



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – Deadline: July 30, 2009

The West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI 2009)

(A Three-Week Training session in Peacebuilding)

31st August – 18th September, 2009

Accra, Ghana

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is one of the leading organizations in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, transformation and mitigation in Africa. The mandate of WANEP is to build the capacity of peacebuilding, development and human rights practitioners in West Africa in peace and security issues to promote and protect human security through context specific tools and indigenous techniques. To fulfill its mandate, WANEP holds each year, a three-week training session in peacebuilding at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana.

WAPI was established to provide specialized, intensive, and culturally sensitive training in conflict transformation and peacebuilding to individuals, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Policymakers, and other relevant actors from West Africa and beyond. For the past 7 years that WAPI has existed, it has provided the space and platform for the actualization of WANEP's vision for the prevention and resolution of conflicts in Africa by Africans. Since its inception, WAPI has also been the learning centre within WANEP for networking and the exchange of best practices in peacebuilding.

Thus since 2002 WAPI has trained over 315 practitioners in peacebuilding paradigms; human rights; conflict, population movements and development; youth and peace education; gender and conflict, early warning and early response, etc.

Objectives of WAPI:

- Develop action-oriented capacity for conflict transformation and peacebuilding
- Increase the number of competent, informed and active peacebuilding practitioners in West Africa and worldwide
- Provide quality training in peacebuilding at a reduced cost
- Develop context specific and indigenous models of conflict transformation and peacebuilding that can be
- integrated with existing models
- Bridge the gap between policy and practice in peacebuilding

The training covers a range of courses on Theories and Practice of Peacebuilding, Facilitated Dialogue and Mediation; Women and Gender Mainstreaming in Peacebuilding; Youth and Peace Education, Human Security and Peacebuilding, Early Warning and Early Response.

WAPI 2009 will be held at Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Accra, Ghana from **31st August to 18th September, 2009.**

We are inviting your institution to participate in one or more of our courses. We are also kindly requesting that you disseminate this information to relevant individuals and organizations.

The schedule for WAPI 2009 is as follows:

	Dates	Courses	Faculty
SESSION I (Week 1)	August 31 to Sept. 4	Introduction to Peacebuilding Paradigms	Mr. Emmanuel Bombande & Mr. John Katunga
		Justice-Building & Conflict Resolution	Dr. Paul Kuruk
SESSION II (Week 2)	Sept. 7 – 11	Youth and Peace Education	Mrs. Levinia Addae-Mensah & Dr. Lydia Umar
		Human Security & Peacebuilding	Dr. Isaac Albert & Dr. Linda Darkwa
SESSION III (Week 3)	Sept. 14 – 18	Early Warning and Early Response: <i>Building Community Capacity for Preventive Peacebuilding</i>	Mr. Takwa Zebulon Suifon & Mr. Raymond Kitevu
		Women & Gender Mainstreaming in Peacebuilding	Ms. Naomi Akpan-Ita & Ms. Marguerite Yoli-Bi

The costs for WAPI 2009 are as follows:

<i>All Costs are quoted in US Dollars</i>	Unit Cost	One Session	Two Sessions	Three Sessions
Cost of Training	500	500	1,000	1,500
Accommodation and Feeding	57	399	798	1,197
Course Materials	101	101	202	303
Total		1,000	2,000	3,000

Fill and send the completed application form to the following addresses:

wapi@wanep.org or wanep@wanep.org

Or to

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
C542/18 Ashiakle Street Extension, Abelemkpe Accra, Ghana
P.O Box CT4434, Cantonments
Accra- Ghana.

Deadline for application is **30th July, 2009**.

Please circulate this information to anyone you think may be interested.

We hope that your august organization will support WANEP to fulfill its mandate, prevent violent conflicts and sustain peace not only in Africa but the world at large.

WAPI FACULTY MEMBERS

Mr. Emmanuel Bombande

Mr. Bombande is a co-founder and the Executive Director of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP). He is a Peacebuilding Practitioner, International Trainer in Conflict Mitigation and Prevention across Africa and beyond with a strong background in conflict analysis. He has been a lead mediator in many community based mediation efforts in West Africa and has in various capacities advised the Government of Ghana in intra and inter-communal mediation initiatives.

