communities, local authorities and civil society organisations.



## WANEP BURKINA FASO

In the year under review, Burkina Faso was confronted, from February to June, with an unprecedented social crisis that affected the socio-political and economic stability of the country,, the capacity of the state institutions and agencies to deal with internal rift was tested and at some point undermined The image of the country built over the years was sadly affected both at the regional and international levels.

As part of its contribution towards the resolution of the crisis, WANEP Burkina undertook several activities in view to contribute to the promotion of peace in a country that was considered a haven of peace. It also continued to raise the visibility of the network through an extensive communication campaign with state agencies, international institutions, and diplomatic missions in Burkina Faso.

Under the WARN programme, the network submitted 34 weekly reports into the ECOWARN

systems and 3 quarterly reports. WANEP Burkina also launched its WIPNET programme with a Training of Trainers capacity building workshop for 20 women on peacebuilding and conflict prevention from 5- 9 December 2011. WANEP went further to advocate for peace and social cohesion during the crisis by carrying out radio advocacy on conflict prevention and inter-communal tolerance. Currently WANEP Burkina holds a technical partnership with the following ministries: the Ministry of Women's Affairs; Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the Ministry of Education and Literacy

## WANEP CAPE VERDE

Peace Education and Non-violence Training for Youth

As part of its key objective to inculcate the culture of peace and non-violence in the youth of Cape Verde, WANEP-Cape Verde has been embarking on awareness raising on non-violence and conflict prevention for youth. WANEP-Cape Verde led by its national network coordinator Madame Judite Medina brought together in 2 separate trainings a total of 75 young men and women between the ages of 12 and 25. The key themes for the training were on conflict prevention, culture of peace, non-violence, solidarity, building healthy relationships. The two trainings took place at the SOS Village in São Domingos, in Praia and the SOS social centre of Mindelo in São Vicente respectively.



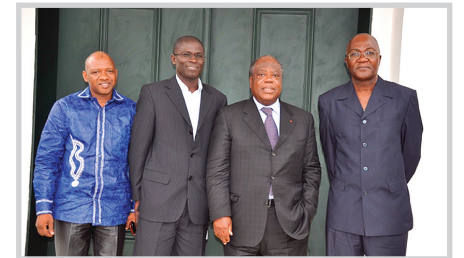
## WANEP COTE D'IVOIRE

The year 2011, was supposed to have ushered the country into the process of consolidation of peace, but unfortunately became a year of political crisis. Indeed, the year 2010 ended with a post-election crisis following the contested results of the second round. Cote d'Ivoire suffered serious and dramatic consequences. In total 3000 deaths were recorded according to official sources, several externally and internally displaced persons and much destruction plunging the country into an emergency humanitarian and security situation. The new Government of President Alassane Ouattara has embarked on reconstruction process in an attempt to manage the post electoral crisis. A Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been established. The security situation remained volatile throughout the year, marked by atrocities by armed men in military uniforms and attacks at the Ivorian-Liberian border.

Many politicians including some soldiers are in exile. The closure of several businesses has caused increase in the unemployment rate. The legislative elections were held without the Ivorian Popular Front Party (Party of Former President Laurent Gbagbo) who decided to boycott them.

In this context, WANEP-Cote d'Ivoire as part of its contribution as a civil society organisation to the reconstruction process of the country implemented several activities through its key programmes (democratic governance programmes, Human Rights, Early Warning and Early Response) to support the reconciliation, peacebuilding and democratic governance process in la Cote d'Ivoire. Through these programmes, WANEP-CI achieved the following:

- WANEP-CI is currently working in collaboration with the Ministry of Women, Family and Children's Affairs and also runs a project in partnership with UN Women. These projects are to support women's right and participation in democratic governance
- 50 people trained as community mediators in the Yopougon Commune in Abidjan and the District of Lakota in the Western part of the country as part of WANEP's support to community mediation process
- At the state level, WANEP-CI works in close collaboration with the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission to which



A delegation of WANEP-CI and Mr. Alimou Diallo of the WANEP Regional Secretariat after a meeting with the President of the Dialogue Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Charles K. BANNY

it presented a set of recommendations and an action plan on reconciliation. The Commission has always invited WANEP-CI to participate in all its strategic meetings

- WANEP-CI also works with the Ministry of Solidarity in the development of the national policy for social cohesion
- A forum on reconciliation with the theme "The contribution of civil society organizations to the national reconciliation process: what effective framework for collaboration between civil society organizations and the Dialogue, Truth and reconciliation Commission?" was organized on 24 and 25 August 2011 in Abidjan. The forum was chaired by the President of the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission under the auspices of the Ministry for Human Rights and Public Freedom and funded by USAID through the EWARDS project. the forum brought together CSOs, Associations of Victims, military and administrative authorities. These actors developed an action plan and made recommendations to the various institutions involved in the reconciliation process.



