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# Message from our Executive Director



*Anne-Marie Abaagu*

Executive Director - WEP

I bring warm greetings to all our partners, donors and friends of WEP.

Our year 2022 was a fulfilling year as we marked our organization's 25th Anniversary which was a major milestone for us and the activities carried out were not just impactful to our beneficiaries but also to WEP family as well.

One of the many highlights of 2022 was the several awards received, such as the Albert Ballin Award for Global Action conferred on our Founder and Global Lead, Dr Priscilla Achakpa, in Hamburg, Germany. Our Global Lead was also given an award of honor for "Excellent service to the Alumni" by the African Centre for Strategic Studies Alumni Nigeria chapter. She was also named among the Top 100 Environmental Professionals in Nigeria by

Environment Africa Magazine and 247 Communications. Dr Achakpa was also named among the 100 most influential civil society leaders in Nigeria. These awards are milestones of how far our Global Lead has projected the organization's mission and goals.

In the year under review, we continued to mentor and build the capacity of youths with development skills. We successfully built the capacity of 25 youths in the development sector. We also held several webinars through our development series webinars which focused on topical development issues in governance, environment, gender, climate change, peace and security. As part of the development series webinars, WEP organized sensitization sessions ahead of COP27 to discuss expectations of African women from COP27, raised awareness on climate change impacts and mobilized individuals and groups to advocate for inclusive climate change actions. To mobilize and set the agenda for COP27, our Global Lead made a presentation at the National Climate Change Conference in Nigeria titled "Diverse communities, connected impact" which focused on Nigeria's position to COP27. WEP delegation also attended the Climate Change conference COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt which provided a learning platform for partners and staff through the side events and the meetings at UNFCCC. And as a follow-up of the COP27, we had a webinar that reflected on the gains and losses at COP27.

During the course of the year, we participated virtually in African Europe week, the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and the CSW66 which gave an opportunity for us to engage with different stakeholders from Africa, Europe and other continents. We also participated physically at the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

SBI 56 in Bonn which our objective was to follow-up and make inputs into issues of loss and damage, gender and climate change, and climate finance.

We continued to advocate for actions that will prevent recruitment of youth into violent extremist groups through the Strengthening Advocacy Against Violent Extremism (SAVE) project in Katsina State, North-West Nigeria. The SAVE project aims at addressing unemployment among the youth in Katsina through providing skills, media training, peace building and other mentorship/ building capacity opportunities. We continue to show appreciation to Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) for their continued support on our violent extremism prevention activities.

To ensure that tropical forests and forest landscapes are sustainably and inclusively governed to mitigate climate change, fulfill human rights and safeguard local livelihoods, we trained local women groups on forest conservation, did a research on land grabbing and its effect on forest resources and livelihoods, and also formed a movement called Strengthening Gender Advocacy Movement for the Environment (GAME) to strengthen and unify the capabilities and voices of gender and women groups. Furthermore, we carried out a social context assessment for National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) Nigeria: National gender, equity, and inclusion analysis of the plastic value chain and impacts of plastic pollution.

We advocated and sensitized the North-central region of the country on the National Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change in Kogi state. We were also invited again to be an official nominator for the Earthshot Prize 2022. We also had the privilege of empowering community members especially schools on effective WASH practices and hygiene practices. We implemented a project on strengthening advocacy for policies and actions that prevent illegal oil refining and its effect on women in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

To amplify our campaign for climate actions and community resilience, we embarked on Sustainable Action for a Green Planet project which aimed to build the resilience of vulnerable populations in Africa, Middle East, Caribbean, Latin America and Asia to climate change. We also carried out an assessment of local civil society organizations in Nigeria on climate finance to ascertain the level of capacity that local civil society organizations have so as to create programs and projects that will build their capacities towards accessing climate finances.

The highlights above reflect the summary of the work we did in 2022. I urge you to read through this report for more information about our work and achievements that we recorded.

