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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

In December, 2009, the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark signed an agreement with the ECOWAS Commission to implement the ECOWAS Component of the Africa Programme for Peace, Phase 2 (APP2). The overall development objective of the agreement was to promote peace and security as a basis for sustainable development in Africa. The immediate objective of the agreement was for ECOWAS to provide effective leadership regarding peace and security issues affecting the West Africa sub-region.

In order to achieve the objectives of the APP2 agreement, the ECOWAS Component focused on two areas: the implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework and Capacity Development for the ECOWAS Commission. The implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework consists of the operationalization of the following components: Preventive Diplomacy, Early Warning, Security Governance, Democracy and Political Governance, and Women Peace and Security.

## **II. OVERVIEW OF 2015 DANISH FUNDED PROGRAMMES TO ECOWAS**

There has been an improvement in the level of implementation of Danish funded activities by ECOWAS Directorates in 2015 compared to 2014. In the last three months of 2014, many ECOWAS programmes were either cancelled or postponed due to the Ebola Virus Disease epidemic. In this regard, there was low implementation of Danish funded activities in 2014. In 2015, 22 programmes were included in the work plan of Danish funded programmes for the ECOWAS Commission. These programmes focused on interventions in the following ECPF components: Preventive Diplomacy, Early Warning, Democracy and Political Governance, Security Governance and Women Peace and Security. As of October, 2015, 7 out of 22 programmes have been fully implemented while 11 out of 22 programmes are ongoing. Although 4 out of 22 programmes have not been implemented, by the end of 2015, it is expected that 18 out of 22 programmes will be fully implemented.

## **III. PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2015**

### **A. PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY COMPONENT**

#### **PUBLICATION ON PEACE AND SECURITY**

The conclusions of *the International Conference on Two Decades of Peace Process in West Africa: Achievements, Failures and Lessons* noted the need to publish and disseminate materials on the role played by ECOWAS in promoting peace and security in the region in order to tell its own story and enhance the visibility of the institution among Community Citizens. Based on the conclusions of the Conference, the Directorate of Political Affairs recruited a research consultant, Professor Amadu Sesay, to revise the publication, *Fighting Bush Fires: ECOWAS and Peace Making in West Africa*, which was initially produced in 2007. It is hoped that the revised document will be published in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of ECOWAS. A first draft of the publication has been submitted for review to the Department of Political Affairs, Peace and Security.

## **MEDIATION FACILITATION DIVISION**

The ECOWAS Mediation Facilitation Division (MFD) was operationalized in June 2015 with the recruitment of Staff to backstop Mediation efforts of ECOWAS. The Division is made up of a Principle Programme Officer<sup>1</sup>, Programme Officer, Mediation Resource Centre, Programme Officer, Operations MFD, and Programme Officer, Capacity Building. The establishment of the MFD is in accordance with the recommendations of the ECOWAS International Conference on ‘Two Decades of Peace Processes in West Africa’ of 2010 and Article 49 (h) of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF) which both called for the setting up of a mediation support structure within ECOWAS to promote preventive diplomacy in the region through competence and skills enhancement for mediators, information sharing, logistical support, and to facilitate, backstop and coordinate ECOWAS mediation efforts.

In October 2014, the ECOWAS Commission made a request to the Danish Government to support the funding of the interview process and recruitment of the four staff of the Mediation Facilitation Division. In response to the request, the Danish Government authorized the transfer of funds to the Danish account situated at the ECOWAS Commission. Through the support of the Danish Government in December, 2014, the Commission was able to commence the interview process for the shortlisted candidates of the Mediation Facilitation Division in the first quarter of 2015. By June, 2015, the Human Resources Department had issued the contracts letters to three out of the four selected staff for the Division. The Human Resources Department scheduled the interview and selection of the Head of the Mediation Facilitation Division at a later date. The Head of the Division has currently been selected and is expected to resume duty at the Commission in January, 2016.

Equipment for the MFD is currently being processed by the Procurement Division and Finance Department of the ECOWAS Commission. The equipment includes desks, chairs, desktops and laptops computers, scanners, printers, cabinets and televisions.

## **MEDIATION FACILITATION DIVISION PROGRAMMES<sup>2</sup>**

From 18-25 July 2015, the Division backstopped the High-Level Solidarity and Information Mission to the Republic of Guinea to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment conducive for holding the 11 October 2015 Presidential election in Guinea. The MFD equally back-stopped the immediate post-election mediation efforts of the Head of the ECOWAS Election Observation team from October 12-18, 2015.