During a civic education campagne towards the December 11, 2011 legislative elections



## WANEP GAMBIA

European Union non state actors strengthening programme, “effective local government for peacebuilding and sustainable development



**W**ANEP-Gambia under the European-Union Non State Actors (EUNSA) funded project “*Effective Local Government for Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development*” engaged in community sensitisation and advocacy activities with the aim of consolidating the gains made on data collection, capacity building embarked on last quarter. The project since its implementation has succeeded in forstering closer collaboration between the local government councils and the communities through its dialogue and advocacy engagements. In addition, it created for the first time ever a conducive environment for right holders and duty bearers to sit around a table and dialogue on issues affecting the region. In total the dialogue and advocacy meetings targeted 90 project beneficiaries and stakeholders in three local government areas, while the community radio sensitisation programme covered Lower and Central River Regions and beyond the Gambia to part of the Southern Senegalese Regions of Casamance.

### Radio Programmes

On the 15th of August WANEP-Gambia and Implementing partners signed a three month fortnightly radio sensitisation contract with two community radio stations in Lower and Central River Regions. These contracts are meant to complement the efforts in popularising the Gambia’s Local Government Act and at the same time strengthen peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts in three targeted local government areas of Mansakonko, Janjangbureh and Kuntaur.



### Stakeholder Dialogue & Advocacy Meeting

In an effort to encourage peoples’ participation in LGA operations, WANEP-Gambia project team in collaboration with key stakeholders and project beneficiaries organised a one-day Advocacy and

Dialogue Stakeholders Meeting in three LGA’s -Mansakonko, Janjangbureh, and Kuntaur from the 5th to 7th September 2011. The meetings conducted together with stakeholders and the communities were aimed at fostering closer collaboration and understanding between the communities and the local government authorities.

### United Nations Democracy Fund project (UNDEF), “Enhancing the participation of women in Democracy.”

Under the UNDEF project WANEP Gambia organised its quarterly Project Management Team (PMT) planning and review meeting. Following months of preliminary activities to operationalise UNDEF, WANEP- Gambia in the third quarter of the year witnessed the official launching of the UNDEF project, with the aim of raising awareness about the project while building on relationships with partners and stakeholders such as government officials, CBOs and CSOs to seek support for the project during the implementation period and beyond.

### Open Forum with Women, Basse Upper River Region

WANEP-Gambia conducted a one day Open Forum with the women of Basse at the Basse Area Council Chambers on 8th September, 2011. Thirty-seven (37) women and men present at the open forum included local women’s kafo’s (groups), local government authorities, CBOs and CSOs, this included women from FAWEGAM’s Mother’s Clubs, implementing partners of the UNDEF project and political parties representatives. As part of the sensitization and awareness creation both men and women were needed to enlighten communities on the need for women to participate in the democratic process especially in anticipation of the 2011–2012 electoral cycle.

### First UNDEF/ UNDP Monitoring with UNDEF Implementing Agency and partners, 8th – 9th September, 2011

United Nations Development Programme representative paid a monitoring visit to the UNDEF project as part of the monitoring and evaluation of the project upon the completion of the second project milestone which was the Training of Trainers.

The objective of the monitoring was to ensure that WANEP-Gambia had reached its milestone within the timeframe and that the project is being properly implemented in the regions. According to the UNDEF appointed representative from UNDP both activities, the Open Forum for Women and Focus Group Discussion, being implemented during the monitoring period were in line with the expected outputs and outcomes that UNDEF has anticipated.

## OTHER PROJECTS

### Cluster munitions convention celebration, 1st August, 2011

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, WANEP-Gambia in collaboration with thirty-five (35) members of the Gambia National Paralympic Committee marked the one year anniversary of the coming into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions on Monday August 1st, 2011 with a series of sporting games geared towards people with disabilities. This important milestone, marked the commencement of the banning of cluster munitions and henceforth required all State parties to be legally obligated to abide by the rules and requirements of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The Global theme the anniversary was “Join the team”. The celebration in the Gambia was themed, “Using Sports to Empower People Living with Disabilities”,

### Celebration of the International Day of Peace

September 21st, 2011 marked the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Peace; a day where individuals, organizations and nations are encouraged to undertake practical acts of peace and to reinforce the ideals of peace. In light of the theme “Make Your Voice Heard” the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, WANEP-Gambia joined the Gambian Community of Civil Society Organizations, to appeal for peace and human security in our region and in the world.



## WANEP GHANA

WANEP-Ghana has been very active in its community peace support operations and organized key activities as mentioned below:



### Monthly radio programmes

Monthly radio discussions were held in all 5 regions by WANEP-Ghana Regional Chapters. They were held on Volta Star Radio, Radio BAR, Ura Radio, Bolga, Radio Savannah, Tamale and Radio Progress, WA in June, July and August 2011. The discussions were held in 10 languages (Kusaal, Gurune, Waale, Dagaare, Twi, Ewe, Dagbanli, Sissali, Nakpankpang and Gonja) and this helped to achieve wider coverage for the early warning system because the toll free, short code and hotline were announced on the programmes.



