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ABBREVIATIONS/ ACCRONYMS

AMAC	Abuja Municipal Area Council
AODC	Africa Open Data Collaboration Fund
APWLD	Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
ASF	Angel Support Foundation
AWDF	African Women’s Development Fund
CEDASJ	Center for Development and Social Justice
CMA 1	First Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
CMP 12	The Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
CODE	Connected Development
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CU	Concern Universal
DW	Deutsche Welle
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
FJDP	Foundation for Justice, Development and Peace
FMWASD	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
GCERF	Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GERI	Gender and Environmental Risk Reduction Initiative
GFC	Global Forest Coalition
GGCA	Global Gender and Climate Alliance
GSF	Global Sanitation Fund

GWA	Gender and Water Alliance
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined contributions
LGTS	Local Government Task Group on Sanitation
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
NAPKC	Nigerian Army Peace Keeping Center
NESREA	National Environmental Standards Regulations and Enforcement Agency
OKI	Open Knowledge International
OPs	Organizing Partners
RCDA	Rural Communities Development Agency
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEP	Strategic Engagement Plan
STGS	State Task Group on Sanitation
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEA-2	Second United Nations Environment Assembly
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WECF	Women Engage for a Common Future
WED	World Environment Day
WEP	Women Environmental Programme
WSSCC	Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2016 was an interesting year in the life of Women Environmental Programme (WEP) as an organization. It was a period where the organization recorded some successes and challenging experiences that propelled the organization to another level. It was a year where new funding opportunities were secured and her hands filled with lots of activities and strategically thinking to strive for excellence and commitment for repositioning the organization to deliver its mandate in a satisfactory manner.

This involved strategizing to promote the organization beyond its reach within and outside the country through outreaches to donors, partners, governments, networks, the media and CSOs; additional staffing, training and organizational development.

In other to achieve the organization's mandate, WEP secured funding support to enhance its work on Governance, Environment and Peacebuilding activities to strengthen efforts towards empowering women and youth to address environmental, social, economic and political issues that affect them.

Through the funding support from African Women Development Fund (AWDF), WEP led other CSOs to **Advocate for a Bill on Affirmative Action for Women in Zamfara State**. In the same vain, WEP secured another funding support from the Kingdom of Netherlands to build on the AWDF's funded programme. This new project titled "*Ensuring Effective Implementation of Programmes, Policies and Legislations, that Contribute Towards Achieving Gender Equality in Nigeria by 2030*" is aimed at supporting the advocacy for policies and legislations that promote women participation at all levels of decision making. Similarly, the organization secured funding opportunity in collaboration with 4 other global and regional women and gender-focused organizations to implement an action "**Women CSOs networking to realize the Sustainable Development Goals**" also known as **Women2030 Project**, financed by the European Union to be implemented in 52 countries from 2016 -2021. WEP is in charge of implementing the project in 9 African Countries.

The Open Knowledge International (OKI) through the Africa Open Data Collaboration Fund (AODCF) also supported WEP to implement an action titled: "Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Local Governance Through Open Data Collection" in three Area Councils of FCT. The outcome of the project was to develop a Policy brief from an assessment of infrastructural to draw the attention of the duty bearers in the respective Area Councils to take action on the infrastructural development for residents of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Connecting Women and Youth in Violent Extremist Prone Areas Through Empowerment and Skills Acquisition was another new grant WEP secured during the course of the year. This action received funding support from Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) to build capacity of communities to prevent the spread of violent extremism and build their resilience for recovery from acts of violent extremism.

Other key successes that readily comes to mind were the nomination of WEP to serve as a Negotiator for Nigeria on Gender, during the Twenty Second Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Morrocco. Though a big feat for WEP, but it was quite challenging and tasking as it was different from negotiating amongst CSOs but on behalf of Nigeria as a

nation. Here the interest of Nigeria was to be reflected in the negotiations and this gave insights and understanding into the internal workings of government.

Others included the role WEP played in partnership with Government agencies especially in facilitating the development of the Gender and Climate Change Policy in partnership with Federal Ministry of Environment and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and the collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (FMWASD) to draw up a gender energy roadmap for Nigeria.

WEP also collaborated with other partners such as the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council and Concern Universal (CU) to organize a training on institutional triggering, commemorated key international days by organizing activities to draw attention to the issues for the days.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the commitment, unflinching support and contributions of the board members, donors, government, international partners, CSO/NGOs, and the media. We are grateful to Women's Major Group, Women and Gender Constituency of UNFCCC, Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA), GEF-CSO Network, Nigeria Army Peace Keeping Center (NAPKC), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change (AWGGCC), Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), European Union (EU), Open Knowledge International (OKI), Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), African Women Development Fund (AWDF), our beneficiaries, philanthropist, staff and volunteers who have stepped forward-giving themselves, their resources, their time-in order to effect positive change in our world.

In all these, WEP as an organization has learnt from these processes which has better placed the organization for the future while strengthening commitments to our work and the beneficiaries. In the coming year, WEP will be continue to carry out her activities to fulfil her mandate as a reputable CSO, reviewing its strategic plan for the coming year's while continuing with its partnership with government, donors, networks, media, CSOs and grassroots organizations.

Priscilla Achakpa
Executive Director,
Women Environmental Programme

ABOUT WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME (WEP)

Who We Are

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-political, non-religious and voluntary organization formed in April 1997 by a group of women in Kaduna State. The organization emerged in response to the environmental pollution by industries in Kaduna State particularly and Nigeria in general, but its founders have always viewed the Nigerian environmental crisis only as an entry point for the deepening of engagement with the various stakeholders and enlightenment of Nigerians on other socio-economic and political issues within and internationally. To facilitate this process, the organization creates and sustains interest in socio-economic and political issues especially among women and youth in the country and across the globe.

WEP has United Nations ECOSOC special status, Observer Status to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). With the Observer Status, WEP participate as a major group organization in contributing to the intergovernmental decision-making process in the UN-System. WEP is one of the Organizing Partners (OPs) of Women's Major Groups and serves as the National Coordinator for Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) in Nigeria. WEP is the Focal Point for Global Environment Facility (GEF) CSOs in West and Central Africa.

Vision

To create a society where the environmental, economic, social and political rights of women and youths are protected.

Mission

To empower women and youths to address the environmental, economic, social and political issues that affect them.

Our Values:

- Accountability and Transparency
- Team Work, Hard work and Commitment to work
- Honesty and Integrity
- Gender Justice and Fairness
- Trust and Confidentiality
- Excellence and Cost Effectiveness

Strategic Objectives

- To sensitize and raise awareness of the general public on the impacts of climate change particularly on gender, its strategies of mitigation and adaptation;
- To stimulate the management of natural resources within the framework of national and international policies/convention for sustainable development of the environment;
- To advocate for the rights of the rural and urban dwellers to land, housing settlement and basic social infrastructure within the framework of The International Covenant on *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* (ICESCR);
- To build capacity of the relevant stakeholders on the management of the environment, conflicts, renewable energy, water and sanitation, dry lands, desert and desertification and organic pollutants;
- To educate women and youths on their civic rights and responsibilities, and on democratic governance.

WEP's Core Values

Networking: WEP recognizes the value and strength of networking with our partners and other NGOs. We realize that mutually beneficial relationships with people who share our values, goals and objectives will enhance social and sustainable development.

Integrity, Accountability and Transparency: WEP appreciates the trust of our donors, partners and the public by striving to maintain the highest standards of accountability, integrity and transparency in the conduct of all our activities.

Excellence and Cost Effectiveness: We are committed to excellence and cost effectiveness in all our activities so as to reach a greater number of people with our services.

Teamwork and Self Esteem: WEP is committed to teamwork. We will promote the self-esteem of our staff and encourage collaboration on projects and encomiums for each other for reaching our goals and targets.

Learning and Leadership: WEP is committed to being a learning organization in which all staff are continuously striving to learn to sustain and improve organizational outputs. Our leadership culture is aimed at making leaders out of our staff.

Gender Equity and Justice: To ensure the full participation of all in the development process, we support and promote gender equity and mainstream gender in all we do. Our Strategic Plan particularly seeks to empower women to maximize their potentials and gain autonomy to become agents of change.

