



WANEP COMMISSIONS NEW RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Thursday 1 December 2022 – The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) commissioned a newly-



constructed building for research and documentation. Named the “WANEP Research and Documentation Centre”, the building comprises offices and a library named after Honourable Emmanuel Habuka Bombande, co-founder and immediate past Executive Director of WANEP, who was also the guest of honour for the occasion.

Dr Chukwuemeka B. Eze, the Executive Director of WANEP in his welcome address, noted that the new building represents the commitment and sacrifice

made by the co-founders of WANEP, Honourable Bombande and Dr Gbaydee Doe and also the pursuit of Strategic Objective 5 of the Institution’s current Strategic Plan (2020-2025) which is “utilising research capacity to support policy advocacy and leverage partnerships”.

He also emphasised that the Centre will generate data, research facts and document information about peace and security in Africa from independent, non-governmental, non-profit, professional and nonpartisan perspectives. As an institution of repute, WANEP has a responsibility to teach and foster learning by documenting regional and continental histories and experiences that shape and drive its identity.

Dr Eze commended the management and staff for their energy, effort, and thoughtfulness that strengthen the trust and confidence of partners whose generosity continues to expand WANEP’s vision as it moves into new frontiers.



Dr Chukwuemeka B. Eze and Mr Bombande unveiling the plaque of the Centre.

In his speech, Mr Bombande expressed his appreciation to WANEP for the honour bestowed on him. He also acknowledged with pride the Institution’s enviable record and hard work which has enhanced its credibility across the globe and serves as a reference point for CSOs in the Continent. While acknowledging challenges faced by CSOs such as WANEP in the field of peace and security, he encouraged staff and management not to rest on their oars but to remain resilient as they make a significant contribution to the transformation of the continent.