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# X- Space (Twitter) Dialogue: *From Rhetorics to Action: The Role of Nigerian Youth in Digital Peacebuilding*

WANEP-Nigeria convened a Twitter Space dialogue on the theme “From Rhetorics to Action: The Role of Nigerian Youth in Digital Peacebuilding.” The session brought together young peacebuilders, development practitioners, digital advocates, and members of the public to discuss how youth can harness digital platforms to promote peace and contribute to conflict prevention efforts.

The discussion explored the increasing influence of social media platforms such as X (Twitter), Facebook, WhatsApp, and other digital tools in shaping public narratives, mobilizing communities, and fostering civic engagement. Speakers reflected on the opportunities digital spaces provide for early warning, awareness creation, peace messaging, and rapid mobilization.

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Theme

**FROM RHETORICS TO ACTION: THE ROLE OF NIGERIAN YOUTH IN DIGITAL PEACEBUILDING**

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7PM

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**The Role of Nigerian Youth in Digital Peacebuilding**

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## KICK- START OF PROJECT

With support from [@euinnigeria](#) . [@thecjid](#) & [@wanepnigeria1](#) officially launched the joint program on “Countering Disinformation & Empowering Democracy in Northwestern Nigeria.” This marks an important step toward strengthening resilience, promoting social cohesion, and advancing informed public discourse.



# EARLY WARNING CAPACITY AT NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NIIA)



**As part of its commitment to strengthening conflict prevention and response mechanisms in Nigeria, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-Nigeria) is facilitating an Early Warning and Conflict Monitoring Training for staff members and interns at the General Leo Irabor Early Warning Systems Centre of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Lagos.**

**The training is designed to enhance participants' knowledge and practical skills in identifying conflict indicators, monitoring emerging threats, and applying early warning tools and methodologies for timely analysis, reporting, and response. By equipping participants with these competencies, the initiative aims to strengthen the Centre's capacity to anticipate potential conflicts, support evidence-based decision-making, and contribute to sustainable peace and security.**



Through interactive learning sessions, practical exercises, and experience sharing, participants are gaining a deeper understanding of conflict dynamics, early warning systems, conflict monitoring frameworks, and the importance of timely interventions in preventing the escalation of violence.

# WANEP-NIGERIA WELCOMES NEW Y-TEAM INTERNS



## THE Y-TEAM INTERNSHIP

WANEP-Nigeria is delighted to welcome two new members to its Youth Team (Y-Team), **Victoria Williams** and **Saatyom Solomon**, who have joined the organisation as Y- Interns.



As part of our commitment to nurturing the next generation of peacebuilders, the Y-Team Internship Programme provides young professionals with opportunities to gain practical experience in peacebuilding, youth engagement, research, communications, and programme implementation while contributing meaningfully to initiatives that promote peace and sustainable development. We warmly welcome them to the WANEP-Nigeria family and look forward to working together to build a more peaceful, inclusive, and resilient society.

# Two-day media training in Edo State



WANEP-Nigeria commenced a two-day media training in Edo State aimed at enhancing responsible reporting and strengthening media engagement on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agendas.

The first day of the training brought together journalists, media practitioners, and key stakeholders to deepen their understanding of conflict-sensitive reporting, gender-responsive journalism, digital responsibility, and the media's role in promoting inclusive governance and sustainable peace.

Through expert-led discussions and interactive learning sessions, participants explored practical approaches to ethical reporting, combating misinformation, amplifying the voices of women and young people in peacebuilding, and using the media as a tool for conflict prevention and social cohesion.

## WANEP-Nigeria Hosts Courtesy Visit from NIIA's Early Warning Systems Centre

WANEP-Nigeria was pleased to receive Dr. Omotola Ilesanmi, Acting Head of the General Leo Irabor Early Warning Systems Centre, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), and a colleague on a courtesy visit to the organisation.



# **WANEP - NIGERIA Relocated to Abuja**

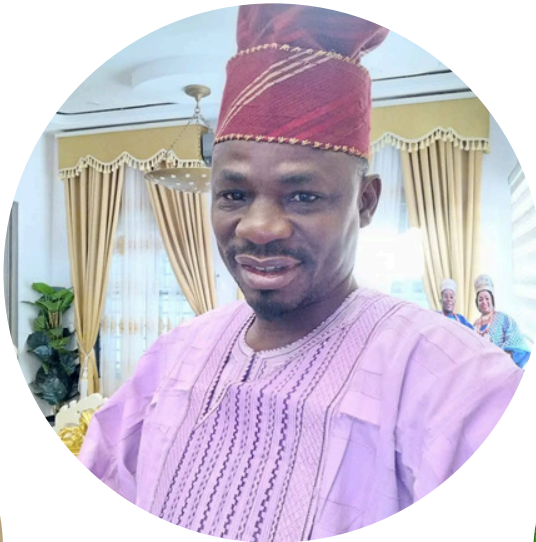


## **A New Chapter for WANEP-Nigeria**

WANEP-Nigeria has officially transitioned from our Lagos office to our office in Abuja, marking an important milestone in our organizational journey. As we begin this new chapter, we were honored to receive a visit from our Board Chair, whose presence and support reaffirmed our collective commitment to advancing peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and sustainable development across Nigeria.

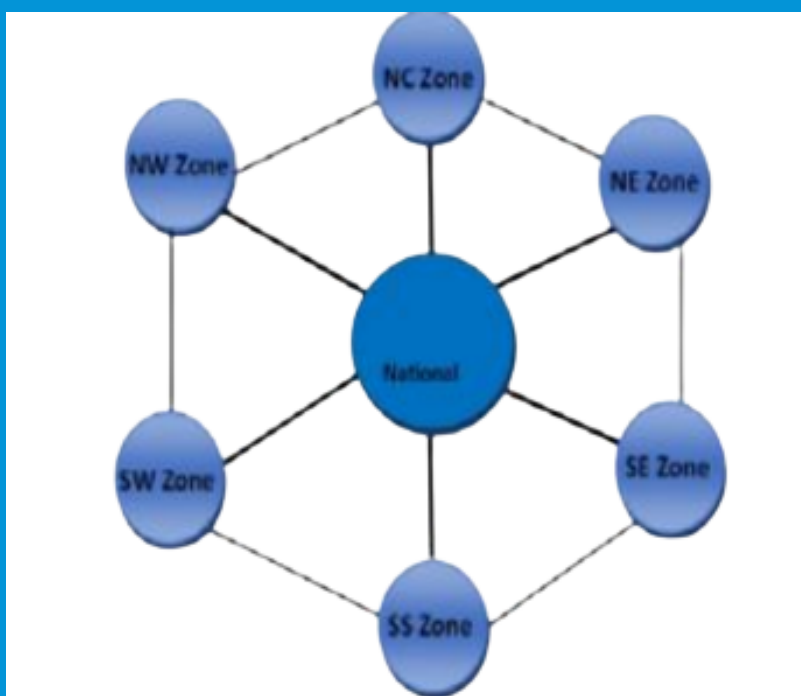
We look forward to the opportunities ahead as we continue working together to build a more peaceful and prosperous Nigeria.

# BIRTHDAYS



## About Us

WANEP Nigeria operations are structured along the geo-political constellation of Nigeria and targets grassroots ownership of peacebuilding initiatives through its member organisations in the thirty-six (36) states of Nigeria, including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Its operational framework was designed along the visions of the regional network operating in West Africa, Chad and Cameroun with ultimate goal of building sustainable peace for growth and development in the region.



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