Organizational Structure

WEP is currently structured along 2 main organs, namely: the Board of Directors and Management.

WEP's Board of Directors comprises 9 members of which 4 are females and 5 males. The Board is the decision making body of the organization and meets annually to review performance of the organization, approve programmes and budget for the organization. The Management is saddled with the responsibility of day-to-day running of the organization and implementation of programmes and it is headed by the Executive Director. It is also made up of the Project Implementation Body and the support Staff.

Programmes

The organization works in two thematic areas viz; Environment and Governance.

Environment

- Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction
- Gender, Lands & Human Settlement
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
- Renewable Energy
- Environment, Peace & Security
- Natural Resource Management

Governance

- Women and Youth Empowerment
- Budget Tracking and Monitoring
- Peace and Conflict Transformation

Board of Trustees and Advisory Board

Board of Directors

Mr. Yakubu Aliyu	-	Chairman
Ms. Priscilla M. Achakpa	-	Executive Director
Prof. Kabiru Isyaku	-	Member
Mr. Charles Lubem Abaagu	-	Member
Prof. David I. Ker	-	Member
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Mrs. Anne Vandefan	-	Member

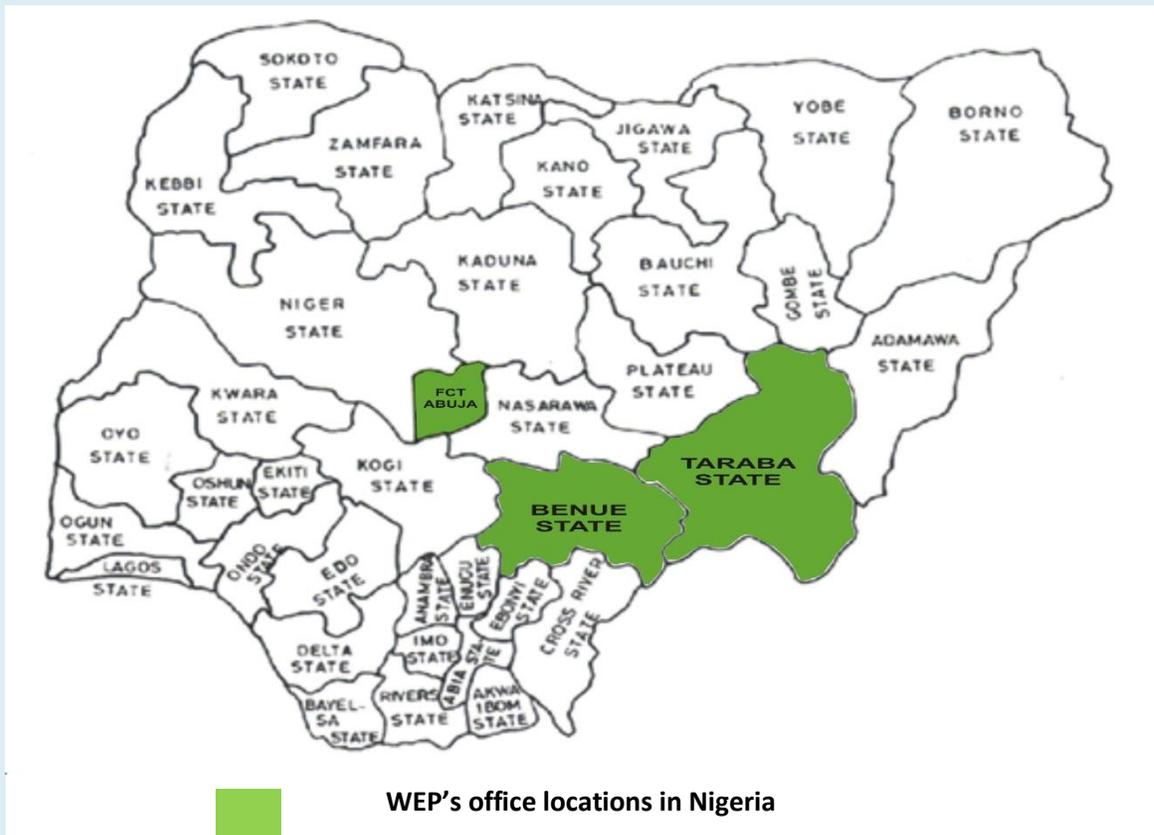
Advisory Board

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Mrs. Veronica Garba

Where We Are

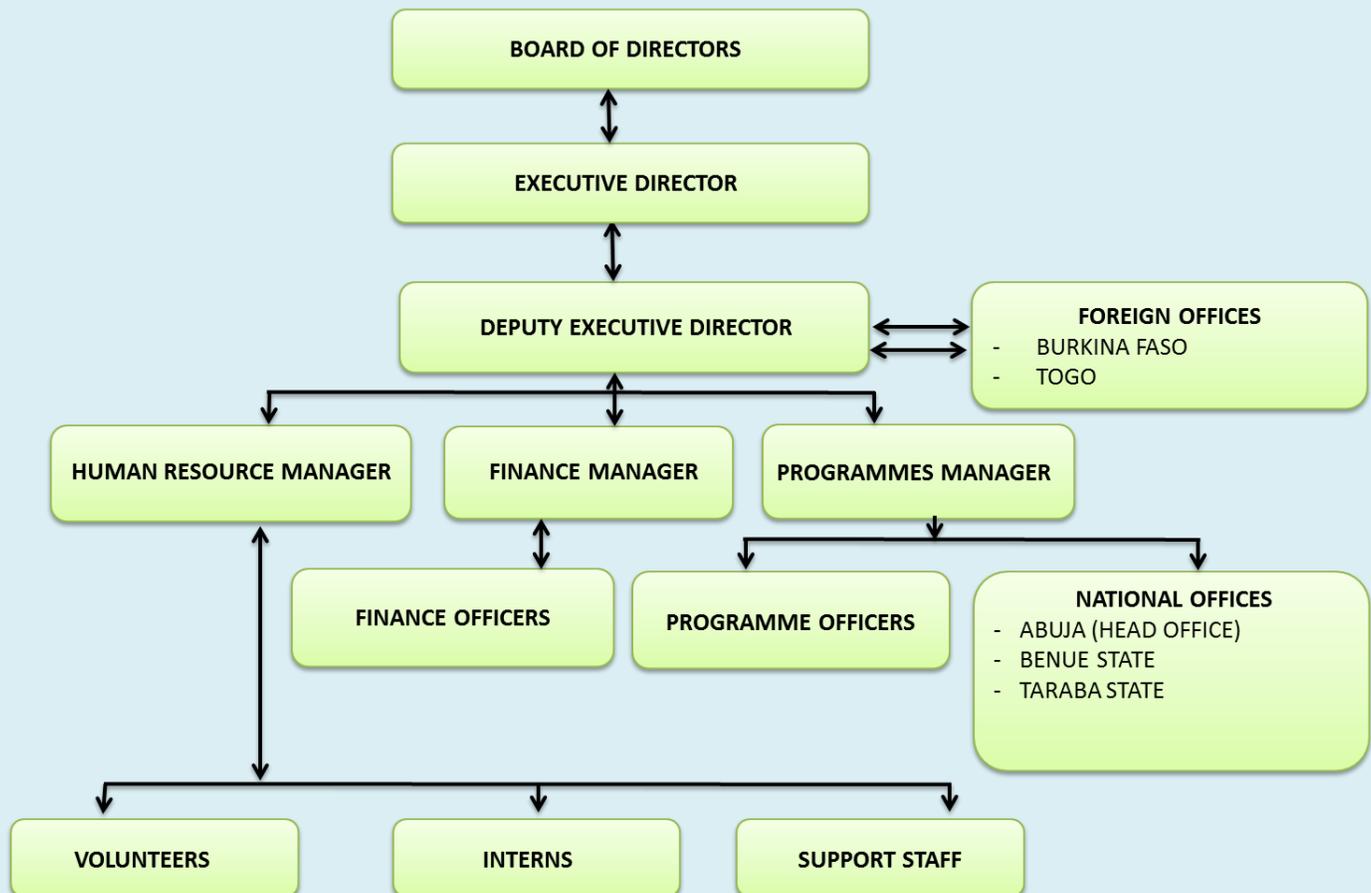


 WEP's office locations in West Africa



 WEP's office locations in Nigeria

Organizational Organogram



WEP's Team



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OUR WORK



ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

1. Consultative Forum on Gender Energy Roadmap

The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (FMWASD) in collaboration with Women Environmental Programme (WEP) on the 5th of February, 2016 held a consultative forum to draw up a gender energy roadmap for Nigeria. The aim of the forum was to develop a Nigeria country-specific gender energy roadmap and propose actions that would lead to a greater gender-sensitive Energy Sector.