We are sincerely grateful to our funders for their constant support which enables us to reach out to our beneficiaries. We want to say a big thank you to our board members for providing the needed leadership. We are equally grateful to our staff for ensuring effective implementation of our programs and projects. We are poised to do more next year with your kind support.

Accept our warmest appreciation from all of us at WEP.



# ABOUT

## WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

## WHO WE ARE

**W**omen 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. WEP envisions a world where the lives of women and youth are positively transformed.

Although WEP emerged in response to the environmental pollution by industries in Kaduna State, over the years she has expanded her interventions to conflict transformation, climate change and governance issues.

WEP has United Nations Economic and Social Council (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 participates as a major group organization in contributing to the intergovernmental decision-making process in the UN-System. WEP was an Organizing Partner (OP) of Women's Major Groups and served as the National Coordinator for Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) in Nigeria between 2014 - 2019. WEP is also the Focal Point for Global Environment Facility (GEF) CSOs in West and Central Africa.

Since 1997 WEP has impacted over 20,000,000 lives positively across the globe through her interventions in Environment, Governance, Climate Change, Women and Youth Empowerment, Peace and Conflict Transformation.

### VISION

A world where the lives of women and youth around the globe are positively transformed.

### MISSION

Ensuring the rights of women and youth through sustainable environmental, socio-political and economic development.

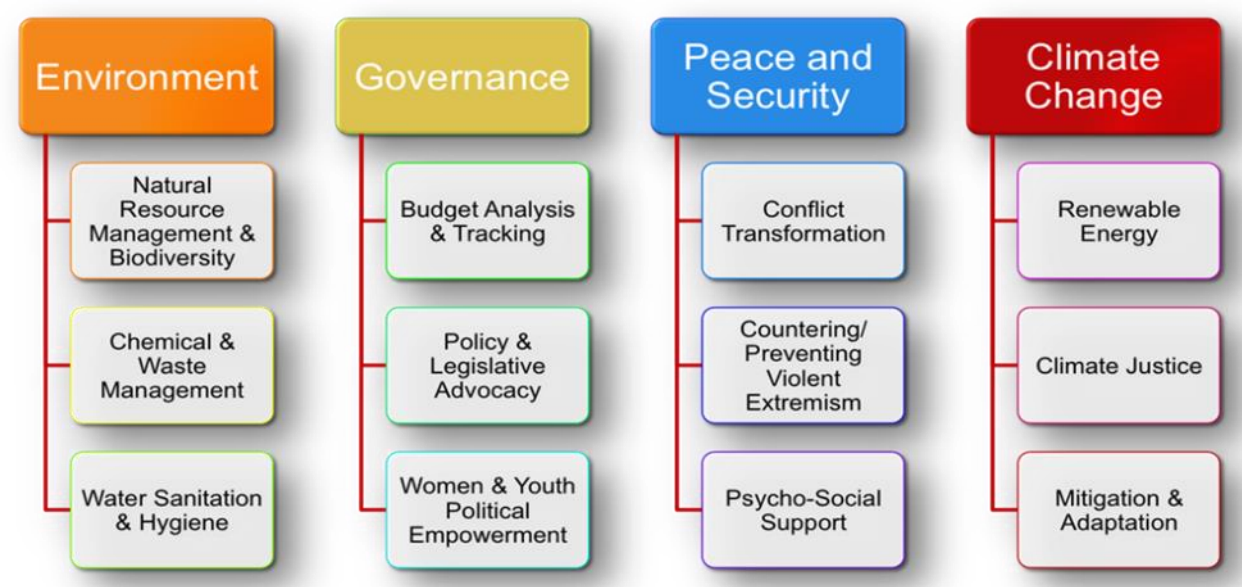
## Strategic Objectives

- Sensitize and raise awareness of the general public on the impacts of climate change particularly on gender, its mitigation and adaptation;
- Stimulate the management of natural resources within the framework of national and international policies/convention for sustainable development of the environment;
- Build capacity of the relevant stakeholders on the management of the environment, conflict transformation, renewable energy, water and sanitation, violent extremism and organic pollutants;
- Educate women and youths on their civic rights and responsibilities, and on democratic governance;

