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The Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Mr. Chukwuemeka Eze has reiterated the organizations commitment to ensuring peace in the region especially during elections. Mr. Eze who spoke through the WANEP Regional Analyst on Environment, Ms. Evelyn Avoxe at the training of 30 community conflict monitors in Liberia said that WANEP takes the mitigation of election-related threats very seriously, considering that elections in the region have often led to violence.

“WANEP is committed to ensuring a peaceful region and is keen to see that Liberia holds a peaceful National Elections on October 10, 2017,” he added.

In her own submission, Ms. Avoxe informed the participants that the training would enable monitors become agents of peace for Liberia and urged them to take seriously the skills acquired from the training because they will be early warning ambassadors in their respective communities around the country.

The training of 30-community conflict early warning monitors and Team Leaders from the 15 counties of Liberia held from July 3 to 4, 2017 under the WANEP Early Warning and Response Network (WARN) program. The monitors after the training are expected to provide early warning information that will provide options for response in preventing elections related conflict before, during and after the October elections.

Explaining the essence of the training, Program Assistant of the WANEP Peace Monitoring Center (PMC), Mr. Ansoumana Samassy Souare, said the training was an opportunity to equip the participants with the requisite skills for effective early warning reporting and for them to understand their roles and responsibilities as Community Early Warning Monitors among others. The monitors will play a key role in identifying and reporting on the security issues within their various communities in an effort to reduce the risk of violence and pave the way for continued peace and stability before, during and after the elections.

WANEP through the WARN Program places emphasis on collaborative approach to peacebuilding and is committed to the institutionalization of Early Warning Systems in West Africa as part of efforts to prevent and mitigate violent conflicts in the region. The institutionalization of early warning as an integral part of peacebuilding has yielded tremendous dividends and constitutes the basis for the WANEP – ECOWAS partnership for conflict prevention (ECOWARN) that has existed since 2002. WANEP also instituted National Early Warning Systems (NEWS) in the 15 ECOWAS member states as a platform for providing robust information to ECOWARN via the engagement of over 360 monitors across West Africa.

