



The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding 's (WANEP) role in dialogue and mediation has become increasingly recognized and acclaimed by major stakeholders and key partners in peace and security.

WANEP's emphasis on collaborative approaches and in complementing state effort in addressing conflicts was echoed by the former Secretary to the government of Plateau state late Gynang Nyam Shom at the Jos dialogue design meeting (February 3 - 4, 2011) when he stated "the WANEP dialogue and intervention strategy enhances trust and empowers conflict parties to take ownership of the process". The realization that government and nongovernmental collaboration is critical to mitigate the risks and threats of conflicts has been a driving force for WANEP's interventions at the community, national and regional levels. In this regard, the organization has led several community based dialogue and mediation efforts across the West African region.

It has also been instrumental in creating structures that further facilitate peaceful co-existence in post conflict communities including the Bawku Inter-Ethnic Peace Committee in Ghana and Plateau State Inter-Community Peace Committee in Nigeria. WANEP has at various times supported the establishment and operationalization of infrastructures for peace and served on peace committees set up by governments in the region

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