The forum which was convened at Secretary to the Government of the Federation 's (SGF) hall,

Federal Secretariat, Central Area, Abuja, brought together diverse stakeholders , ranging from different government ministries, departments and agencies; rural women, financial institutions, research institutions, civil society and the private sector. Women Environmental Programme facilitated discussions and brainstorming sessions by participants at this forum, to bring up useful ideas that will make up the roadmap.

The forum critically examined issues around policies in the

energy sector, service providers and consumers of energy. These ideas from different stakeholders were very useful and they guided the development of gender energy roadmap. The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development expressed their commitment to use the policy as a guide to initiate or advocate for programmes and projects that strives to reduce gender inequality and promote effective engagement of both men and women in the energy sector.



2. WEP, WSSCC, Concern Universal Organize a Workshop on Institutional Triggerring

With the approval of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council's (WSSCC) Strategic Engagement Plan (SEP) 2015 for Nigeria, and focusing on

To this end WSSCC, in collaboration with Concern Universal and Women Environmental Programme (WEP) organised a one-day training

This workshop attracted participant from the two project states, with the Commissioner of Water Resources and Environment Benue State, Hon. Nick Wende as



Participants pose for a group photograph during the one-day institutional triggering workshop in Makurdi

scaling up existing successful sanitation approaches to complement other sanitation and hygiene programs in Nigeria, particularly in rural areas of the project States (Benue and Cross River) for addressing sanitation challenges with the use of advocacy as a key tool with particular reference to Monitoring and Evaluation of the project so far, there is a need to enhance and/or build the capacity of identified STGS in the target States.

workshop on Instructional Triggering which is an emotionally based advocacy approach and monitoring tool developed in Madagascar similar to community triggering but targeting institutional stakeholders. This one-day training which was organized for State Task Group on Sanitation (STGS) took place in Makurdi, Benue State, at Smile View Hotel, Nyiman Layout on 29th February, 2016.

the Guest of Honour. Participants were drawn from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) including the representative from the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the National Task Group on Sanitation and the WASH Ambassador. Also present were Traditional Rulers from the Global Sanitation Fund (GSF) LGAs and Executive Directors of Civil Society Organizations working on GSF.

3. 2016 World Earth Day Celebration

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) joined Good Health Living in the Environment Foundation, National Association of Women in Agriculture, Angels Support Foundation, and Benue State Ministry of Environment to mark the 2016 World Earth Day.

The World Earth Day is a day set aside to hold events worldwide to increase awareness and appreciate the earth's natural environment. It is globally coordinated by the Earth Day Network and is celebrated in more than 175 countries.

April 22nd is the UN's designated International Mother Earth Day. The day is marked to emphasize the necessity to maintain the natural resources in order to continue the life on earth.

The theme for the year's Earth Day was **Trees for the Earth.**

In Benue State, the above-mentioned organizations pooled their resources together to mark the day and increased awareness among members of the public, especially young people.

The day was marked with a public sensitization and awareness

creation rally at the stretch of road from Wurukum Round About, Makurdi, towards Gboko Road.

Fliers and banners were printed and distributed and trees planted on the road divider.

The event was flagged off by the Hon. Commissioner, State Ministry of Environment, Engr. Nick Wende and had in attendance representatives from State Ministry of Agriculture, National Environmental Standards Regulation and Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and non-governmental organizations in Benue State.

Each organization demonstrated tree planting by planting a tree on the road divider.

In their separate remarks, the Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Environment and Executive Director, Good Health Living in the Environment Foundation Mr. Victor Asobo emphasized that there was a need to make our cities greener by planting more trees.



Mr. Cliff Gai (Left), WEP's Programme Officer welcoming the Hon. Commissioner of Environment, Engr. Nick Wende (Right) to the awareness creation rally

4. Commemoration of World Environment Day 2016 in Nigeria



Mr. John Baaki, WEP's Programme Manager addressing students of Junior Secondary School, Durumi

Although the year's theme 'was go wild for life' the students were reminded of the need to care for the environment. They were also encouraged to make their surroundings safe and clean to enjoy a healthy life and a more prosperous future.

To practicalize all said, WEP's team led the students on general clean-up of the school premises using cutlasses and brooms that were donated to the school by WEP. After the school cleaning exercise, WEP donated economic trees' seedlings to the school which were planted around the school premises by the school Principal in conjunction with WEP's team.

The school was encouraged to make tree planting a common practice as trees improve air quality, ameliorate climate, conserve water, preserve soil, and support life.

World Environment Day (WED), which is being celebrated annually on 5th June is meant to raise global awareness and encourage actions for the protection of our environment.

Every year, a theme is chosen for the celebration of the day, which draws global attention to specific issues of the environment.

The theme for 2016 World Environment Day celebration was **"Zero tolerance for illegal trade in wildlife"** with a slogan **"Go Wild for Life."**

Women Environmental Programme implemented two major activities to mark 2016 World Environment Day:

On Tuesday, 7th June, 2016, WEP's John Baaki was on Armed Forces Radio, 107.7 FM on the programme – Protect Your Environment- to create awareness about environmental issues from 9am-10am.



At Armed Forces Radio, Abuja

On Wednesday, 8th June, 2016, WEP's team was at Junior Secondary School, Durumi Abuja.



Environmental cleaning and trees planting at JSS Durumi

5. Commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Day, 2016

On the 28th of May, the world marked the Menstrual Hygiene Day with the theme *“Menstruation Matters to Everyone Everywhere.”*

WEP in her usual fashion conducted a sensitization campaign at Durumi Junior Secondary School where both male and female students along with the school Principal and teachers were enlightened about menstrual hygiene. The male students were urged to support their female colleagues by protecting and encouraging them especially during menstruation.



During the day, WEP's team also had radio programs at 92.9 Capital F.M and 107.7 Armed Forces Radio Abuja to create more enlightenment about menstrual hygiene.



6. Sensitization on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Togo

May 2016 (TOGO PROPRES day) (36) young dealers and resellers of the Zanguera toll booth were sensitized on the safety of tolls and proper waste management, followed by collecting plastic bags all along the toll. This activity witnessed the presence of the traditional authorities of the neighboring village Attidjin and the Head of Toll Station.

On 22 September 2016 WEP-TOGO officially launched the maintenance of the sanitary toll of Zanguera, a western entrance to the city of Lomé. This ceremony was attended by the authorities, particularly the Prefect of the Prefecture of Ave, the representative of the Director of Youth and Youth Employment, the representative of the SAFER

DG. Health and awareness activities on civics and citizenship were carried out at the launch. The users of the toll booth (resellers and passengers are committed to good citizenship.) During the launch ceremony the 36. Resellers benefited from a lot of sanitation equipment to keep the site clean.



Official launch of the maintenance of the Salubrite of the toll of Zanguerasuivi

At WEP-TOGO we are worried about the quality of the water that the population drinks and in this context we organize in the villages

awareness-raising sessions on the dangers that one runs into by drinking unsafe water and some approaches of Solution, inter alia the disinfection of water by the

chlorinated solution BEP. This solution Drinking Water (BEP) is produced by WEP-TOGO because of this fact it had to participate in the fair made in Togo.