### Early Warning System publication

WANEP Ghana also succeeded in publishing One thousand copies (1000) of its Early Warning System which are being distributed to stakeholders. This publication would help the public further understand how the system operates and contribute in the gathering of early warning signs for early response.

### 2nd INGO Meeting

The second International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) forum was organized on the 10th of August 2011 at the Modern City Hotel in Tamale. Participants were from the NGO's within the region, the media and other well-wishers of WANEP-Ghana. Some organizations present included World Vision, World Food Program, IBIS, Canadian Feed the Children, Right to Play, ACDEP, Care international, NOGCOSP and CRS. Presentation was made on the Early Warning System known as GHANAWARN.

### Re-establishment and training for Community Monitoring Teams (CMT)

A five member Community Monitoring Team from 5 conflict prone communities in the Western Region of Ghana were trained in conflict early warning and reporting. The communities are Bonyere, Aprembo, Akatakyi/Princess Town, Sefwi Wiawso and Teleko Bukazu. The team is made up of five persons, 3 males, and 2 female residents in the communities. They will be working in partnership with focal organizations who are members of WANEP-Ghana.



### Quarterly interface meeting between securities agencies and the Western Regional Chapter of WANEP Ghana

As part of its collaboration with security agencies in the Western Region of Ghana, the Regional Chapter of WANEP Ghana organized its second quarter interface meeting to open up and strengthen relations between the two institutions and to also identify security threats within the region. A number of concerns raised during the discussions bordered on: political intolerance, chieftaincy disputes, and ex-combatants from Cote d'Ivoire, galamsey operations and its related environmental challenges, the sale of huge parcels of land and estate property to the detriment of locals among others. It was agreed that participants should take up some of the issues that are under their mandates for immediate action.



### Training for Buipe Women and Peace match

A two-day (8th – 9th September) training programme was organized for 28 women from the two feuding factions in the chieftaincy dispute of Buipe. The training was organised with sponsorship from the Canadian High Commission and the Central Gonja District Assembly where the area is located. They were trained in non-violent communication, dialogue processes, understanding conflict, mediation processes, early warning and response. The High Commissioner of Canada to Ghana Ms. Trudy Kernighan and the Counselor Political and Economic relations and public affairs officer Diedrah Kelly were present. The women agreed to carry out a peace march calling for the peaceful settlement of the dispute, the march came off on the 30th September 2011 with the women marching on the streets of Buipe.

### (YIEL) YOUTH IN ELECTION PROJECT

#### Launch of YiEL

The Youth in Election project aims at reducing election related violence in 2012 through working with youth leaders of the four major political parties New Patriotic Party (NPP), Convention People's Party (CPP), National Democratic Congress (NDC), People National Convention (PNC). The project was launched on 4th August 2011 at Modern City Hotel, CSOs; the media, political party leaders in Tamale and representatives of the donors were present.

The project is supported by GIZ, Christian Aid, Canadian High Commission and British High Commission. It is currently implemented on a pilot basis for six months in Tamale, Bawku, Ho, Sunyani, Takoradi and Kumasi. Efforts are being made to source for support to implement in Yendi, Gushegu, Wa, Buiepe and Bolgatanga. A familiarisation meeting was held with political party executives from the National Democratic Congress (NDC), New Patriotic Party (NPP), People National Convention (PNC), and the Convention People's Party (CPP) of the areas that the project was to be implemented to introduce to them the project and for them to identify youth leaders of their parties that will form the committee.

### Formation of interparty youth dialogue committee

An inter party dialogue committee made up of 10 members each has been established in the areas that were visited made up of two youth from each party, one male, one female and two neutral persons to serve as facilitators of their sessions and they are made up of one person from WANEP-Ghana members in the region and another from either National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE) or Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ).

### Radio discussions by IPYDC

The Inter Party Youth Dialogue committee in Tamale held their first radio programme on 11th September 2011 to introduce themselves to the public and call for the need to respect each other's political views. Panelists were from each of the four political parties.