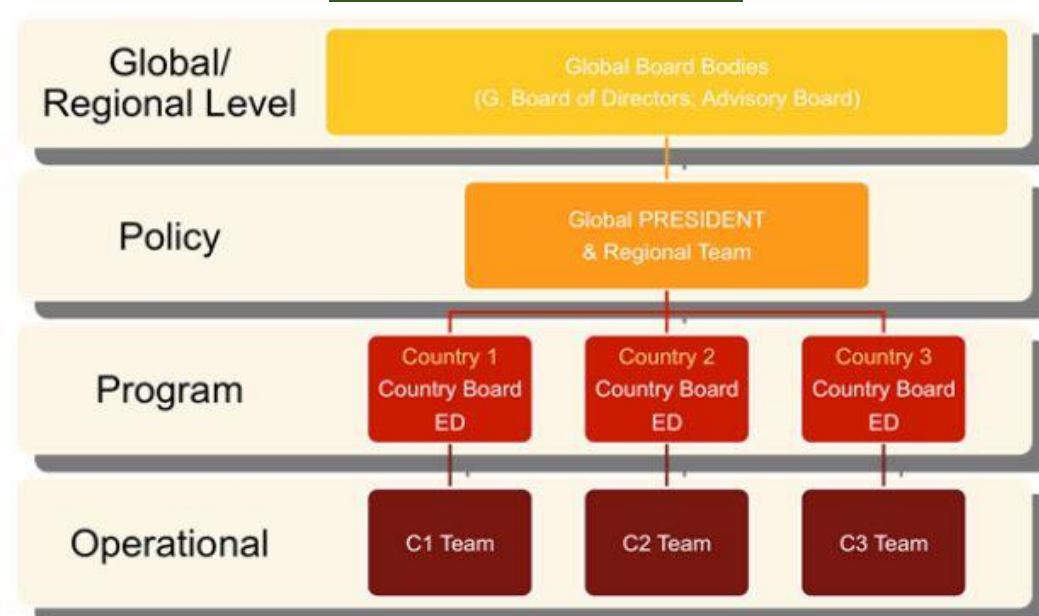




## STRATEGIC INTERVENTION PILLARS



## ORGANOGRAM



## WEP 25TH ANNIVERSARY

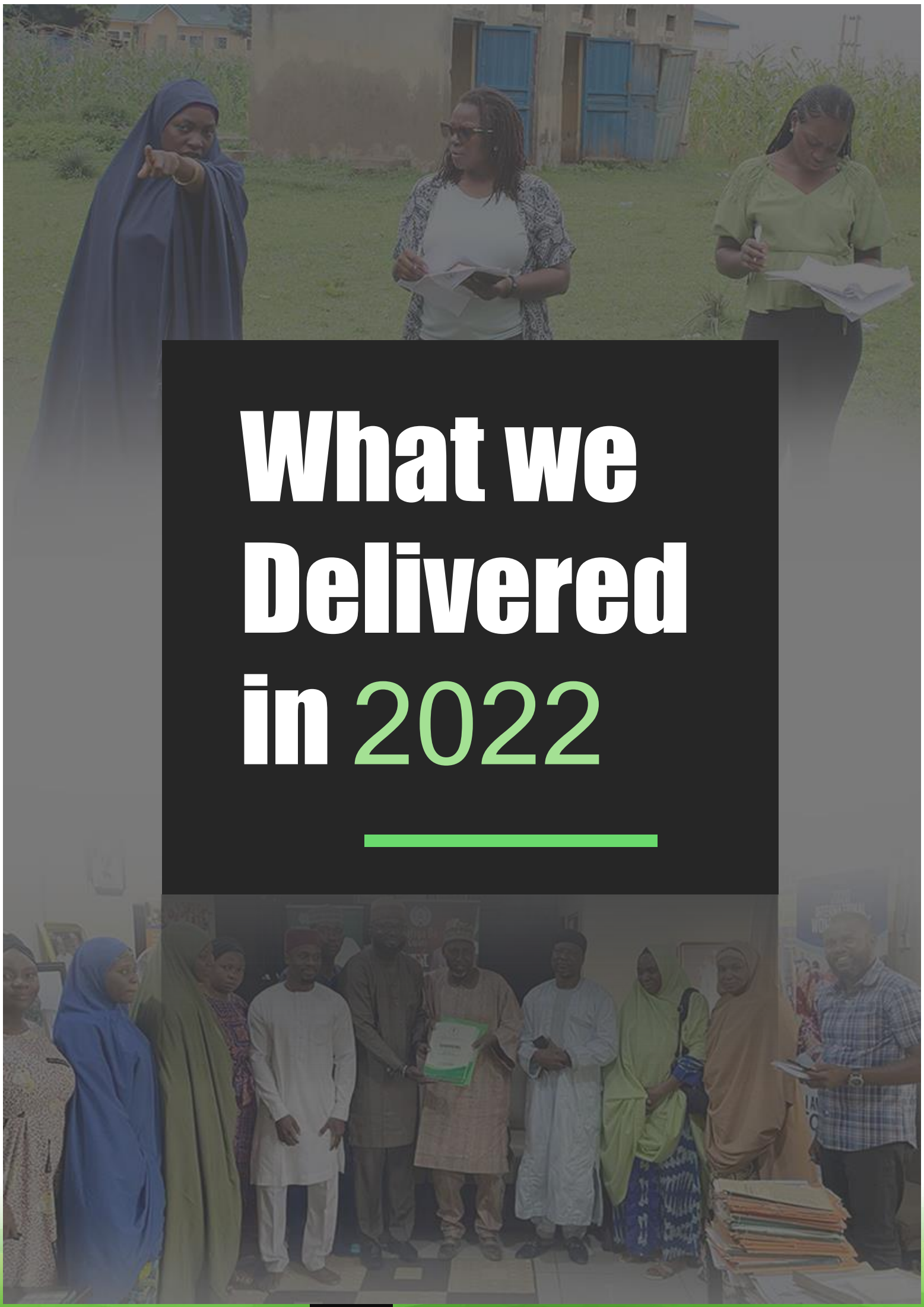
WEP commemorated her 25 years of existence as an organization on the 15th July 2022, at K-Class Hotel, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja. The occasion of the 25th Anniversary was a time to reflect on the organization's achievements and appreciate all who supported the organization in its 25 years of existence.



WEP also used the occasion of the 25th anniversary to celebrate the Albert Balin Award for Global Action conferred on the Founder and Global President of WEP, Dr. Priscilla Achapka in Hamburg, Germany, in May 2022.



# Thanks to our 2022 Donors and Partners



What we  
Delivered  
in 2022



# Environment

## THE 'FORESTS FOR A JUST FUTURE' PROGRAMME OF THE GREEN LIVELIHOODS ALLIANCE (GLA) 2021 - 2025

The 'Forests for a Just Future' programme aims to ensure that tropical forests and forest landscapes are sustainably and inclusively governed to mitigate and adapt to climate change, fulfill human rights and safeguard local livelihoods. The 'Forests for a Just Future' programme of the Green Livelihoods Alliance aims to ensure that tropical forests and forest landscapes are sustainably and inclusively governed to mitigate and

adapt to climate change, fulfill human rights and safeguard local livelihoods.