7. Promoting the Sustainable and Efficient Management of Land in 4 Village of Vo Prefecture

This project implemented by WEP-Togo was aimed to contribute to the reduction of the degradation of agricultural land in the Vogan area by improving on the one hand the living conditions

of women from 4 localities (Sékopé, Hangbakoé, Kpotossou-hedje , Legbanou) through the production and distribution of mushrooms in parallel with the use of natural fertilizers for the

cultivation of market gardening products (adémè, gboma, gombo, somboe green pepper etc), and on the other hand to improve the quality of the agricultural lands of farmers in Vo localities.



8. WEP at 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2)

Women Environmental Programme was at the second United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) that held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 23 – 27 May, 2016. The Assembly, convened by the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP, brought together diverse stakeholders ranging from UN member states, Major groups, Civil Society Organizations, scientists, development organizations and academia etc.

The Assembly, themed “delivering on the 2030 agenda” came up with a road map that if properly implemented, will contribute to realizing the environmental dimensions of the agenda 2030. The Assembly after intensive deliberations agreed on 25 Resolutions that bother on critical environmental issues: combating desertification, land degradation and sustainable management of

rangelands; pastoralism; sustainable and optimal management of natural capital; sound management of chemicals and wastes; marine plastic debris and microplastics; sustainable consumption and production; illegal trade in wildlife; ensuring effective implementation of Paris climate agreement etc.

At the first day of the UNEA 2, WEP co-organized a side event with Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), Global Waste Water Initiative, Turkish Water Institute, Stockholm Environment Institute, UN Habitat, and Rural Communities Development Agency, (RCDA) Georgia.

The side event themed: “Towards a Circular Economy Through Sustainable Management of Waste Water and Re-use” looked at issues of implementing target 6.3

in different parts of the world and highlighted the importance of adequate wastewater monitoring as part of the SDGs in collaboration with all sectors. The event also tackled the question of how to design resilient wastewater systems as part of the SDGs implementation from a social, economic and environmental perspective.

Speakers at the event which was declared open by Sweden’s Environment Ambassador, Jan Olsson and moderated by Sascha Gabizon, of WECF included: Jakob Granit of Stockholm Environment Institute; Rostom Gamisonia of RCDA and John Baaki of WEP, who made a presentation on “Civil Society’s Role to Implement SDG 6- Nigeria’s Case.”

After the side event, WEP participated in several other activities at the UNEA 2 - following discussions and deliberations on draft resolutions, attending other side events and symposia, and having strategic meetings with partners. WEP in company of other Nigerian Civil Society Organizations also had a meeting with Nigeria’s Minister of Environment, Mrs. Amina J. Mohammed, to present issues that Nigerian CSOs think are priority issues for Nigeria, for her to take them up during negotiations.



Mr. John Baaki, WEP’s Programme Manager (4th from left) making a presentation at the side event

9. WEP, UNDP and Federal Ministry of Environment Organize National Consultative Workshop on Gender and Climate Change

Women Environmental Programme in the year under review collaborated with the Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to organize a consultative workshop on Gender and Climate Change.

The meeting, organized in preparation for the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and implementation of Nigeria's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC), held against the backdrop of promoting greater understanding of stakeholders' expected roles and responsibilities for an effective gendered implementation of the Paris

Agreement given the unique vulnerabilities of women and children to the impact of climate change.

The workshop which was flagged up by the Minister of Environment, Amina J. Mohammed was held at Reiz Continental Hotel, Central Area, Abuja, from 13th – 14th July, 2016.



Priscilla Achakpa, WEP's Executive Director (Left) and Amina J. Mohammed, (3rd from left), Nigeria's Minister of Environment at the National Consultative Workshop on Gender and Climate Change

10. WSSCC Nigeria's Consultation Workshop on Strategy Development (2017-2020) and Membership Retreat

Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council Nigeria, which Priscilla Achakpa, WEP's Executive Director is the National Coordinator in the year under review convened a consultation workshop and membership retreat to develop her strategy for 2017 - 2020.

This forum brought together members of WSSCC from different states of the country to make their inputs into the new strategy that was to be developed and also shared experiences in their different water, sanitation and hygiene programmes and activities. The event which was

held at Ajuji Greenwich Hotel from 18th – 19th July, 2016 also brought together different other stakeholders in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector including Civil Society Organizations.

Dignitaries that participated in this consultation and strategy workshop were: the Nigeria's Minister of Water Resources, Engr. Suleiman Hussaini Adamu, the representative of the Minister of Environment, Mrs. Amina J. Mohammed, Chair, WSSCC; WASH Ambassador and WSSCC Global Steering Committee Member, Engr. Ebele Okeke, a

former Head of Service of Nigeria; Liz Wamera, WSSCC Geneva; and Priscilla Achakpa, WSSCC's National Coordinator-Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Water Resources stated that water, sanitation and hygiene were national priorities of Nigeria as according to him "272 million school days were lost each year due to diarrhea; 400 million school children have diminished learning abilities due to intestinal worm infections and that a girl could miss up to 10-20% of her school days" due to poor state of water and sanitation.



Participants pose for a group photograph during the WSSCC's Workshop on Strategy Development and Membership Retreat in Abuja, 2016

The outcome of this consultation and strategy meeting was the development of a new strategic plan for WSSCC Nigeria for the period 2017-2020 as well as networking and experience sharing by WSSCC members.

11. Women CSOs Networking to Realize the Sustainable Development Goals - Women2030 Project

In the year under review, WEP in partnership with 4 other global and regional women's organizations – Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Global Forest Coalition (GFC), and Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), signed a 5-year strategic agreement with the European Commission. This agreement was signed on 18th March, 2016 in Brussels.

This 5-year strategic agreement was for the project “Women CSOs

- building capacity of women's and gender-focused civil society organizations on planning, monitoring and implementation of the SDGs/post 2015 agenda and the climate agreement.

- creating awareness at all levels of gender-equitable best practices and progress of national post-2015 SDG plans

- ensuring more gender-responsive SDGs/post 2015 plans with participation of women and women's organizations.

regions. WEP is taking the lead for Africa in the following countries: Nigeria, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Togo, Senegal, Tunisia, Cameroon, Tchad and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The start-up meeting of the Women2030 project was convened at the Nairobi German School after the Second United Nations General Assembly from 27th to 29th May, 2016. The start-up meeting served as a medium to strategize for the implementation of the project



During the start-up meeting of the Women2030 project at Nairobi German School, Nairobi, Kenya

Networking to Realize the Sustainable Development Goals” also known as the Women2030 project. The objectives of the women2030 project are:

The Women2030 project is being implemented in 52 countries of the world across Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Asia, Africa, and Latin America

and clarify roles of each member of the coalition.

African Regional Training of Expert CSOs, Ahead of COP22

Women Environmental Programme (WEP), from 4th-5th November 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco, convened a 2-day training for expert women Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Africa.

The training was aimed at providing focused training to the expert women's CSOs who will later share the lessons learnt with other CSOs at the national levels to enhance their capacity to monitor the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The training was also used to strategize on how to engage in the Twenty Second meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that was holding in Marrakech.

This training was part of the activities of the Women2030 project -an EU funded coalition of 5 global and regional women and gender networks (Women in Europe for a Common Future, WECF; Women Environmental Programme, WEP; Global Forest Coalition, GFC; Gender and Water Alliance, GWA; and Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, APWLD) working towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals in 52 countries of the world.

The 2-day intensive training took participants through issues such

as: concept of gender and gender mainstreaming in policies, programmes and legislations; gender-responsive assessments; gender budgeting; Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs; policy analysis, monitoring and advocacy related to SDGs and climate agreements; financial management; and media training.

This training was co-organized by WEP and WECF.

After this training, WEP and her partner expert CSOs from Africa joined other members of the [Women and Gender Constituency](#) at Bab Ighli, Marrakech, Morocco, to engage in the twenty second session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22); the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 12); and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1).

WEP and her partners had a clear demand: that the strategies for implementing the [Paris Agreement](#), the new global climate agreement which was adopted in Paris, France in December, 2015 and the Kyoto Protocol recognize the needs and promote participation of women;

and that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) composition processes involve more women. [The Key Demands of Women at COP 22](#) were summed up and used for interventions at different sessions at COP22. Our partner CSOs from Africa – Mabel Monica Agba of [The Development Institute Ghana](#), Hawa Nibi of Foundation for Grassroots Initiatives in Africa Ghana, Nkiruka Stella Nnaemego of Fresh and Young Brains Development Initiative Nigeria, Titi Akosa of Center for 21st Century Issues Nigeria and others – had the opportunity to make interventions on behalf of the Women and Gender Constituency.