From 3-6 August 2015, the Division held a Technical Meeting on ECOWAS Mediation Roster and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to deliberate upon and evaluate the best procedures and methodology to build a Mediation roster and database of potential mediators and resources in the

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<sup>1</sup>The Principle Programme Officer/Head of the Mediation Facilitation Division is expected to resume duty at the ECOWAS Commission in December, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> The High Level Solidarity and Information Mission to the Republic of Guinea is the only programme implemented by the MFD which utilized Danish funds. The two other MFD programmes scheduled for 2015, namely, workshop for the review of the 3-year Plan of Action of the MFD and training on Program Management, Monitoring and Evaluation for the MFD staff were postponed pending the arrival of the Head of the Division.

region and strategize on developing a Standard Operating Procedure to guide the work of the Division and ECOWAS Mediators.

The Division was also involved in the fact-finding Mission to Niger from 2-11 October 2015 as part of ECOWAS efforts to prevent electoral related disputes by identifying political disagreements over the 2016 general elections and assessing political dialogue mechanisms in place.

From November 11-13 2015, the Division, in collaboration with the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) and the United Nations Mediation Support Unit (UNMSU) held an ECOWAS-UNOWA Mediation Experience Sharing Workshop with the overall objective of developing a joint work program on Mediation. The workshop was also the opportunity to share experience on the operationalization of Mediation Support Structures to backstop mediation efforts in the region.

## **ECPF SECRETARIAT**

Between 2014 and 2015, ECPF Secretariat, situated in the Political Affairs Directorate was established through the recruitment of a Conflict Prevention Officer and two Programme Assistants. The objective of the ECPF Secretariat is to assist in the coordination of the ECPF implementation process within the ECOWAS Commission and with all involved stakeholders.

## **ECPF SECRETARIAT PROGRAMMES**

### **1. ECPF INTERNAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

One of the first programmes organized by the Secretariat was a meeting of the Internal Steering Committee (ISC)<sup>3</sup> for the implementation of the ECPF. The ISC meeting took place on 14 August, 2015 for the purpose of consolidating ownership of the ECPF by the relevant ECOWAS Directorates. The meeting raised the need for all ECPF Focal Points to articulate how they are supporting the operationalization of the ECPF at the Directorate level using an ECPF Reporting Template. The meeting also called on the ECPF Secretariat to work alongside the Communication Directorate and Community Computer Centre (CCC) on finalizing the ECPF Web Portal and the EU-ECOWAS PSS Project Support Unit to work in close cooperation with ECPF Secretariat and Monitoring and Evaluation Unit.

### **2. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECPF IN MEMBER STATES**

The Secretariat also organized a Civil Society Organization (CSO) Sensitization Workshop on the Implementation of the ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework (ECPF) in Member States in Accra, Ghana from 19 to 20 August, 2015, for the purpose of understanding and implementing the ECPF at multi-dimensional levels with key actors such as ECOWAS, Member States, Civil Society Organizations and Development Partners. Key outcomes of the Workshop include an agreement that CSOs play a greater role in the prevention of conflicts in Member States; an agreement on the need for CSOs to make a more meaningful impact in terms of conflict prevention initiatives through its

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<sup>3</sup>The ECOWAS Commission supports two annual Internal Steering Committee (ISC) meetings for the implementation of the ECPF. The ISC provides direction to all ECOWAS Departments that are involved in the ECPF implementation process and ensures that information and updates on the ECPF implementation process is regularly shared with all stakeholders within and outside the ECOWAS Commission.

partnership with the State, and an acknowledgement of the importance of continued collaboration between country level work and the ECOWAS Commission. Participants were asked to identify lead institutions and other CSOs to collaborate with at the country level towards the implementation of the ECPF.

## **B. SECURITY GOVERNANCE COMPONENT**

### **1. SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON THE CIVILIAN DIMENSION OF THE ECOWAS STANDBY FORCE**

ECOWAS with funding support from DANIDA held a sensitization workshop on the Civilian Dimension of the ECOWAS Standby Force. The workshop was held within the Framework of operationalization of the African Standby Force/ECOWAS Standby Force (ASF/ESF) by 31 December 2015. The participants to the workshop were drawn from the 15 ECOWAS member states and representatives of Civil Society Organizations from the 15 member states. The 2-day workshop which had 45 people in attendance held from 12 to 13 October 2015 in Bamako, Mali. The participants were essentially the desk officers on Peace and Security issues from the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs in the ECOWAS member states. The overall objective was to sensitize the Focal Points on the Civilian Dimension activities and to brief them on the Civilian Dimension Policy Framework and the creation of the African Standby Capacity (ASC)/ECOWAS Civilian Standby Roster. The specific objectives of the workshop were to increase Focal Points' knowledge on the ASC of the ASF/ESF; increase the buy-in on the ESF Civilian Dimension activities; increase collaboration and networking between the ECOWAS Commission and Focal Points in order to build the Civilian Roster and to educate the focal points on the TORs of the Focal Points on the Civilian Dimension of the ESF.