Mr. John Katunga

He is the Regional Technical Advisor for Peacebuilding and Justice at the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in East Africa. He was the former Acting Director of the Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI-Africa), a peace resource organization, specialized in peacemaking and peace-building in Africa. For the last 15 years, Mr. John Katunga has been involved in peace-building and conflict transformation and human rights activities.

Dr. Paul Kuruk

He is a professor at Cumberland School of Law at Stanford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He holds postgraduate degrees from Temple Law School (an LL.M. degree specializing in international human rights law) and Stanford Law School (a doctorate degree on conflict resolution in international law). He has served as a Visiting Professor of Law first, at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and later at Oxford University in England. He is also the Executive Director of the Institute for African Development (INADEV), an NGO based in Accra. He has collaborated with ECOWAS in the design and implementation of a trade capacity building programme in the West Africa sub-region. In addition, he has worked as a consultant to a number of United Nations agencies. Professor Kuruk has taught and published in the areas of human rights, alternative dispute resolution, trade and intellectual property. He is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Senior Scholar Award offered by the State Department of the United States of America.

Levinia Addae-Mensah (Mrs)

She is currently an independent consultant on various areas of conflict, peace and security. Until 2005 she was the regional coordinator for the Youth and Peace Education Programme, then the Active Non-violence and Peace Education Programme at WANEP. She joined the organisation in January 2001 as a Special Projects Coordinator before moving on to the Peace Education programme, an area she mastered through the development of manuals, training facilitation and the coordination of peer mediation programs in schools. Prior to joining WANEP, Levinia worked in different capacities and on various programmes with International Alert in London, where she gained vast experience working extensively with politicians, civil society and grassroots groups in the Great Lakes region of Africa in general and in Burundi in particular.

Dr. Isaac Albert

Dr Albert is the Coordinator of the Graduate Peace and Conflict Studies Programme of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He was trained in Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping at

the United Nations International Leadership Academy, Amman, Jordan. Dr Albert has been involved in peacebuilding projects in various parts of Nigeria, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the United States. He has published extensively on issues pertaining to peace and conflict studies. He is the 2006 winner of the California State University award in Peace Education.

Mr. Takwa Suifon Zebulon

Mr. Takwa is the Programme Director of WANEP and was formerly WANEP's Liaison Officer to ECOWAS, based at the ECOWAS Secretariat in Abuja, Nigeria. Before joining WANEP, he worked as a consultant on Media, Peace and Conflict issues in Cameroon, West and Central African Sub Regions. He has published a good number of articles spanning from academic to human interest and environmental as well as policy briefs on conflicts and peace dynamics in West Africa and Central Africa. One of such publication is the introductory chapter on Early Warning in the book "**People Building Peace II: Successful Stories of Civil Societies**" which was launched at the Global Conference on the Prevention of Armed Conflicts at the UN Headquarters, New York in July 2005.

Ms. Naomi Akpan-Ita

She is the Executive Director of *Impact for Change and Development (IMPACT)*. Impact for Change is a rights based organization that specializes in conflict management and peace building with an emphasis on protection of the rights of women and children. She has facilitated a number of trainings in Gender Empowerment and Women' rights, Conflict Management and Peacebuilding, and Training of women in the media on conflict management and peacebuilding. She has to her credits over 10 publications in conflict management, peacebuilding, women's rights, etc.

Ms. Marguerite Yoli-Bi

Ms. Yoli-Bi is the National Network Coordinator of WANEP Cote d'Ivoire. She is actively involved in Peacebuilding work as a trainer in Conflict Prevention and Management, Strategic Planning, Electoral Observation and also as an Expert in Gender issues. She has attended many international conferences and seminars on issues of Gender in Africa, Europe, and USA. She is currently a member of the Technical Committee on Social Cohesion of OCHA.

Mr. Raymond Kitevu

Raymond Kitevu is currently the CEWERU Liaison Officer for the Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Mr. Kitevu has been with CEWARN since its establishment in July 2002. His current responsibilities include coordinating IGAD Member States' activities on issues relating to conflict early warning and response, report writing, fundraising, and training CEWARN's stakeholders on Conflict Prevention, Management, and Resolution (CPMR). Other duties include liaison between CEWARN and the African Union, and other Regional Economic Communities (RECs).