



WANEP APPOINTED BY THE AFRICAN UNION TO SERVE ON THE 20-MEMBER STRATEGY GROUP (SG) OF ITS NETWORK OF THINK TANKS FOR PEACE (NETT4PEACE)

Addis- Ababa, Ethiopia: On Wednesday 8 February 2023, the African Union (AU) will officially launch its Network of Think Tank for Peace (NeTT4Peace). The NeTT4Peace, an initiative of the AU Commission, aims to strengthen synergies and foster long-term structured partnerships between the AU Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) and African institutions, practitioners and experts working in the fields of peace, security and governance. Appointed last year as a member of the Network, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) intends to lend its expertise and experience in peacebuilding practice in Africa to the newly formed Network.

WANEP has also been nominated by the AU Commissioner ([link to the letter](#)) to serve as a member of the Strategy Group (SG) of the NeTT4Peace. At the inaugural meeting of the SG to be held from 6 to 7 February 2023, key strategic decisions will be made regarding the Network's structure, operational guidelines, leadership and work programme.

The appointment of WANEP as a member of NeTT4Peace and the Strategy Group is hinged on WANEP's MoU with AU through which it maintains a liaison office at the commission and in line with WANEP's experience in peacebuilding practice in Africa and the need for the African Union (AU) to leverage WANEP's wealth of knowledge and potential value to addressing the multifaceted peace, security, governance and development challenges facing the African continent.