### **2. NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP WITHIN THE FRAMEWOK OF THE AFRICAN STANDBY FORCE**

In furtherance of the capacity building programme of the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) and also to further strengthen collaboration and partnership with the African Union (AU), staff of the Civilian Planning Element of the ESF undertook a familiarization visit to the African Union Peace Support Operations Division (AU PSOD) from 27<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The visit served as an orientation and familiarization mission and also helped to solidify the already established collaboration linkages with between ESF Civilian Planning element and the AU PSOD Staff. The ECOWAS team comprise the Training and Rostering Officer, Planning and Coordination Officer as well as the Logistics officer. The officers met with their respective counterparts in the AU where they planned, harmonized and streamlined programmes and activities between both organizations with a view to maximize use of resources and avoid duplications.

### **3. CIVILIAN FOUNDATION COURSE ON PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS**

ECOWAS with support from DANIDA intends to organize a civilian Peace Support Operations Course at the National Defence College (NDC) Nigeria. NDC Nigeria is one of the three (3) ECOWAS designated Training Centres of Excellence (TCE) in PSO. The aim of the foundation course is to enhance the capacity of prospective civilian roster applicants that could be deployed to serve in any ECOWAS mandated PSO. In addition, the course is designed to prepare the participants to enable them play their respective roles successfully in contemporary PSOs. It is expected that 30

participants would be drawn two (2) each from the 15 ECOWAS member states. Priority will be given to Gender. This Course will however be rolled over and be conducted in 2016.

#### **4. TRAINING CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE CIVILIAN FOCAL POINT MEETING**

ECOWAS with funding support of DANIDA intends to establish a Civilian Working Group made up of Civilian Component Staff and Staff of the ECOWAS designated Training Centres of Excellence. The main aim of this establishment is to support the ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF) civilian component in the achievement of the requirement for multidimensionality and integration which are key benchmarks for the attainment of operational capability by end 2015. The working group would further assist to foster collaboration and strengthen partnership between ECOWAS and the TCEs in developing civilian capacities required for both regional and continental peace support operations (PSOs). The Working Group will consist of civilian experts from the TCEs and the civilian planning element of the ESF who have a working and institutional knowledge of the ESF. The primary aim of the Working Group is to expedite the work of ESF civilian planning element in the attainment of full operational capability within the African Standby Capacity (ASC). The inaugural meeting was to have taken place in 2015. However, it is being rolled over until 2016.

#### **C. EARLY WARNING COMPONENT**

The ECOWAS Conflict Prevention program has been touted as one of the most advanced among the Regional Economic Blocs of the African Union. Despite this feat, the systematic monitoring and reporting of early warning indicators across the region has provided real-time information about imminent conflicts but without the corresponding timely responses to prevent their escalation to violence. While the success of the ECOWARN program has been premised on the fact that most political crises in West Africa were resolved by ECOWAS with the support of the African Union (AU), United Nations (UN) and development partners, the gap between alert and response has emerged as a recurring lacuna. Empirical evidence abounds to this fact emanating from research, the latest of which was conducted in 2013.

Research has identified two ways of practicing early warning, firstly by collecting, disseminating, analyzing data and raising alerts where necessary, or secondly by empowering local populations to better prepare for and respond to threats to themselves and their community. Whereas ECOWARN (ECOWAS Warning & Response Network) for its 10 years of operation has solely practiced the former, it is being recognized as in CEWARN that an appropriate way of linking early warning to rapid response resides at the community level.

In order to boost ECOWARN capacities and ensure full appropriation/responsibility of Member States while ECOWAS plays the lead role, and in consonance with the 1999 protocol and the actualization of the Continental Early Warning System (CEWS), the architecture described in the following was adopted.

The architecture of ECOWARN consists of widening the network of field reporters and using the extensive response outfits of Government and civil society organizations to address conflicting situations. For reasons of clarity, ECOWARN (ECOWAS Warning & Response Network) remains the overall title of the system of early warning as provided by the 1999 protocol. For the deployment of the system at the Member State level, architecture is hereby proposed, called Mechanism for Early

Warning & Rapid Response which comprises structures at the Member State, the Headquarters, and the Continental levels.