WEP also co-hosted and participated in several events at COP 22 ranging from Africa's Gender Related Implication of Paris Climate Agreement organized by African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change which WEP is a member, African Women's Day at COP 22, Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards, Gender Day at COP22, Africa Renewable Energy Initiative events to Exploring youth-led innovation & strategic advocacy as gateway to climate action, a side event that was organized by the Federal Ministry of Environment Nigeria. WEP

also participated in the Global Gender and Climate Alliance's (GGCA) [Innovation Forum](#) from 12-13 November at the Université Cadi Ayyad in Morocco, Marrakech, where John Baaki and Tracy Ogbonna of WEP shared experiences on the work of WEP in Nigeria around gender budgeting and breaking

patriarchal barriers for gender sensitive climate change initiatives.

The interventions of WEP and other members of Women and Gender Constituency at COP 22 cannot be said to be in vain as some positive results were recorded. The decision on the

continuation of [Lima Work Programme on Gender](#) was one of the successes recorded through women's consistent advocacy.

Here are the [decisions](#) adopted by COP22, CMP12 and CMA 1 <http://unfccc.int/2860.php#auv>



During the African Regional Training of Expert CSOs in Marrakech, Morocco

GOVERNANCE PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

1. Advocacy for a Bill on Affirmative Action for Women in Zamfara State

As part of her activities under the project “Democratic Dialogue for Strengthening Women’s Political Participation” in Zamfara State, supported by African Women Development Fund (AWDF), Women Environmental Programme (WEP) had advocated to the Zamfara State House of Assembly for a bill on Affirmative Action for Women in the state.

A bill, which was said to be first of its kind to be proposed by civil society to the Assembly was

Civil Society Organizations in Zamfara state.

The bill proposed amongst other things that: in political and public spheres, and in employment from private and public institutions, a minimum of 35% of all offices, positions or appointments should be reserved for women. Presenting the proposed bill to the Legislators during a meeting convened between some members of the State legislators and Civil Society at the Zamfara State Assembly

Officer of Women Environmental Programme who led the delegation made a humble request to the Legislators to strive to empower women through gender-responsive legislations to participate in the development of the state as they have a critical role to play.

Addressing the group, the Deputy Speaker of Zamfara State House of Assembly, Hon. Abubakar Mohammed Gumi expressed the commitment of the House towards empowering women in the state.

Hon. Gumi also gave the group his word that the house will ensure that a good percentage of offices and appointive positions will be reserved for women, as he affirmed that women are integral part of nation building and development can only be sustained if women are involved in development decisions.



WEP and coalition of women’s rights Civil Society Organizations in Zamfara State in group photograph with Legislators during WEP’s advocacy to Zamfara State

2. Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Local Governance Through Open Data

In the year 2016, WEP received funding from Open Knowledge International (OKI) through the Africa Open Data Collaboration Fund (AODCF) to implement an action titled: “Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Local Governance Through Open Data Collection” in three Area Councils of FCT.

The project which was implemented in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Gwagwalada and Kuje Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) of Nigeria had the overall objective to collect and make open information on state of basic infrastructure and services, budgets, expenditure and fiscal processes of the Area Councils to

respectively, thereby igniting appropriate responses. The specific objectives of the project were:

- i. To assess the availability and quality of public infrastructure in the communities
- ii. To ascertain communities’ participation in the budgeting process of Area Councils
- iii. To make accessible, information on fiscal policy and processes in the Area Councils

Preparatory to assess the status of basic infrastructure in these Area Councils, WEP in collaboration with the National Bureau of

workshop where data collectors who were to go into the field for the assessment were trained. The training held on 28th and 29th July 2016, at the Heinrich Boll Stiftung Hall of the Rukayat Plaza in Jabi, Abuja. The goal of the two-day training was to prepare the data collectors for the seven working days data collection exercise in the three Area Councils.

Data collectors were trained on the use of Kobo Collect, a mobile data collection application that collects and send data to an online database in real time.

After the training, the 20 data collectors went into the field to gather data on the state of basic amenities in these Area Councils and on communities’ participation in the budgeting process of the Area Councils.

Some data collectors explained how useful this training was to them. See videos of testimonies from one of the data collectors at the following link:



Data collectors pose for a group photograph during their training

policy makers and the public Statistics organized a two-day

<https://youtu.be/k85ubFt3Sns>

3. Ensuring Effective Implementation of Programmes, Policies and Legislations, that Contribute Towards Achieving Gender Equality in Nigeria by 2030

The Kingdom of Netherlands in the year under review made a financial contribution to Women Environmental Programme (WEP) for the implementation of the project: “Ensuring Effective Implementation of Programmes, Policies and Legislations, that Contribute Towards Achieving Gender Equality in Nigeria by 2030.”

The contribution agreement was signed between WEP and the Kingdom of Netherlands on 31st of October, 2016, at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Abuja, Nigeria. WEP was represented at the signing ceremony by her Executive Director, Priscilla Achakpa, while the Kingdom of Netherlands was represented by Angelique van der Made, the Second Secretary of the

Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, who represented the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development.

The 5-year project was to be implemented in Benue and Zamfara States from November 2016 to December, 2020. The project targets Legislators, Legislative Aids and States’ Executives; Civil Society Organizations; Traditional and Religious Leaders.

Objectives of this project include:

1. Advocate for policies and legislations that promote women participation at all levels of decision making, and remove all obstacles (social, political, cultural and economic) hindering women’s empowerment and participation in decision making and infringing on women’s rights.
2. Ensure effective implementation of programmes and projects through capacity building of CSOs, budget monitoring and information sharing.
3. Raise awareness amongst stakeholders on the fundamental rights of women



Angelique van der Made (left) hands over contribution agreement to Priscilla Achakpa, WEP’s Executive Director.

In commencing the project, WEP organized a pre-project advocacy and sensitization forum starting with Benue State which is one of the two states in focus.

The pre-project advocacy and sensitization forum which took place at the Benue State Planning Commission's Conference Hall, State Secretariat, Makurdi, Benue State on Thursday, 8th December, 2016 was organized in collaboration with the Benue State Ministry of Women Affairs. The forum brought together members of the State Executives,

Legislators, Civil Society Organizations, Women Groups, Traditional/Religious Leaders and the media within the state who were briefed on the planned activities and expected outcomes of this project as well as solicited for their contributions.

The Honourable Commissioner of Women Affairs, Barr. Mwuese Mnyim expressed her gladness to co-host the event as she said it was in line with the state's agenda. She emphasized that gender equality does not in any way mean making women equal

with men, but providing equal opportunities for both women and men to realize their full potentials.

In the same vein, the Executive Director of WEP, Priscilla Achakpa called on all stakeholders to support the project in any way possible to ensure its goal is achieved. One after another, participants pledged their support and commitment towards ensuring that the goal of this project is realized.