In the year under review, WEP collaborated with the following civil society organizations to implement this project in different locations in Nigeria: Chachavivi Women and Girl Child Development Foundation (CCWGDF), Environmental Conflict Mediation and Women Development Initiative (ECOMAWDI), Noble Delta Women for Peace and Development (NDWPD), Neighborhood Environment Watch Foundation and Kebetkache Women Development and Resource Center.



*A One day capacity building of Women's Groups Local communities and on forest conservations in Kogi State, Nigeria*

Highlights of the project activities and achievements in the year 2022 were as follows:

WEP, in collaboration with Chachavivi Women and Girl Child Development Foundation (CCWGDF) on 19th May 2022, organized a training for local communities and women's groups on forest conservation in Kogi State. Participants were trained on sustainable forest management techniques to prevent forest degradation. As agriculture is one of the drivers of deforestation in the State, participants were taught agricultural practices that do not cause forest degradation such as agroforestry, production and use of organic fertilizers and pesticide, natural pests and weed control among other sustainable practices. This training benefitted 30 people (19 women and 11 men) as they were equipped with forest conservation skills.

On 22nd November 2022, WEP in partnership with Environmental Conflict Mediation and Women Development Initiative (ECOMAWDI) organized a one-day training workshop on development and implementation of Gender Action Plans for CSOs and women's organizations in Oyo State, South-West Nigeria. The training equipped 23 persons from 10 organizations including women's organizations with

the knowledge and skills to mainstream gender in their programmes and processes through their action plans.

WEP and some of her GLA2 partners in South-South Nigeria carried out a research in Rivers and Delta States of Nigeria on how land grabbing is affecting livelihoods of women and accelerating desertification. The study revealed that land grabbing is having a pervasive impact on women livelihood and forest resource base in the states. The government was identified as the chief enabler of land grabbing with instrumentality of the Land Use Act of 1978.

Strengthening Gender Advocacy Movement for the Environment (GAME) to unify the capabilities and voices of gender and women's groups and to advocate for women and gender rights to water, safe food and to a clean, healthy and safe environment.

WEP and partners in the year under review carried out media outreach using different media platforms including radio, national dailies, online newspapers, social media and virtual. The media outreach was aimed at creating awareness about the GLA2 project as well as on climate change and the importance of forest in addressing the climate change crisis and promoting sustainable livelihoods.



WEP contributed to the research and report prepared by Banktrack titled: “Locked Out of A Just Transition: Fossil Fuel Financing in Africa” a report that aimed to advocate against funding of fossil fuel projects in developing countries. ds

In the year 2022, local women’s groups and communities were trained on forest conservation, research on land grabbing and its effect on forest resources and livelihoods was conducted, Strengthening Gender

Advocacy Movement for the Environment (GAME) was also formed *to strengthen and unify the capabilities and voices of gender and women’s groups and to advocate for women and gender rights to water, safe food and to a clean, healthy and safe environment.*

Media outreach for awareness-raising on climate change and forest preservation were also conducted.



Cross-section image of the inception meeting for the social context assessment for NPAP Nigeria

Assessment in order to develop tailored action roadmaps and other knowledge products to transition towards a sustainable and inclusive circular plastics economy. The “Social Context Assessment for National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) Nigeria: National gender, equity, and inclusion analysis of the plastic value chain and impacts of

## THE SOCIAL CONTEXT ASSESSMENT FOR NPAP NIGERIA: NATIONAL GENDER, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ANALYSIS OF THE PLASTIC VALUE CHAIN AND IMPACTS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION

In the year under review, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) was engaged by the Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP), to conduct a Social Context Assessment for the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) on gender, equity and inclusion of the plastic value chain and impacts of plastic pollution in Nigeria.

GPAP supports each NPAP in conducting a National Context

plastic pollution was launched in October 2022. The goal was to provide clear evidence that can feed into policies, planning and actions of the NPAP and its work to ensure outcomes are gender-responsive and inclusive.

The findings from the Social Context Assessment were validated at a validation workshop which was held on the 20th January 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria.