## **EARLY WARNING COMPONENT PROGRAMMES**

### **1. WORKSHOP ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS GEOSPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE (EGDI)**

As most social and economic development decisions have a spatial or location component making geospatial information very important for West Africa's development agenda, the Early Warning Directorate and the ECOWAS Commission stand to gain significantly from the establishment of a functional Geospatial Data Infrastructure. To this end, the Early Warning Directorate initiated a number of activities involving the head of the Mapping Agencies and other experts from specialized training Centres, universities and reputable private practitioners in the Geospatial industry.

In accordance with the initial roadmap to establish the ECOWAS Geospatial Data Infrastructure (EGDI), the Early Warning Directorate convened a 5-day workshop to review the critical technicalities in the implementation of EGDI and discuss lessons to be drawn from various experiences. The Workshop took place from 16 to 21 December, 2014 in Cotonou, Benin. During the Workshop, participants assessed the level of implementation of the planned activities, reviewed the action plan in accordance with the new developments in the Commission and further streamlined the future activities of EGDI.

### **2. FIELD MISSIONS ON NATIONAL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE STRUCTURES**

The Early Warning Directorate is planning on launching a mission in five pilot Member States. These Member States are Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Mali, and Burkina Faso. The mission will involve meetings with the Vice President/Prime Minister and key ministers involved in the ECOWARN implementation, assessments of the work of the implementation task force set up in the Member State vis a vis the provision of office space and the recruitment and deployment of staff, prepare the ground for reception of the US contractor and equipment/material/logistics which will soon be shipped. The official launch of the National Early Warning and Response structures will start by December, 2015.

### **3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE STRUCTURES**

In an effort to further anchor the National Early Warning and Response Mechanism on a sound theoretical foundation laced with ECOWARN normative frameworks and informed by the lessons learned since the inception of the ECOWAS Peace and Security Architecture, an experts meeting was organized in Banjul, The Gambia on 18 to 24 October 2015. Prominent Experts in early warning from the EWD, civil society and academia gathered to discuss about how to achieve the objectives of NEWRM.

### **4. STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR ECOWAS EARLY WARNING SYSTEM**

The ECOWAS Observation and Centre (Early Warning) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Virtual Research Associates (VRA) to provide support for the deployment of the ECOWAS



National Early Warning and Response System. This MOU covers a twenty-four-month period from July 2015 through June 2017. The specific activities are organized around three sets of tasks including Structural Vulnerability Assessments, system upgrade to the architecture and features of ECOWARN, and “train the trainer” training and analytic, technical and operational support.

#### **D. WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY COMPONENT**

The Women, Peace and Security component provides a unique opportunity to address the issues of women’s exclusion at multiple levels in West Africa. The Women, Peace and Security component aims to facilitate the realization of the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1325; the relevant provisions of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty, in particular Article 63; the relevant provisions of the Mechanism; and the provisions of Articles 40 - 43 of the Supplementary Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance.

The objective of the Women, Peace and Security component of ECPF is to propel and consolidate women’s roles and contributions to centre stage in the design, elaboration, implementation and evaluation of conflict prevention, resolution, peace-building and humanitarian initiatives while strengthening regional and national mechanisms for the protection and advancement of women.

#### **WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY COMPONENT PROGRAMMES**

##### **1. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR WOMEN IN NIGERIA ON DIALOGUE AND MEDIATION- NORTH EAST REGION OF NIGERIA HELD FROM 27-30, JANUARY 2015, ABUJA, NIGERIA.**

ECOWAS with support from the Danish International Development Agency, DANIDA, collaborated with the West Africa Network for Peace building, WANEP and the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, FMWA&SD and conducted a capacity building workshop for 30 Women Community Leaders from the North East region of Nigeria on Dialogue and Mediation from January 27th to 30th, 2015. The four-day workshop held at the ECOWAS Commission, Abuja had participants drawn from Ministry of Women Affairs, CBOs, NGOs and Women Community leaders. Specifically, the training aimed to strengthen the capacities of women from the North East zone (the state where the Chibok Girls were abducted) with the skills for effective participation in peace processes especially in the areas of dialogue, mediation and other preventive mechanisms and introduced them to strategies and techniques necessary for competent mediation and dialogue practice.