During a civic education campaign towards the December 11, 2011 legislative elections



## WANEP GUINEA

After the re-election of the board and the recruitment of a new national network coordinator, WANEP - Guinea immediately embarked on a number of activities to reposition itself as the leading civil society network in peacebuilding and conflict prevention in the country. Key among the activities were the following:

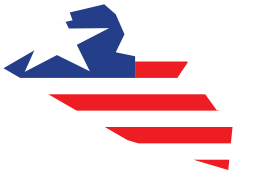
- ⦿ The Network reviewed its constitution to conform to the current trends
- ⦿ A capacity building workshop for civil society organizations on social dialogue and inter-community mediation on the theme: "National reconciliation for peace and development in Guinea, a duty for all". The workshop took place from 26th to 28th September 2011
- ⦿ A meeting between Representatives (Messrs' Christian Foti and Roberto Ferraris) of the Don GNOCCHI Foundation of Italy and WANEP Guinea in a bid to form a partnership between the two institutions
- ⦿ WANEP Guinea during the year with support from IBIS West Africa identified 10 women victims of the 28 September stadium violence and made a donation of 3 million CFA Francs to these women to support them and their families. This donation was done at the
- ⦿ Mother and Child medical centre and was attended by members of the Board and some private radio journalists. The time was opportune to appeal to the authorities for recognition of these women
- ⦿ A panel discussion on the culture of political and interethnic tolerance was organized on national television for the Guinean youth. This panel discussion moderated by the national secretariat of WANEP Guinea aimed to raise awareness of the Guinean people on the importance of inter-ethnic and political tolerance for a sustainable democratic governance process in the country



## WANEP LIBERIA

### Capacity Building Program

WANEP-Liberia then secured funding from both the Civil Society and Media Leadership program of USAID and the American Jewish World Service in support of building the capacities of Civil Society Organizations and the WANEP-Liberia Network Membership.



WANEP-Liberia is currently engaged with IREX on a five year-contract, under the Civil Society, Media Leadership project with the aim of strengthening civil society organizations and the Media. As one of the resource partners on this project, WANEP-Liberia will provide mentoring for twenty-two (22) CSOs and media institutions as well as carry out joint training with IREX. This project is being implemented in Nimba, Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties.

A three day training workshop was organized both for the Network member institutions through the support of American Jewish World Service. The training focused on Project Proposal Development, Standardize Report writing, Understanding and developing a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for effective project management.

The Capacity building program continues to conduct special trainings under the different projects, in the areas of 'Early Warning, Gender, Governance, Court monitoring among others. WANEP-Liberia staff benefited from trainings organized at the Regional level and by other institutions, such as ECOWAS, UNDP EWARDS, UNWOMEN, the USHAHIDI on elections violence mapping, Monitoring and Evaluation, Project Cycle management, basic computer skills in MS Word, Excel and Power point, Gender etc.



### Crisis Management Program

During the period under review, the Crisis Management Program ran an effective early warning project supported by Humanity United, through Trust Africa, its local partner in Liberia. The project which provided a total of US\$106,000.00, offered WANEP-Liberia the opportunity to re-establish the Early Warning program in Margibi, Bong, Nimba and Grand Gedeh Counties. The project on the overall achieved the following in line with the implementation time frame and activity work plan:



- ⦿ The formation and organization of the Early Warning Working Groups in the various counties increased the capacity to identify and track relevant early warning indicators in the country; Due to their information exchange on early warning indicators has increased as compared to 2009 to early 2010.
- ⦿ 19 community based monitors were recruited and trained 1 Data Clerk and 40 Community volunteers from over 18 different Civil Society Organizations, Government Institutions including the National Police, Immigration, Drug Enforcement Agency and other community based organizations.
- ⦿ Developed a total of 8 categories and 86 specific indicators for the National Early Warning System of WANEP-Liberia, which ranges from Health and Education, Governance, Rule of Law and Elections, Economy, infrastructure, Commerce and Agriculture, National Peace Security, Women Peace and Security, Media and



Communications to Refugees and Migration Land Concession.

- ⦿ Hosted a total of 12 local network meeting in the four counties during the implementation of the project activities.
- ⦿ Increased potential for partnership development, institutional Capacity Building and fundraising, etc.
- ⦿ Under its Governance and Human Rights Program, WANEP Liberia undertook the following key activities



#### Engagement with the Election Coordination Committee (ECC)

As part of its engagement with the Election Coordinating Committee (ECC), in January 2011, WANEP-Liberia seconded 11 persons to the ECC for training in elections observation. At the end of the training WANEP was assigned the task of coordinating the ECC Observers in Nimba County during the Voters registration exercise.

During the Electioneering period, the following were carried out.

- ✓ 58 observers trained and deployed in five counties during the voters registration exercises
- ✓ 400 monitors trained and deployed in the fifteen subdivisions of the country during the National referendum
- ✓ 2,000 national election observers trained and deployed throughout the country during the Presidential and Legislative elections
- ✓ 1,725 observers deployed during the Presidential run-off election in the fifteen counties

At the end of the entire monitoring and observation processes, the Elections Coordinating Committee, from its findings declared the elections free, fair and transparent; and call on all Political Parties to accept the results as was being announced by the National Election of Liberia.

With funding from WANEP-Regional through Ibis funded West Africa Human Rights Democratization project WANEP-Liberia was actively engaged in a series of activities aimed at helping to mitigate election violence during Liberia's electoral process.