Group photo of participants at the validation workshop for the social context assessment for NPAP Nigeria

## STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVELS IN NIGERIA

In year 2021, WEP received financial support from the Nationale Postcode Loterij through Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF). The financial support which was from the Nationale Postcode Loterij’s

programme of building Ecofeminist Movement supported capacity building and awareness creation on the National Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change in Nigeria.

In the year under review, WEP embarked on advocacy visit to Kogi state, North-Central Nigeria, to assess what the state had done in respect to gender and climate



change after being previously sensitized on the National Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change. While in Kogi State, WEP paid courtesy visits to relevant stakeholders including Kogi State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Kogi State Ministry of

Environment, Kogi State Ministry of Water Resources and Civil Society Organizations. These courtesy visits aimed to inspire stakeholders to implement gender-responsive climate change actions in the State.



*Images from visits to stakeholder in Kogi State*



## EARTHSHOT PRIZE 2022

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) was invited for a second time to be an Official Nominator for The Earthshot Prize 2022. The Earthshot Prize is the most prestigious global environment prize in history which aims to find new solutions to the world's biggest environmental problems. As an Official Nominator, WEP was invited to submit nominations across five Earthshot categories; The restoration and protection of nature, Air cleanliness, Ocean revival, Waste-free living, Climate action

THE  
EARTHSHOT  
PRIZE  
2022

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022

World Environment Day, established by the United Nations is celebrated on June 5th every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of the environment.

In the year under review, the World Environment Day was celebrated under the theme "only one earth". A call for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect & restore our planet.

To mark the World Environment Day, WEP carried out a sensitization

activity titled "Organic farming as a panacea for agric based environmental pollution"

The activity was led by volunteers of WEP and took place at Mt. St. Gabriel's Secondary School in Makurdi, Benue state. The teachers in the secondary school were sensitized on organic farming as a way of controlling use of chemicals in the soil. There was also practical demonstration on how to produced organic fertilizers are pesticides using seeds and leave of Neem tree.



*Participants at the sensitization activity*



*Demonstration of production of organic fertilizer and pesticide*



*Group photo of some participants and facilitators holding placards carrying messages on the theme "only one earth"*





## WORLD WATER DAY 2022

22nd of March every year is commemorated as World Water Day. The day is used to highlight the importance of fresh water and advocate for sustainable management of freshwater resources.

To commemorate the 2022 World Water Day, Women Environmental Programme (WEP) with support from and partnership with Climate & Sustainable Development Network Nigeria (CSDEVNET) conducted a training for local farmers in Kabusa village, Abuja, FCT on production and use of organic fertilizers and

pesticides. This event took place on 29th March 2022 at Chief Palace, Kabusa, Abuja.

The event aimed to prevent pollution of ground water from chemical fertilizers and pesticides. This was in line with the theme of the 2022 World Water Day: Ground water - making the invisible visible, which had the objective for sustainable management of groundwater.

The event brought together over 30 community members of Kabusa village comprising males and females.



*Demonstration of production of organic fertilizers and pesticides during the world water day 2022 activity in Kabusa*

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR EFFECTIVE WASH PRACTICES

With funding from Women for Water partnership, WEP carried out an intervention project in the WASH sector.

The project titled Empowering communities for effective WASH practices was implemented in Gwagwalada Area Council of FCT-Abuja from June to November 2022.

The project targeted community members in Gwagwalada Area Council and activities were directly targeted at community stakeholders including leadership of religious groups, traditional leaders, motor park authorities, market leaders, and schools. The following project activities were carried out: Advocacy visits to religious leadership, school administration, motor park and market administrators, A one day sensitization workshop on WASH and Water Treatment and purification and Wash in School programme which included training of female students and teachers of selected schools on effective WASH practices and establishment of a WASH clubs in schools.