##### **2. BUILDING RESOURCES IN DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND ELECTIONS (BRIDGE) - GENDER AND ELECTION TRAINING FOR ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**

As part of its mandate, the ECOWAS Commission has worked extensively on electoral matters but for the first time has extended its efforts to enhancing women’s participation in electoral processes in West Africa, which is in line with existing instruments that the Commission and its Member states have adopted in enhancing the situation of women in the region. Thus, far Gender and Election BRIDGE trainings have been organised for the Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire and Guinea – the five countries in West Africa holding elections in 2015 as follows:

**Phase One: Gender and Election BRIDGE training was held from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 in Abuja, Nigeria** by the ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Women’s Affairs and Social Development (FMWA&SD) with the support of Danish International Development



Agency (DANIDA). The theme of the workshop was: Enhancing Women's Appointive and Elective Participation in Governance and Democratic Processes. About Seventy-Eight (78) men and women (69 female and 9 male) from three zones, i.e. South-South; South-West and North-West zones of Nigeria engaged in promoting and developing women's skills and strengthening their role in society attended the training. Staff of the FMWA&SD and ECOWAS also participated in the training. The training was aimed at enhancing capacity to assess the challenges being faced through analysing women's representation in previous elections as well as the status quo on the candidature for the 2015 Elections, as well as finding enablers to address the gender imbalances in the country.

**Phase Two: Gender and Election BRIDGE training was held from 8th-10th April, 2015 in Lomé, Togo** by the ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with the Ministre de l'Action Sociale, de la promotion de la Femme et de l'Alphabétisation. About 45 women leaders from civil society, media, political parties, staff of the Ministry and traditional leaders attended the training and came up with a number of recommendations which included a commitment to participate in the mobilization process for a peaceful election in their homes, neighbourhoods and workplaces. In addition, the Togolese women committed to raise awareness and educate women about the importance of women's participation in peace processes.

**Phase Three: Gender and Election BRIDGE training was held from 23rd-25th June, 2015, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso** by the ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with the Ministry for the Promotion of Women and Gender. About forty participants (40) from the Ministries and institutions of civil society; political parties; media; and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), as well as staff of the Ministry for the Promotion of Women and Gender, and ECOWAS participated at the workshop. The participants developed strategic plans to enable effective participation of women in electoral processes in Burkina Faso. The participants also resolved to share the knowledge acquired during the training with other colleagues; and to create a network to strengthen and promote the political rights of women and their participation in political governance. In addition, one facilitator was fully accredited as a BRIDGE trainer at the training.

**Phase Four: Gender and Election BRIDGE training was held in Côte d'Ivoire from the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.** The training in Abidjan was hosted by the Ministry for Solidarity, Family, Women and Children. The workshop which is part of the regional program of ECOWAS was aimed at promoting the increased participation of women in electoral processes in ECOWAS, and this was regarded as timely, as it was three months before general elections in Côte d'Ivoire. Forty (40) participants were awarded with the BRIDGE certificate after the training and some participants expressed the interest to proceed on further training to become accredited BRIDGE facilitators.

**Phase Five: Gender and Election BRIDGE training for Guinea,** was held in Conakry from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015 preparatory to the national elections. The meeting was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs & the Promotion of Women and Children. About forty (40) Guinean women carefully selected from all the strata of the country's society received a gender sensitive elections training and were urged to be catalysts for participatory governance and development. In addition, the training exercise also saw the emergence of a facilitator as a fully accredited BRIDGE trainer.

### **3. DEVELOPMENT OF ECOWAS GENDER AND ELECTION FRAMEWORK:**

ECOWAS is developing a Gender and Elections Framework to serve as a reference guide for promoting women's participation in the electoral process in West Africa. Validation meeting of the

draft Gender and Election Framework will hold in Lomé, Togo in November, 2015, with the adoption of the Gender and Elections Framework planned for February, 2016.

**4. ECOWAS-WANEP REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 1325 IN WEST AFRICA**

In the context of the Women, Peace and Security work plan approved by DANIDA. ECOWAS and WANEP are to host a regional consultation in commemoration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UNSCR 1325 from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 in Accra, Ghana. The expected outcomes of the meeting are: Report of Regional Experience sharing Conference on the development and implementation of the National Action Plans for UNSCR 1325, and a documentation of best practices in the implementation of UNSCR National Action Plans in West Africa. The activity is jointly funded by ECOWAS and WANEP.