Priscilla Achakpa, WEP's Executive Director addressing participants during the pre-project advocacy and sensitization in Benue State

4. Open Data for Development Embedded Fellowship

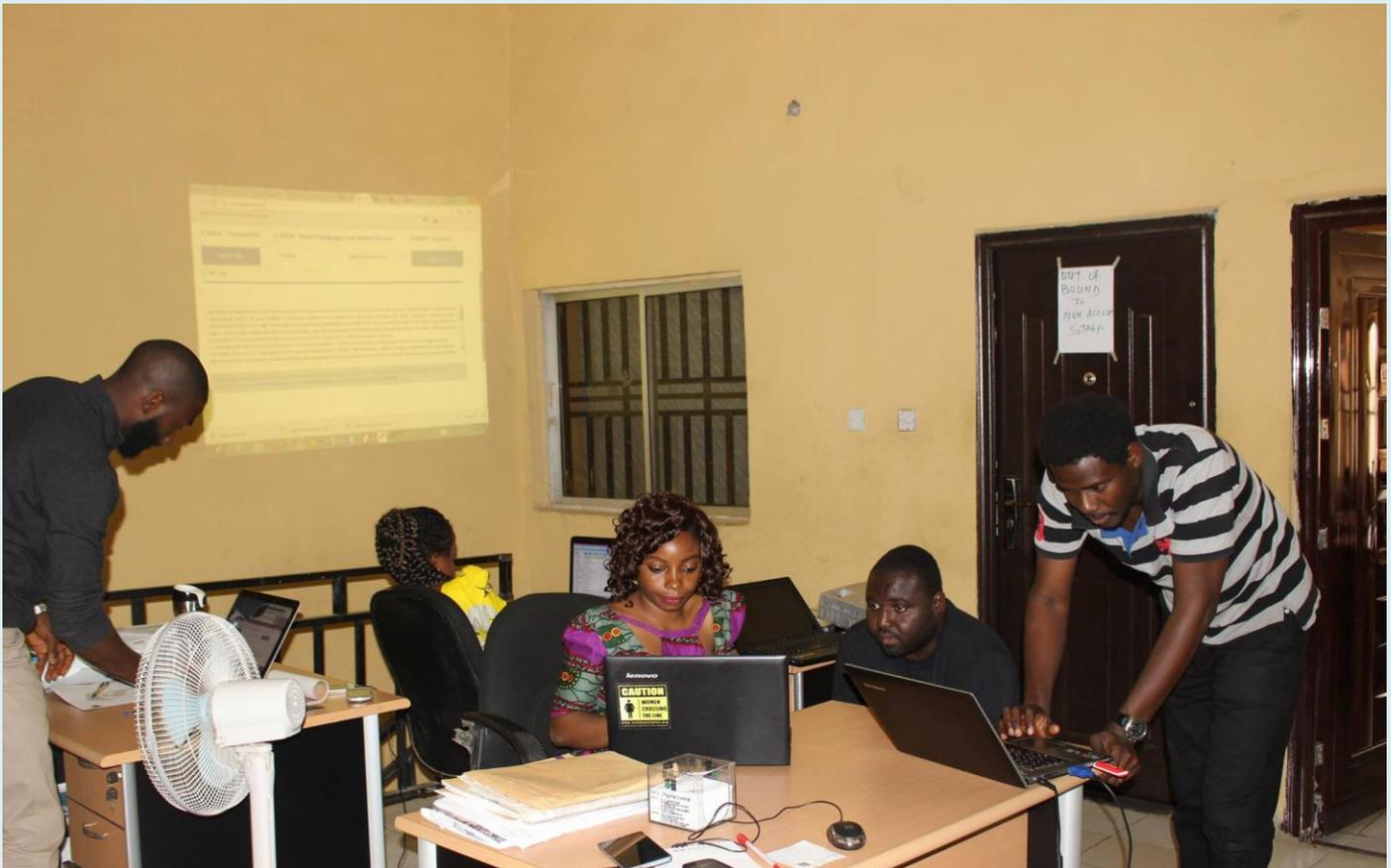
[Open Knowledge International](#) extended a fellowship opportunity to Women Environmental Programme – Open Data for Development Embedded Fellowship. The purpose of this fellowship was to provide technical support to WEP to build more on her open data capacity.

In this regard, Open Knowledge engaged a consultant- Oludotun Babayemi, Monitoring and Evaluation Expert at [Connected Development](#) (CODE), and co-founder of CODE's Follow the Money.

The Consultant was expected to: identify organizational open data capacity gaps; try to fill the identified data capacity gaps through training or any other methodology that may be appropriate to fill the identified gaps; support WEP in designing and integrating open data initiatives in new and existing projects and programmes; build capacity of the organization in developing and or accessing and using open data tools; provide the necessary guidance and direction to WEP in relation to open data and serve as a resource for WEP for open data within the period of the fellowship.

This fellowship ran for the period October to December 2016.

Through this fellowship, capacities of staff were built on different open data issues ranging from survey design, data collection tools, data scraping and extraction, data analysis and visualization.



One of the training sessions during the Open Data for Development Fellowship

5. AWDF's Feminist Leaders And Governance Coaching Project

Two staff of Women Environmental Programme (WEP) – Ms Evelyne Ugbe and Juliana Agema benefitted from the African Women Development Fund's (AWDF) Feminist Leaders and Governance Coaching Project, 2016.

The 9-month coaching project on leadership and governance was aimed at strengthening the leadership capacity and governance frameworks of women organizations in Africa for transformational change for women and girls.

As part of the coaching project, AWDF organized a Chief Executive Officers (CEO) forum which took place from 15 - 17 November 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

This 3-day event was for orientation, skills sharing, strategy development and networking for participating leaders, coaches and AWDF. The forum brought together 22 women from 8 African countries - Benin Republic, Zambia, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Kenya,

Nigeria and Ghana – each of which were assigned a coach.

This forum was followed up with: one-on-one coaching via phone calls, email, Skype conversations and occasional in-person meetings with the assigned coaches; governance strengthening activities for boards of participating organizations; writing of opinion pieces or articles by leaders about their work and development; and skill building training/workshop.



Participants from Benin Republic and Nigeria with their Mentor, Yene Asegidi (3rd from right)

6. Connecting Women and Youth in Violent Extremist Prone Areas Through Empowerment and Skills Acquisition

Recently, the violence in the middle belt region has taken a trend similar to extremist activities of Boko Haram Islamic sect. Bomb blasts and carefully planned massacres have become common place in middle belt states. It is believed that Boko Haram extremist group which before now limit their operations in the North East are strategically migrating to the middle belt region, disguising as victims of crisis in the North East and secretly wooing the youth into their extremist ideologies. It is feared that due to ignorance of many youth and their poor economic status in the middle belt region, they may be enticed to

To curtail the above, WEP in 2016 designed a project titled “Connecting Women and Youth in Violent Extremist Prone Areas Through Empowerment and Skills Acquisition in Benue State.” This action received funding support from Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF). The project was planned to be implemented under a consortium arrangement with WEP serving as the Principal Recipient while four (4) other organizations served as Sub-Recipients. The Sub-Recipients were: Angel Support Foundation (ASF), Center for Development and Social Justice (CDSJ), Gender and

specific objective and outcome, but all working together to achieve the goal of preventing violent extremism in Benue State in particular and Nigeria at large.

The initiatives are as follows:

Initiative 1 – Preventing recruitment and radicalization of in-school youth with the objective to contribute to preventing recruitment and radicalization of 16,000 **in-school youth** (primary, secondary and tertiary institutions) between 15 and 30 years of age in Ado, Agatu, Kwande and Logo Local Government Areas of Benue State through sensitization, guidance and counselling, monitoring and creative life-skills development.

Initiative 2 - Providing Livelihood Support to Out-of-School, Unemployed and Unskilled Youth - with the objective to provide livelihood support to 268 out-of-school, unemployed, and unskilled youth between 18 and 35 years of age in Ado, Agatu, Kwande and Logo Local Governments of Benue State by the end of the second year of this project.

Initiative 3 – Disarmament of armed youth – with the objective create conditions that will contribute to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration into the communities of 55 armed youth (militia) between 18 and 35 years of age in Ado, Agatu,



Participants at project inception workshop in Makurdi, Benue State

accepting violent ideologies from unsuspecting members of Boko Haram Sect and from politicians and other individuals who may use them to pursue their causes violently.

Environmental Risk Reduction Initiative (GERI) and Foundation for Justice, Development and Peace (FJDP).

This project comprises of 5 different initiatives each with

Kwande and Logo Local Government Areas of Benue State

Initiative 4 - Preventing Incessant Crisis Between Herdsmen and Indigenous Farmers – with the objective prevent incessant crisis between Fulani herdsmen and farmers in Agatu, Logo and Kwande Local Government Areas of Benue State and to expose other actors who may disguise as herdsmen or farmers to create confusion between the two groups.

Initiative 5 – Conflict management – with the objective to restore peace among the warring parties or communities in Ado, Agatu, Kwande and Logo

Local Governments, and to provide support to victims of herdsmen attacks and violent conflicts in Agatu, Ado, Kwande and Logo local governments.