#### WIPNET Program

During the year the Women in Peacebuilding Network Program strived to meet its mandate by adopting resolutions 1325 along with other supplementary resolutions (1888, 1889, etc.) into its work to address issues of women peace and security and sexual violence. The WIPNET on the other hand used Eight (8) communities' radio stations (Salala, Totota, Gbarnga, Buchanan, Zorzor, Tubmanburg, Bongmines and Ganta) to air civic education messages and hold talk shows on national and international instruments which protect the rights of women. During the period under review, one thousand four (1004) T-shirts were printed and distributed with messages in support of women's rights. One thousand (1,000) flyers with several messages in support of women's rights were also produced and distributed in over fifty (50) communities in ten 10 counties.



Another achievement of the WIPNET Program was the conduct of a small business training that provides the opportunity for women to acquire business skills without going through formal education. The international Labor Organization (ILO) Small Business Training Model- Start and Improve Your Business Manual (SIYB) were used during the training. Two trainings were conducted for 68 women. As a result of the training, 30 business initiatives (individual & group) involving more than 250 women have started.

Under the Gender Equity and Advocacy program, there has been increased in networking amongst the women of WIPNET, as well as other women's groups. They shared information on cases and contributed resources. Their leadership abilities have also increased. Members assumed responsibility for advocacy actions, they regularly worked together to get tasks done, and maintained progress on community advocacy processes. Importantly, to note is that, while the women may not be able to produce a standardized (detail and well-- written) plan of action; they do set action plans on a daily basis when an event was being staged. A total of 12 twelve advocacy events were staged in six (6) communities (Zorzor, Palala, Bellefina, Gbarnga, Kakata, and Monrovia).



During a civic education campaign towards the December 11, 2011 legislative elections



#### WANEP MALI

##### WANEP Mali develops its strategic plan

On August 05 2011, WANEP Mali as part of its objectives to contribute effectively to the promotion of peace and social justice in the country met with its member organizations to develop a two-year strategic plan (2011-2012) for the network. The strategic plan looked at the following themes among others: agro-pastoral conflict, improvement in living conditions, political and intra-religious conflicts, the 2012 general elections and the constitutional review, international terrorism and any form of threat to the country's stability.

#### WANEP NIGER

In the year under review, WANEP Niger was registered and will officially be launched in 2012. Despite being registered in 2011, it has over the years contributed to the democratic governance and peacebuilding efforts in Niger. As witnessed in the fact that the WANEP Niger Focal Person serves on the Electoral Commission of Niger.





# WANEP NIGERIA

## Conflict Prevention Programme

### Implementation of Zonal Activities in 12 states of Nigeria under HERD Phase 3 project

In line with the activities of HERD Phase three, a cluster of zonal activities were implemented with the objective of deepening the scope and operations of the National Early Warning System especially in terms of data gathering and building strategic relationship with stakeholders at the state level for early response to identified risk factors at the community, local government and state levels. Two states per geopolitical zone were selected based on their vulnerability to violent conflict and disaster (North Central: Plateau and Benue state, North East: Bauchi and Adamawa, North West: Kaduna and Sokoto, South East: Anambra and Ebonyi, South South: Delta and Akwa ibom, South west: Lagos and Oyo). The activities implemented are:

- a. One day advocacy visit to Local Government Area (LGA) Chairpersons on the platform of ALGON or Ministry of Local Government Affairs at the state level
- b. Advocacy visit to selected Local Government Areas secretariat.
- c. One day training workshop for designated Community Development Officers from all the Local Government Area at the state level.
- d. One day Consultative meeting with state government representatives, LGA, humanitarian actors, security institution, community leadership on early response to early warning information.



### Monthly Early Warning Bulletin:

The department continued to upload the monthly publication Early Warning Bulletin on WANEP-Nigeria's website for the use of state and non-states actors responding to conflict and disaster in Nigeria. The Bulletin presents the analysis of the data feed 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.

### Minimal Relief to IDPs in Ona Ara LGA in Oyo state

The department provided relief materials to the most vulnerable of the Local government areas displaced by the flood of August 26th in Oyo state after an impact assessment was performed. 90 households of residents of Ona Ara LGA one of the most affected LGA received relief materials specifically for women and children. Materials like Water guard, Dettol, toilet soap, tooth paste and Brush, sanitary towel, note books and stationeries were presented to the displaced women and children. This was done with the OYO State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and State Security Service in attendance.

WANEP-Nigeria Oyo state Coordinator and OYOSEMA officials at the site for relief materials sharing to victims of Ibadan flood of August 26th



### Strategic Meetings:

#### OXFAM GB/WANEP Nigeria meeting on September 7 at WANEP-Nigeria's office.

The meeting had in attendance the Associate Country Director of OXFAM GB, the Campaigns Coordinator, Communications Officer and Financial Manager, and for WANEP; the NNC, PMS, FM and CSP. The meeting was an opportunity for WANEP-Nigeria and OXFAM GB to discuss the renewal of the partnership between the organizations and as well discuss the short term project WANEP-Nigeria through the Conflict Prevention Department just submitted for funding for 2011. OXFAM GB also used the medium to assess WANEP's organizational capacity and also suggested areas of further collaborations and opportunity.