**5. THE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATED IN THE OCTOBER, 2015 SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE AND HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE LAUNCH OF THE STUDY ON UNSCR 1325 AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NY**

The Department made a presentation on the ECOWAS regional framework and status of implementation UNSCR 1325, and was a panellist on a discussion on “holding ourselves accountable: African Experiences on UNSCR 1325, and participated in bi-lateral meetings with UN Department of Political Affairs and the Bureau of Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

**6. ECOWAS-CAPACITY BUILDING TO INCREASE EXPERTISE OF WEST AFRICA WOMEN IN PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS**

Consultations are going between the Directorate of Gender and the Regional Security Division to finalize the TOR for the implementation of capacity building support to women in West Africa to attend selected training in designated ECOWAS approved training centers of excellence in West Africa, namely in Mali, Ghana and Nigeria. This is an approved activity in the Women, Peace & Security work plan and will contribute to the goal of increasing the number of men and women with expertise in peace support operations in West Africa and the operationalization of the ECOWAS Roster. Under this activity a fellowship was offered to the Coordinator of the National Programme for the Control of Violence against Women, Ministry Social Action and the Promotion of Women, Lomé, Togo to attend an ITC/ILO Gender Academy from the 16 to 25, November, 2015.

**STATUS OF 2015 WORK PLAN OF DANIDA FUNDED PROGRAMMES FOR THE ECOWAS COMMISSION**

<b>S/NO</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1	Capacity Building for 6 staff on Programme Management, Monitoring and Evaluation	Not Implemented	Awaiting resumption of Head of Division, MFD
2	Furniture, computer and printers for the MFD	Ongoing	Finance Department processing requests
3	Publication of report of 2 decades of peace process and book project and 2 editions of DPA journal	Ongoing	Peace and Security (ECOMOG) Book Project - First draft completed
4	Review meeting of the MFD 3 - year work plan	Not Implemented	Awaiting resumption of Head of Division, MFD
5	Gap analysis for 10 National Human Rights Institutions	Not Implemented	
6	Publication of ECOWAS Manual on Human Rights Reporting	Not Implemented	
7	Support to Gender-based programmes in election management	Ongoing	Validation meeting of the draft Gender and Election Framework to be conducted in Lomé, Togo in November
8	Salaries of 1 Adviser and 2 Programme Support Officers for the ECPF	Fully Implemented	Conflict Prevention Officer Recruited in July, 2015
9	Facilitation of the enabling Mechanism of the ECPF	Fully Implemented	Conducted on 19 -20 August, 2015
10	Support to shuttle diplomacy to resolve conflict (Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Togo)	Fully Implemented	High Level Shuttle diplomacy mission to Guinea conducted in June and budget line used for external audit
11	Field missions on National Early Warning and response structures	Ongoing	Launching of NERM will start by December
12	Contribution to the development and operationalization of the National Early Warning and Response structures	Ongoing	One Experts meeting held in October in Banjul
13	Operationalization of the National Early Warning and Response structures	Ongoing	ECOWARN one year remote support payment done in October
14	Structural Vulnerability Assessment for ECOWAS Early Warning System	Ongoing	Two (2) years project contract signed with the consultant, work has started
15	Civilian Foundation Course	Ongoing	To be rolled over to December 2015
16	Training Centres of Excellence Civilian Focal Point Meeting	Ongoing	To be rolled over to 2015

17	Workshop for Identified Civilian Focal Points from MS	Implemented	Conducted in October
18	Familiarization visits to AU/RECs/RMs,	Implemented	Conducted in May
19	Development of a Gender and Elections Strategy/Manual; trainings for elections monitors on gender and election monitoring; policy dialogue with ECOWAS election team	Fully Implemented	Conducted 4th -6th February in Abuja, Nigeria. 8th-10th April in Lomé, Togo. 23rd-25th June in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. 11th-13th August in Côte d'ivoire. 1st to 3rd October in Guinea.
20	To conduct step down training on mediation in selected communities currently facing conflicts in West Africa	Fully Implemented	Conducted on 27 - 30 January, 2015
21	Map of Existing Training programmes and identify quality programmes and establish viable partnerships. Provide pilot fellowships to train West African women to develop better understanding of African Peace and Security Issues, in order to increase their participation in conflict management process and other areas of security concerns in West Africa	Ongoing	Fellowship was offered to the Coordinator of the National Programme for the Control of Violence against Women, Ministry Social Action and the Promotion of Women, Lomé, Togo
22	Conduct situation analysis of National Action Plans Development and Implementation, present findings to states, Technical and Financial support for the development and monitoring of implementation of 'lite' country level action plan on WPS	Fully Implemented	Conducted on 20 -21 October, 2015