The project commenced with the inception workshop that was held in Makurdi, Benue State Capital on 19th of October, 2016 at Hallydays Hotel, where different stakeholders from the target Local Governments were in attendance and were adequately briefed about the different initiatives of the project and their expected roles towards its success.

After the inception workshop, the consortium members undertook a baseline survey in the target Local

Governments to ascertain situation of issues that the consortium had planned to intervene in. Data collectors were recruited and trained from 21st – 22nd October 2016 at Smile View Hotels, David Mark Bye-pass, Makurdi, after which they were deployed to the communities to gather relevant information that will assist in the implementation of the project.



Training of data collectors

AWARDS RECEIVED

1. WEP's Executive Director Honoured as Eco Ambassador



Women Environmental Programme's Executive Director, Priscilla Achakpa has been honoured by Channels Television of Nigeria and Deutsche Welle (DW) of Germany as an Eco Ambassador for Eco@Africa, for her achievements in environmental activism. This

honour was conferred on her on Saturday, 16th April, 2016, during the launch of Eco@Africa, a new co-production from DW and Channels TV that showcases innovative environmental concepts from Africa and Europe, at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

2. WEP's Executive Director Receive Award at the High Level Symposium on SDG 6

The Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme (WEP), Priscilla Achakpa, received another award in addition to her catalogues of awards.

This award was presented to her during the High-Level Symposium on SDG 6 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, which held from 9th – 11th August, 2016. Over a thousand people including government officials, water

policy experts, businesses, and civil society representatives gathered to discuss how to implement SDG 6.

This award was in recognition of her laudable contributions at national, regional and global levels to ensuring that no one is left behind in access to water and sanitation.



3. WEP's Executive Director Receive Award from Tuface Reach Out Foundation



WEP's Executive Director receives another award from Tuface Reach Out Foundation. This peace award was presented to her on 3rd September, 2016 at Eko Hotels and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos in recognition of her efforts to entrenching peace in Nigeria



MEDIA REPORTS



NIGERIA'S CLIMATE AGENDA TO ADOPT GENDER-SENSITIVE APPROACH

Participants at the National Consultative Workshop on Gender and Climate Change that held last month in Abuja, who made the submission, called on stakeholders to work towards ensuring equal access to available climate information that reflect a gender perspective in all its components.

The forum was jointly organised by the Federal Ministry of Environment, Women Environment Programme (WEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Read full report at the following link: <http://www.environewsigeria.com/nigerias-climate-agenda-to-adopt-gender-sensitive-approach/>

OVER 28% OF RESIDENTS IN NIGERIA STILL PRACTICE OPEN DEFECATION, SAYS FG

Official records state that 28.7 of the population of people in Nigeria still practice open defecation. Only 34 per cent of people have access to improved sanitation facilities, 30 per cent have access to shared facilities, and 46.1 per cent to non-improved.

Minister of Water Resources, Engr. Suleiman Hussaini Adamu gave these statistics in his presentation 'National Priorities on Sanitation and Hygiene', at the Water Supply and Sanitation Consultative Council (WSSCC) Stakeholders' Consultation Workshop in Abuja, recently.

Also present at the workshop, were a representative of the Minister of Environment, Mrs. Amina J. Mohammed, Chair, WSSCC; Wash Ambassador and WSSCC Global Steering Committee Member, Engr. Ebele Okeke, a former Head of Service of Nigeria; Liz Wamera, WSSCC Geneva; WSSCC National Coordinator-Nigeria, Priscilla Achakpa; Members of WSSCC; and CSOs.

Read full story at the following link: <http://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2016/08/02/over-28-of-residents-in-nigeria-still-practice-open-defecation-says-fg/>



Executive Director, Lux Terra Centre, Rev. Fr. George Ehusani (left); Animal Scientist, Professor Placid Njoku; Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme, Priscilla Achakpa and Representative, Sustainable Development Goals, UN Office, Barrister Hillary Ogbonna at a public forum on 'Laudato Si,' Pope Francis' encyclical on preservation of the natural environment in Abuja ... yesterday. PHOTO: LADIDI LUCY

WEP COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, WOMEN, YOUTH EMPOWERMENT —ED

Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme (WEP), Achakpa Priscilla has reiterated the organisation's effort towards empowering women and youth for environmental developments.

Achakpa said this in an interview with Ecoscope, noting that WEP stands to achieve environmental sustainability, while empowering women and youth not only in the country, but across the world.

“With offices in countries like Togo, Burkina Faso and even in New York and partners across the globe, WEP is specifically focusing on building the capacity of women and youth across countries to understand the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and of course hold our leaders accountable to what they have signed, for instance the Paris Agreement, which at least 177 countries including Nigeria have already signed.

Read full story at the following link: <http://tribuneonlineng.com/wep-committed-environmental-development-women-youth-empowerment-ed/>

ACHIEVING SDGS THROUGH OPEN DATA

By Greg Odogwu

Last week in Abuja, Women Environmental Programme, a non-governmental, non-profit, non-religious and voluntary organisation established in 1997 by a group of grass-roots women in Nigeria, made history by training about 25 Nigerian youths on data collection for the purpose of monitoring developmental governance.

The training of data collectors was done under the project, “Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Local Government, Through Open Data Collection in Three Area Councils of FCT, Nigeria”. The project, which is being implemented by WEP in collaboration with the National Bureau Statistics, with support from Open Knowledge Foundation, under the African Open Data Collaboration Fund, aims at determining the status of basic amenities, creating awareness on fiscal activities of area councils and eliciting interest of the citizenry to participate effectively in the development of their communities.

Read full story at the following link: <http://punchng.com/achieving-sdgs-open-data/>

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS



WEP collaborates with agencies and community based organisations in the implementation of its activities and projects. Some of the activities implemented range from women political participation, promoting communities participation in slum development, environment protection, empowerment of youth and career development etc. These organisations include;

Donors

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Delegation of the European Commission to Nigeria

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Irish Aid International

Global Environment Facility (Small Grant Programme)

African Women Development Fund (AWDF)

Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

Global Greengrants Fund (GGF)

Federal Government of Nigeria

Federal Ministry of Environment

Federal Ministry of Water Resources

Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development

Nigerian Army Peace Keeping Centre (NAPKC)

National Networking Partners

Charles & Doosurgh Abaagu Foundation

Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI)

Shacks and Slum Dwellers Association of Nigeria

Innovative Initiative for Community Peace Building

Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN)

Climate Change Network of Nigeria (CCNN)

Nigerian CAN

Benue NGOs Network (BENGONET)

Transition Monitoring Group

UNWOMEN Civil Society Advisory Group

Grand Alliance Against Terrorism (GAAT)
Green Alliance, Nigeria
GEF CSOs Network

Regional Working Partners

African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change
West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Nigeria
Network of African Peace-builders (NAPS)

Global Networking Partners

Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) of the UNFCCC
Women's Major Group-UN
Gender and Disaster Network
Gender and Climate Change Network
Global Land Tool Network
International Land Coalition (ILC)
Habitat International Coalition
Women for Water Partnership
World Alliance for Citizens Participation (CIVICUS)
Shacks and Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT



In the year under review, WEP staff participated in the following meetings, capacity building workshops, and conferences amongst others:

- Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration, Course 8/16 at Nigerian Army Peace Keeping Center, Jaji, Kaduna State, from 9th – 23rd September, 2016.
- Second United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2), held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 23 – 27 May, 2016.
- Capacity Development on Countering Violent Extremism by Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
- High Level Political Forum (HLPF), New York, USA.
- Capacity development on survey design, data collection tools, data scraping and extraction, data analysis and visualization through Open Data For Development Embedded Fellowship
- Chief Executive Officers (CEO) forum held from 15 - 17 November 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Capacity development on Gender and Sustainable Development Goals held in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 4th – 5th November, 2016
- Twenty Second Conference of Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**PKF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)
ABUJA-NIGERIA**

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Abuja, Nigeria.

DIRECTORS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The Directors present to the members their report for the year ended December 31, 2016 together with the Financial Statements and report thereon.