### Women in Peacebuilding Network programme

#### Stakeholders' Consultative Meeting for the Design of Dialogue Processes for Women Towards Redressing the Violent Conflicts in Jos, Plateau State:

The department organized a women consultative meeting in Jos which involved women leaders from the major ethnic and religious groups in the State. The consultation was supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The consultation converged all women leaders in the state with the aim of creating an environment for frank discussion about the conflict issues. It also created a platform for women to express their special needs, fears, anxieties and capacities to the search for lasting peace in Plateau State.



At the end of the meeting, the women established a platform to:

- continue deliberations, interactions, dialoguing, brainstorming and sharing of best practice;
- key into the Rally proposed to be organized by a women's group in attendance;
- ensure that all Christians look out for the interest of the Moslem sisters as before through provision of relief meals upon breaking of fast during the Ramadan; sharing of Meals during Christmas and that the Moslem sisters will share meals as well during the Sallah celebrations which will enable them recapture their past glory and peaceful cohabitation as well as provide a learning environment for their children to build on for the future.
- The formation of a network called "Plateau Women in Peacebuilding"

#### Media Roundtable as a follow-up to the Women Consultation on the Search for Lasting Peace Program in Jos Plateau.



In September 29, 2011, as a follow up to the women consultation in Jos, a media roundtable was organized with the aim of providing a platform for engagement with the media towards actualizing a lasting peace in Jos-Plateau State. The women in Jos had the opportunity to engage with the media and discuss issues affecting them. The women also used the opportunity to freely express their opinion on media gender sensitivity to reporting in conflict situations



## WANEP SENEGAL

### Revamping of the WANEP Senegal Network

As part of activities to revamp the operations of WANEP Senegal, The New National Co-ordinator in collaboration with the national board and with technical support from WANEP Regional Secretariat, embarked on a process to deal with the 3 key challenges that confronted the network:

- Revitalisation of the National Network
- Review and Implementation of the plan strategic plan
- Project proposals and fundraising

So far, the strategic has been reviewed and implementation is in progress as the national secretariat has at the same embarked on fundraising to enable it implement successfully the strategic plan.

## WANEP SIERRA LEONE

### 13th and 14th Peace and Development Forum/PaD Social Forum

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

The Peace and Development Forum (PaD Forum) is a civil society forum coordinated by WANEP Sierra Leone and Partners in Conflict Transformation (PICOT). It is designed to widen and enhance the space for learning and sharing between and among various peacebuilding organisations in the country for effective work and documentation of best practice in peacebuilding. During the year, WANEP Sierra Leone in collaboration with PICOT organised the 13th and 14th PaD/Social Forum in Makeni City, north of the country and Kono in the East of the country respectively. A significant outcome of the forum was the consensus that the early warning signs point to potential threats to peace, security and governance in the country. A communiqué was therefore issued urging the government and the various political parties to address the issue of political intolerance, establish a ministry/ commission of peace to expedite the ongoing justice sector reforms among others and for CSOs to be non-partisan and the international community to continue their technical support to governance and civil society. The two fora attracted 80 and 60 participants respectively.



#### SIDA visits WANEP Sierra Leone

Mr. Jonas Bergstrom, Programme Manager of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), visited WANEP Sierra Leone national secretariat in a bid to strengthen the National Network and to get a practical understanding of the peace and security situation in the country.



## WANEP TOGO

During the year 2011, WANEP-Togo implemented several activities and projects within its key programs areas namely Active Non-violence and Peace Education, Women in Peacebuilding (WIPNET), Early Warning and Early Response, Democracy and Good Governance and its human rights program.

Under the Peace Education programme, WANEP Togo has been supported since 2008 by Bread of the World with the aim of promoting peace and non-violence at the pre-school level. Thus in 2011, WANEP Togo undertook a number of activities including the distribution of art drawing kits for the school kids to do art work that depict peace and non-violence. Sensitization meetings and campaigns were also organized involving the Parents of the kids who are part of the peace clubs at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kpalimé. Quiz and writing competitions were also organized to encourage the kids to learn to be more peaceful not only in school but also be agents of peace in their homes and neighbourhood. WANEP Togo has also put in place a community peace education programme known as The Club of Casablanca named after the community in which WANEP Togo is located. This project which is gathers children between the ages of 5 and 17, seeks to enable these children to grow up with non-violent behaviours and become ambassadors of peace in their communities. Children meet every Saturday at the offices of WANEP-Togo, to learn about the techniques and the concepts of peace and nonviolence. In 2011, a number of activities including, poetry competition, quiz, debates and capacity building on nonviolence and peace education were also organized for the parents in the Casablanca community.