*Image from the training of women leader in Gwalalada on effective WASH practices*



*A female student practicing handwashing using the tipytap donated to her school*



*Group photo from the training of female teachers and students on WASH*



## STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY FOR POLICIES AND ACTIONS THAT PREVENT ILLEGAL OIL MINING AND ITS EFFECT ON WOMEN, IN THE NIGER DELTA

In June 2022, WEP received funding from Urgent Action Fund Africa to implement actions that address the negative impacts of artisanal oil refining in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

The project was conceived in response to the explosion of an illegal oil refining facility that happened in April 2022 in Ohaji-Egbema, a community in Imo state.

As part of the project activities, a rapid assessment was carried out in Ohaji-Egbema to ascertain the cause of the oil explosion and the impacts it had on women and children in the area.

This was followed by mobilizing women's groups and other civil society organizations to advocate towards preventing the recurrence of this sad incidence. This group held an advocacy meeting with policy makers in Imo and Rivers state to present recommendations on how to address illegal refining activities in the Niger



Images from the townhall meeting with women and civil society organizations

Delta region. These recommendations are contained in the policy brief produced as part of the advocacy materials -

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# Governance

## AFRICAN REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ARFSD-8)

The Eighth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-8) was convened

by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) ahead of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2022. The 2022 Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-8) held from 3rd-5th March 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda under the theme: *Building forward better: A green, inclusive and resilient Africa poised to achieve the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063*. The Forum assessed progress and exchanged knowledge, good practices and policy solutions to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, in line with regional priorities and specificities.

WEP collaborated with African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC), Aid for Rural Education Access Initiative (AR

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF  
Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable  
Development (ARFSD-8) - 2022

**WEBINAR** | **02 Mar 2022**  
9:00am-10:30am  
(Kigali Time)

**How Education and Sustainable  
Agriculture Empower Women and Youth  
and contribute to Agenda 2030**

**Speakers**

 <b>Anne-Marie Abaagu</b> Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme (WEP)	 <b>Maria Bakaroudis</b> Comprehensive Sexuality Education Specialist (UNFPA)
 <b>Olumide Idowu</b> Executive Director, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC)	 <b>Prince Gideon Olanrewaju</b> Chief Executive Officer, Aid for Rural Education Access Initiative (AREAI)

**Moderator**  **John Baaki**  
Deputy Executive Director, Women  
Environmental Programme (WEP)

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EAI) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and hosted a virtual side event titled: “How education and sustainable agriculture empower women and youth and contribute to Agenda 2030” at the Eight session of Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, which held on the 2nd of March 2022.

The objective of the event was to share experiences on what the partners were doing to advance the achievement of the SDGs and African

Agenda 2063. Specifically, the event shared experiences on organic and sustainable agriculture; Climate Change and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE); women and youth empowerment, and education.

Each speaker at the event focused on one or two of the objectives of the side event which were in line with the SDGs under review (Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17).

regions of the world were invited to contribute to the session with a Priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes; and reviewing “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session.

WEP and Women Engage for a

Common Future (WECF) hosted a virtual parallel event at CSW66 on the 16th of March 2022 with the topic “Gender and climate Justice from local action to national policies.” Through this event, WEP showcased her works that led to the development of the National Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change in Nigeria as well as other climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.



## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW66)

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The CSW is instrumental in promoting women’s rights, documenting the reality of women’s lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of

women.

The sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66) took place from 14th to 25th March 2022. Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSW66 took place in a hybrid format. All side events and parallel events were fully virtual.

Representatives of member states, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all



Screenshot of participants at the virtual parallel event at CSW66





## AFRICA EUROPE WEEK 2022

The African Union and the European Union co-organised the first edition of the Africa-Europe Week between 14-18 February 2022, in the run-up to the 6th AU-EU summit. The event gathered various stakeholder events and activities to raise awareness and boost visibility around the 6th EU-AU Summit and Africa-EU Partnership.

