



# Women Environmental Programme

October - December, 2017 Newsletter

## **Notice of closure of office for year 2018**

This is to inform our partners, donors and the general public that WEP shall officially close her office on Wednesday, 20th December, 2017.

We shall re-open our office on 8th January, 2018.

We wish you all a happy holiday season.

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## **WEP joins Ecolife Conservation Initiative to mark 2017 International Day of Climate Action**

On Saturday, 21st October, 2017, WEP joined Ecolife Conservation Initiative and other partners to mark this years International Day of Climate Action with the theme 'Walk to take Action'.

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## **High level meeting on WASH funding in Nigeria**

On 31st October, 2017 at [Sheraton Abuja Hotel](#), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, organized a high level meeting on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) funding in Nigeria.

[Read more](#)

## **WEP's Executive Director awarded a fellow of HOMEF Sustainability Academy**

Our Executive Director Priscilla Achakpa was awarded a fellow of the [Health of Mother Earth Foundation](#) Sustainability Academy. [Read more...](#)

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## **Women2030 step-down training on gender and SDGs in Togo**

Watch TV reports of our Women2030 step-down training on gender and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Togo. [Watch here...](#)

## **Towards COP23: WEP Examines the Implementation of Nigeria's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**

Towards the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties (COP23) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), scheduled to hold in Bonn, Germany in November this year, Women Environmental Programme organized an event to assess how far Nigeria has implemented her strategy to reduce greenhouse gases emission. [Read more...](#)

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## **Workshop on preventing radicalization to violent extremism**

In continuation of our Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) project titled Connecting Women and Youth in Violent Extremist Prone Areas through Empowerment and Skills Acquisition, WEP through her Sub Recipient on the project Angel Support Foundation (ASF) held series of workshops in Adikpo, Kwande LG of Benue State from Monday 30th October to Saturday 4th November, 2017. [Read more...](#)

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## **WEP @ COP23**

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) participated in the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties (COP23) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that held from 6-17 November, 2017.

At COP23, WEP joined the Women and Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC to advocate for a gender responsive outcome at COP23. Our Executive Director, Dr. Priscilla Achakpa served as one of the Negotiators on Gender for Nigeria. The advocacies from women's group led to the adoption of the

[Gender Action Plan](#) at COP23 which was [the first Gender Action Plan under the UNFCCC](#).

WEP also participated at several other events at the COP23 including [exhibition at the Gender Day Event Market Place](#) and Women2030 coordination meeting.

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## **WEP @UNEA3, co-host side event on gender and chemicals**

Women Environmental Programme was in Nairobi, Kenya ahead of the [3rd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA 3\)](#), the highest global decision making body on the environment.

At UNEA 3 WEP also co-hosted a side event on gender and chemicals. The side event titled: "What has gender got to do with chemicals," was organized by Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), in collaboration with Women Environmental Programme (WEP), Balifokus Foundation, Women's Major Group and International Pesticide Elimination Network (IPEN), with support from the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions.

The side event premiered a [film](#) based on the [scoping study on gender dimensions of chemicals and wastes policies under the BRS Conventions](#) in Nigeria and Indonesia.

The scoping study aimed to understand:

- How are women and men differently impacted in their health by Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), hazardous chemicals and waste?
- How do women and men's occupations and their roles at home and at work influence exposure to POPs, hazardous chemicals and waste?
- What best practices with women and men's leadership exist to substitute and eliminate POPs, hazardous chemicals and waste?

Read media report about the side event here

<http://www.environewsigeria.com/nigeriall-prioritise-gender-issues-chemicals-waste-management-jibril/>

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## **Advocacy visit to Benue State Executive Council**

The WEP-led Project Consortium, on the project: "Connecting Women and

Youth in Violent Extremist Prone Areas through Empowerment and Skills Acquisition," made up of Angel Support Foundation (ASF), Centre for Development & Social Justice (CEDASJ), Foundation for Justice, Development & Peace (FJDP) and Gender & Environmental Risk Reduction Initiative (GERRI), on 17th of November, 2017 paid an advocacy visit to the Benue State Executive Council. [Read more...](#)

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## **WEP, ESMI, hold National Strategic Stakeholders Discussion on Flood Prevention and Management**

Environment and Safety Management Institute (ESMI) in collaboration with Women Environmental Programme (WEP), organized National Strategic Stakeholders Discussion on Flood Prevention and Management at the National Universities Commission's Auditorium, Maitama, Abuja, on 12th December, 2017. [Read media report here...](#)

## **Birthdays for October-December quarter of 2017 @WEP**

Warmest birthday wishes from all of us at WEP



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