Under its WIPNET programme WANEP Togo apart from the collaboration with WANEP Regional under the Sida project that organised two training workshops for market women in conflict prevention and management (captured in the section under support to national networks) also undertook some activities, key among which is the meeting with members of parliament from the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific and European Union Partnership during which WANEP Togo made a presentation on the “Role of Women in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts in Africa” during their assembly in Lomé in November 2011; the network undertook a radio talk programme with the support of Government of Finland on the theme: Tolerance is the pre-requisite to peace and Intolerance is an obstacle to peace. This was broadcast on 7 radio stations in the country.





# Strategic Meetings And Partnership In 2011

## UNITED NATIONS

S/No	Date of Meeting / Venue	Organizer	Title/Objective of the Meeting
1.	7–9 December	UNOWA	Expert Group Meeting on Peace, Stability and Development in Africa <b>Objectives—</b> To learn from African experiences and listen to and identify areas where the UN needs to align its policies with African priorities; provide a platform to exchange experiences and lessons learned on creating coherent interventions across the peace and development nexus; establish networks and partnerships and understandings on goals, gaps, and capacity needs; discuss common strategies and find ways in moving forward the peace, development and stability agenda
2.	17–19 October, Dakar	UNOWA, CMI, ECOWAS, WACSOF	The Role Of Non-State Actors In The Regional Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Architecture of West Africa Networking And Experience Sharing Workshop
3.	30 Sept–08 October	UNWOMEN	<b>Phase 2—</b> Regional Mediation Training for Women Leaders from CSOs in West Africa
4.	26–27 July Mombasa, Kenya	UNDP	Insights and experience sharing - towards a community of excellent practice
5.	18-23 July, Dakar	UNWOMEN	<b>Phase 1—</b> Regional Mediation Training for Women Leaders from CSOs in West Africa <b>Objectives:</b> To strengthen the capacities of Women of the ECOWAS sub-region on the techniques of mediation, advocacy, negotiation and implementation of peace agreements.
6.	11th July, New York	International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect	<b>Objectives—</b> Examine the Role of Regional Organizations in Implementing the Responsibility to Protect and Reflections on the Application of RtoP to Country Cases

## AFRICAN UNION

S/No	Date / Venue of Meeting	Title/Objective of the Meeting
	30 October—2 November, Kenya	Fourth Ordinary Session of the ECOSOCC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
	12—13 April, Addis Ababa	Seminar on Power Sharing and Mediation in Africa

## ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

S/No	Date/Venue of meeting	Title/Objective of the Meeting
	8th November, Liberia	Elections Observation in Liberia
	29 Septembre—1er Octobre, Abuja	ECOWARN Coordination meeting
	13th March, Benin	Elections Observation in Benin
	7—11February, The Gambia	ECOWARN Coordination meeting

## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PREVENTION OF ARMED CONFLICTS

S/No	Date / Venue of Meeting	Title/Objective of the Meeting	WANEP Representative
	17th November, Spain	Board Meeting	Executive Director
	15—16 November, Spain	First Global Conference “Strengthening Global Peace and Security for Development: The Role of Regional International Organizations and Civil Society,	Executive Director
	13th—18th June, Hague	Board meeting	Executive Director
	7—12 June , Ohio	Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education <b>Objectives—</b> to Build Infrastructures for Change: Innovations in Conflict Resolution Education	Francis Acquah

## AFRICAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACEBUILDING (AfAP)

S/No	Date / Venue of Meeting	Title/Objective of the Meeting	WANEP Representative
	11th May, WANEP Office	Alliance for Peacebuilding [AfAP] Meeting	Management Staff





MEDIATION SUPPORT NETWORK (MSN)

S/No	Date of Meeting	Title/Objective of the Meeting	WANEP Representative
	4–9th June, Finland	MSN 5th Meeting <b>Objectives</b> — to examine the specific profiles different states may have as mediators, the basis on which countries build on their profiles, e.g. history, relation to multilateral institutions , the kinds of structures are needed in building mediation capacity of governments, Case studies that illustrate the different profiles of the countries, added value of small states in mediation	Executive Director