Principal Activities

The main activities of the Programme are to protect the Economic and Social rights of Women, Youths and Children, Conflict Management and Environmental Issues, Research and Documentation.

Legal Form

The Programme is a non-profit making organization registered under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

	Dec.	Dec.
	2016	2015
Result for the Year	N	N
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	45,435,793	(665,772)

Fixed Assets

Information on the fixed assets owned by the Programme as at the end of this financial Period is given in note 2 to these financial statements.

Health, Safety and Welfare of Employees

The Programme places a high premium on the health, safety and welfare of its employees in their place of work.

DIRECTORS REPORT- [CONTINUES]

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Employees and Disabled Persons

No disabled persons were employed by the company during the year. However, it is the company's policy to consider disabled persons for employment bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicants concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort shall be made to ensure that their employment continues and appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should be identical with that of other employees.

Auditors

In accordance with section 357 (2) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990, Messrs PKF Professional Services, Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. A resolution will be proposed authorizing the directors to determine their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. H. H. H.', is written over a white rectangular background.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY



REPORT OF AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

We have audited the financial Statements of **Women Environmental Programme** for the year ended December 31, 2016 set out on pages 5 to 13, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

In accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990, the Programme trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility as Auditors to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgment made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Programme circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements, and assessed whether the Programme books of account had been properly kept.

In common with many businesses of similar size and organization, the association's system of control is dependent upon the close involvement of the Directors who are the shareholders. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was therefore not available, we have accepted assurances from the Directors that the entire Programme transactions have been reflected in the records made available for our audit.

Opinion

Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion, these financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Programme affairs at December 31, 2016 and of the deficit and cash flows for the year ended on that date, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.



PKF Professional Services
Chartered Accountants
Abuja, Nigeria

Date: 20th June, 2017



**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Taxation

The Programme is a non-profit making organization registered under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 and as such no provision is made for taxation in the Financial Statements.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is provided on straight-line basis using the following annual rates:

Motor Vehicles	25%
Electricity/Generator	25%
Computer, Office Furniture,	15%
Fittings and Equipment	15%

Foreign Currency

The foreign currency balances are translated using the exchange rate as at the end of the year.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

		Dec.'31	Dec.'31
		2016	2015
	Notes	N	N
Grants And Interest Received	1	126,733,242	36,287,915
Donations & Local contribution		-	970,000
Membership Dues		-	280,000
Exchange gain		-	4,040,292
		<u>126,733,242</u>	<u>41,578,207</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Direct project expenditure	7	43,311,172	30,976,772
Payee		511,115	131,250
Workshop, Seminar and Affiliation Expenses		4,733,300	3,399,100
General maintainance		-	132,500
Postages and Telecommunications		205,000	30,000
Bank Charges		136,455	227,288
Advocacy Visit		636,000	2,832,500
Audit Fees		-	120,000
Depreciation		5,017,519	3,767,619
Insurance		-	-
Newspapers/Periodicals		50,000	4,350
Electricity and Water		271,950	110,800
Computer Maintenance		66,000	102,500
Security Fees		-	
Medical Bills		10,000	-
Rent and Rates		-	148,300
Gift and Present		100,000	50,000
Legal and Professional Fees		-	50,000
Internet		351,000	161,000
Exchange loss		<u>25,897,938</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>81,297,449</u>	<u>42,243,979</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year		<u>45,435,793</u>	<u>(665,772)</u>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	Notes	Dec.' 31 2016 N	Dec.' 31 2015 N
Fixed Assets	2	<u>58,929,535</u>	<u>58,947,054</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Other Debtors	3	5,706,297	5,563,692
Bank Balances	4	<u>56,918,087</u>	<u>11,727,380</u>
		<u>62,624,384</u>	<u>17,291,072</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>120,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>62,504,384</u>	<u>17,051,072</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>121,433,919</u>	<u>75,998,126</u>

FINANCED BY:

Accumulated Fund	6	<u>121,433,919</u>	<u>75,998,126</u>
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]] **DIRECTORS**

The Statement of Accounting Policies on page 5 and Notes on page 10 - 13 form part of these Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW					
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016					
				Dec.31	Dec.31
				2016	2015
			Notes	N	N
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash From Operating Activities:					
Cash receipts from donor				126,733,242	41,578,207
Payments to suppliers and employees				<u>(76,542,535)</u>	<u>(38,726,866)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities				<u>50,190,707</u>	<u>2,851,341</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities					
Interest Received				-	-
Purchase of fixed assets				(5,000,000)	(12,740,860)
Net cash used in investing activities				<u>(5,000,000)</u>	<u>(12,740,860)</u>
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equiv				45,190,707	(9,889,519)
Cash & cash equivalent 1st January				<u>11,727,380</u>	<u>21,616,899</u>
Cash & cash equivalent 31 December				<u>56,918,087</u>	<u>11,727,380</u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2016**

	Restricted fund N	Unrestrict ed fund N	Total N
Balance at 1 January 2016	75,998,126	-	75,998,126
Deficit for the year	45,435,793	-	45,435,793
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>121,433,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,433,919</u>
Balance at 1 January 2015	76,663,794	-	76,663,794
Deficit for the year	(665,772)	-	(665,772)
Prior year adjustment	<u>104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104</u>
Balance at 31 December 2015	<u>75,998,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,998,126</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

2	FIXED ASSETS	Land & Building	Motor Vehicles	Generator	Office Furn. & Equipment	TOTAL
	Costs	N	N	N	N	N
	As at 01/01/2016	53,808,860	28,125,000	1,730,000	6,560,500	90,224,360
	Additions During the Year		<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
	As at 31/12/2016	<u>53,808,860</u>	<u>33,125,000</u>	<u>1,730,000</u>	<u>6,560,500</u>	<u>95,224,360</u>
	Depreciation					
	As at 01/01/2016	-	24,718,201	1,573,283	4,985,822	31,277,306
	Charge for the Year	-	<u>4,481,801</u>	<u>156,619</u>	<u>379,099</u>	<u>5,017,519</u>
	As at 31/12/2016	-	<u>29,200,002</u>	<u>1,729,902</u>	<u>5,364,921</u>	<u>36,294,825</u>
	Net Book Value					
	As at 31:12:2016	<u>53,808,860</u>	<u>3,924,998</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>1,195,579</u>	<u>58,929,535</u>
	As at 31:12:2015	<u>53,808,860</u>	<u>3,406,799</u>	<u>156,717</u>	<u>1,574,678</u>	<u>58,947,054</u>

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AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016				
			Dec.'31	Dec.'31
			2016	2015
			N	N
3	OTHER DEBTORS			
	Staff Loans		1,715,865	1,613,260
	WEP Projects International		3,640,432	3,640,432
	Others		350,000	310,000
			<u>5,706,297</u>	<u>5,563,692</u>
4	CASH AND BANK BALANCES			
	Eagle Bank		2,143	2,143
	Heritage Bank (Garki)		7,845	7,845
	Heritage Bank (General)		8,866,261	14,423
	UBA Dollar		17,969,838	7,456,236
	UBA - Current Account		6,057,083	2,138,039
	UBA Makurdi		1,152	1,152
	EcoBank - irish		27,604	27,604
	EcoBank Misereor		(37,038)	(37,038)
	Ecobank Co-operative		103,384	103,384
	Zenith Bank		7,833,496	143,804
	Zenith Bank Dollar		3,550,549	-
	UBA Euro 2		11,133,248	803,715
	UBA Euro 1		895,417	595,618
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	UBA Euro 2		11,133,248	803,715
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	Heritage Bank (BNRCC)		470,355	-
	Others- Petty Cash		36,750	470,455
			<u>56,918,087</u>	<u>11,727,380</u>
5	CURRENT LIABILITIES			
	Accrued Audit Fees		120,000	240,000
			<u>120,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>
6	ACCUMULATED FUND			
	Balance Brought Forward		75,998,126	76,663,794
	Surplus for the Year		45,435,793	(665,772)
	Prior year Adjustment (reversal on Guarantee fees)		-	104
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