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TWO-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON
“TERRORISM AWARENESS,
PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE”



1.1. BACKGROUND

Terrorism in West Africa's coastal states is no longer a threat but a reality. Terrorist groups have in recent times expanded their unlawful activities beyond the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin region to the coastal areas along the Gulf of Guinea (GoG).

Terrorist attacks have been recorded especially in the northern parts of coastal states like Côte d'Ivoire, Benin and Togo. For instance, on 8 and 10 February 2021, Benin recorded its deadliest attacks. Since 2020, terror groups linked to Islamic State and al-Qaida have carried out multiple attacks against Ivorian forces. In the first half of 2021, at least 11 soldiers were killed or injured in multiple attacks in Côte d'Ivoire¹. Togo witnessed its ever first attack in November 2021 and more recently an attack on 11 May in the locality of Kpepkakandi, in northern Togo.

Although Ghana is yet to experience any attack linked to terrorism, the country's proximity to neighbouring countries experiencing terrorism, makes her vulnerable to attacks. In addition, the high influx of illegal migrants from those countries affected by terrorism, governance challenges, unresolved conflicts, unemployment, poverty, weak border control systems and ungoverned spaces further make the country susceptible to attacks.

As part of efforts to keep coastal countries safe from violent extremism and terrorism, the Accra Initiative was launched in September 2017. Additionally, countries including Ghana are

building the capacity of their security and intelligence agencies to respond adequately to any potential attacks.

As part of the operational strategy to respond to terrorism, the Ministry of National Security of Ghana on 24 May 2022, launched a public campaign dubbed "See Something, Say Something" to encourage people to report suspicious acts of terrorism. The campaign aims among other reasons, to get citizens highly alert and report suspicious characters in the wake of terrorism threats suspected by security agencies. However, the larger population that is expected to complement Government efforts to counter the threat arguably appears to be uninformed about the modus operandi of these terrorist groups and their networks. Most of the media discussions about how the Government of Ghana can deal with terrorism have also not been comprehensive enough to provide the essential terrorism awareness and preparedness strategies needed to neutralise any potential attacks.

It is against this backdrop that the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) is organising a two-day training workshop on "Terrorism Awareness, Preparedness and Response" to enhance citizens consciousness and better equip stakeholders to prevent and disrupt any terrorist attacks.

¹ Institute for Security Studies. (2022). West African coastal terror attacks: just the tip of the iceberg. Retrieved from <https://issafrica.org/iss-today/west-african-coastal-terror-attacks-just-the-tip-of-the-iceberg>. Accessed on 23 May 2022

1.2. COURSE AIM

The course is aimed at equipping participants with the requisite knowledge and skills to prevent, anticipate and disrupt potential terrorist attacks against their institutions and communities.

1.3. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives of the course are to:

1. Provide participants with an overview of changing nature of terrorism in West Africa;
2. Expose participants to the pull and push factors as well as and modus operandi (tactics and techniques) of the major terrorist organisations in West Africa;
3. Explain the terrorism planning cycle and how participants can identify the preoperational activities of terrorist groups to deter possible attacks;
4. Familiarise participants with the basic personal and facility protection strategies that will enable them to detect and neutralise terrorists plot against their organisations; and
5. Equip participants with the requisite information to be able to anticipate threats, risks and vulnerabilities to terrorism.



1.4. COURSE CONTENT

The Course content includes:

- Nature of Terrorism and Violent Extremism in West Africa and Coastal countries
- Ghana: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment
- Push and Pull factors as well as the Modus Operandi of Terrorist Groups
- The Mindset of Terrorists & Terrorism Planning Cycle
- Radicalization and De-radicalization Process
- Building Early Warning Systems to anticipate attacks
- Facility Risk Assessment and Security Protection (Church, Mosques, Malls, Schools, Restaurants etc.)
- Media, terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Reporting Suspicious Activities

1.5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

There are no specific criteria to be eligible for the course as it targets all those working in potential target areas of terrorist groups. However, participants must have a working knowledge of the English Language, both written and oral skills since the course will be delivered in English.

1.6. COURSE DURATION AND VENUE

- **First Batch:** Monday 4 July 2022 to Tuesday 5 July 2022, at WANEP premises around the Trinity Avenue, Off Mile 7 Road, Achimota, Accra.
- **Second Batch:** Wednesday 6 July 2022 to Thursday 7 July 2022 at WANEP premises around the Trinity Avenue, Off Mile 7 Road, Achimota, Accra.

1.7. TARGET GROUP

The target group for the course are personnel working in the following organisations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Government Ministries and Agencies (including MMDAs - Assembly Members)▪ Private Security Companies▪ Banking and Financial Institutions▪ Churches and Mosques | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Public and Private Schools▪ Universities and Colleagues of Education▪ Professional Associations▪ Student Leaders▪ Hospitals and Clinics▪ Media Organisations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mining Companies▪ CSOs/NGOs▪ Hotels and Restaurants▪ Traditional Authorities▪ Transportation Services▪ Market Centres▪ Shopping Malls▪ Other relevant organisations |
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WANEP also offers tailored courses available upon request to suit your organisations' needs.

1.8. COURSE FEES

Participants attending the course are expected to pay an amount of **GHS 1,500**. The amount covers tuition fee, certificate, lunch and two coffee breaks. No Accommodation will be provided. Participants from outside Accra should arrange for their own accommodation.

1.9. FACILITATION METHODOLOGY

The problem-based learning approach suitable for adult learning would be used in the delivery of the course. These approaches will include PowerPoint presentations, lectures, case studies, group exercises, and experience sharing.

1.10. HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the course, please complete the form online and submit to gafidegnon@wanep.org with copy to wanep@wanep.org

1.11. CONTACT AT WANEP

For any further enquires, you can contact Ms. Golda Afidegnon on the e-mail above and on the following phone numbers: +233 (0) 505 657 422 or + 233 (0) 555 981 570

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