OTHER STRATEGIC MEETINGS

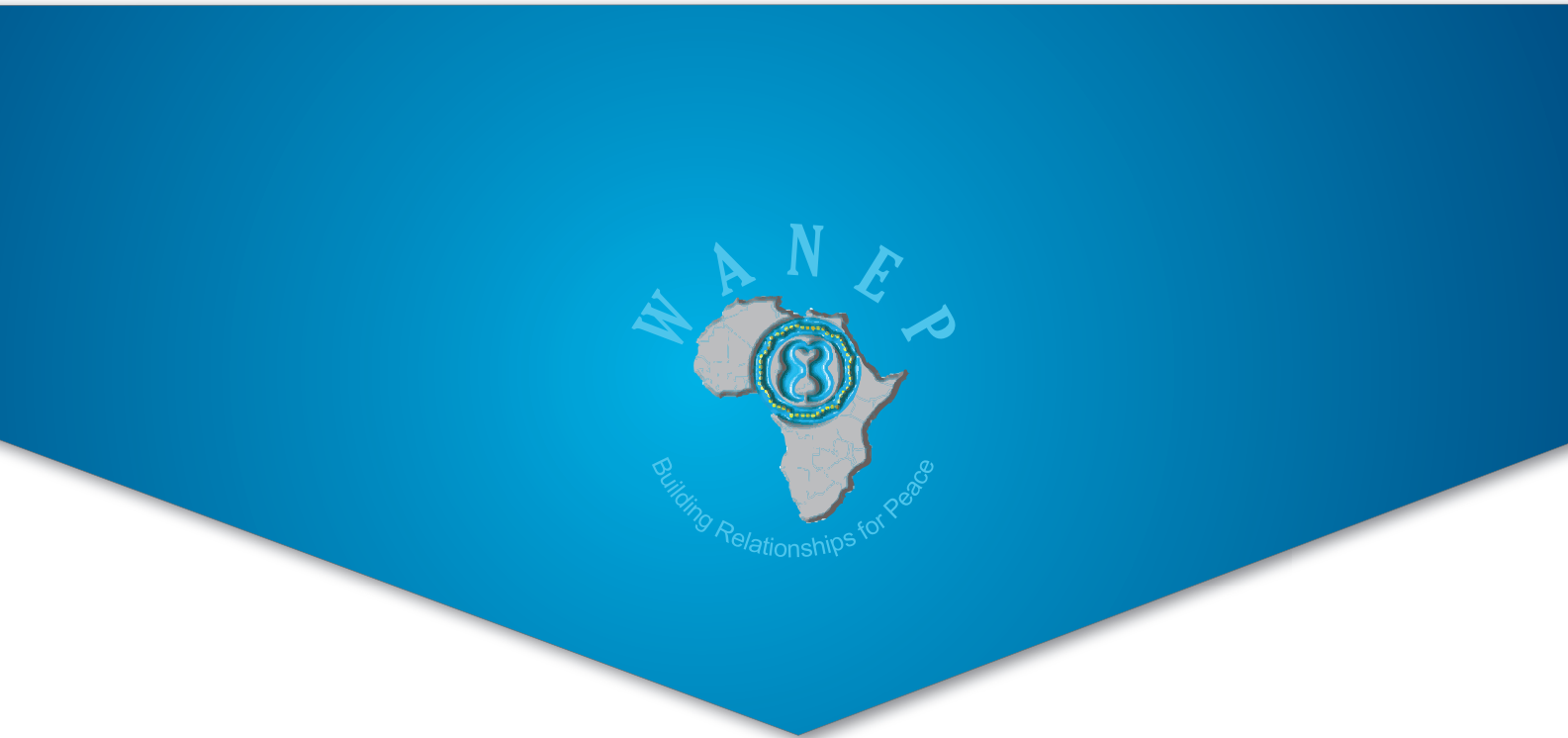
S/No	Date of Meeting	Organizers	Title/Objective of the Meeting	WANEP Representative
	7th December, Accra	EU	Visit of the Head of EU Delegation in Ghana to WANEP <b>Purpose</b> — acquaint himself with the work of WANEP particularly in Ghana in the framework of the upcoming Elections in 2012 and to discuss EU Democracy Policy	Programme Staff
	22-25 November, Zanzibar, Tanzania	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue	African Mediator's Retreat:	Executive Director
	21—22 November Brussels, Belgium.	European Commission	3rd AU-EU CSOs Seminar on Human Rights	Programme Director
	26—27, August Berlin	World Peace Festival	World Peace Festival	Executive Director
	11th July, New York	International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect	Conference on the Responsibility to Protect <b>Objectives</b> — Examine the Role of Regional Organizations in Implementing the Responsibility to Protect and Reflections on the Application of RtoP to Country Cases	Executive Director

S/No	Date of Meeting	Organizers	Title/Objective of the Meeting	WANEP Representative
	13th June	TOSTAN / WANEP	Meeting with TOSTAN The meeting was to share experiences on different thematic areas and explore areas of common interest for collaboratio	Programme Director, Administrative Manager, Regional Coordination Network, Communication and Awareness Raising Officer
	3rd March, WANEP office	Embassy of Japan in Ghana and WANEP	Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Toshiya Hoshino	Programme Staff
	21—22 January, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Oxfam International	Learning Workshop on the role of African Regional and Continental Multi-lateral Institutions in Promoting and Protecting Citizen's Rights	Programme Director





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