WANEP-NIGERIA INAUGURATES NEW NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP-Nigeria) has officially inaugurated its new National Secretariat at WANEP House, 72–3rd Avenue, Efab City Estate, Mbora, Life Camp, FCT Abuja.

The official opening ceremony, held on Thursday, 12 November 2026, brought together the Executive Director and members of the Regional Management Team, the WANEP-Nigeria Board, the Executive Director and staff of WANEP-Nigeria, partners and other distinguished stakeholders.

In his opening remarks, the Board Chairman of WANEP-Nigeria, Mr. Kolawole Olatosimi, expressed appreciation to the WANEP Nigeria team whose vision, dedication and collective efforts facilitated the acquisition of the new office. He described the establishment of the Secretariat as a significant institutional milestone and assured WANEP Regional Office and the wider WANEP Network that the facility would provide a conducive environment for work, collaboration, engagement and connection. He further acknowledged the collective commitment that made the achievement possible and its importance in strengthening the organisation's institutional presence and operations.

In her remarks, the Executive Director of WANEP Regional Office, Levinia Addae-Mensah, called for a minute of silence in honour of the late National Network Coordinator of WANEP-Mali, recognising the loss to the wider WANEP family.

Reflecting on the organisation's journey, she acknowledged the challenging fiscal circumstances experienced over the years and commended WANEP-Nigeria for its resilience, perseverance and continued commitment to its peacebuilding mandate. Drawing inspiration from the biblical account of Abraham's acquisition of land, she described the new Secretariat as a symbol of permanence, continuity and institutional legacy. She emphasised that the building represents more than a physical structure; it is an enduring investment in WANEP's future and a collective responsibility to preserve and strengthen the institution for generations to come.

The inauguration represents an important step in strengthening WANEP-Nigeria's institutional foundation, providing an enabling environment for programme implementation, strategic partnerships, stakeholder engagement and coordinated peacebuilding interventions.

As WANEP-Nigeria begins this new chapter, the organisation remains steadfast in its commitment to building a peaceful and secure West Africa where individuals and communities can thrive.

ABOUT WANEP-NIGERIA

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is a leading regional peacebuilding organisation committed to promoting peace and preventing violent conflicts in West Africa through collaboration, networking, advocacy, capacity building and community-based peacebuilding initiatives.