The Week revolved around three workstreams: the first two streams were policy-focused and saw civil society, local authorities and youth organizations discuss a wide range of themes such as digital transformation, equitable green partnerships, health and education. The third workstream had culture at its core. The event brought together young people, civil society and the private sector from Africa and Europe to discuss the aspects of the Africa-EU Partnership that matter to them the most.

WEP alongside Search for Common Ground and Oxfam International participated in the Africa-Europe week 2022 by co-hosting a virtual session titled “Inclusive

Perspectives on governance, peace and security in Sub-Saharan Africa.”

This session focused on sub-saharan Africa's prevailing security challenges, the possible causes and inclusive solutions and also highlighted priority funding areas and partnership opportunities.



*Screenshot of participants at the virtual parallel event at Africa-Europe week 2022*

## WEP DEVELOPMENT SERIES

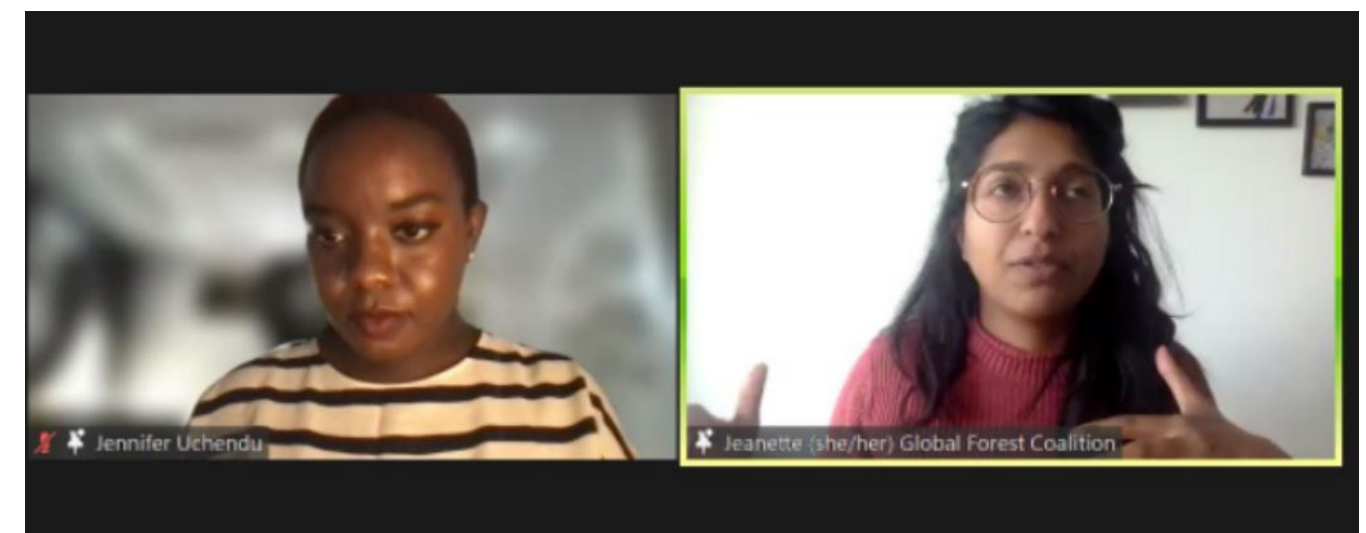
WEP's Development Series are webinars that discuss topical development issues in governance, environment, gender, climate change, peace and security.

While webinars enlighten the public on important development issues, they also proffer recommendations on addressing identified development challenges.

In the year 2022, seven (7) Development Series webinars were held with the first edition in the month of March and final edition in December.

5 of the webinars focused on the 27th session of the Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that was held in Egypt in November 2022. All the series leading up to COP27 were themed: “Road to COP27.” The sessions discussed topical agenda items of COP27, highlighted the

expectations of African women from COP27, raised awareness on climate change impacts and mobilized individuals and groups to advocate for inclusive climate change actions. The final edition of the series was held in December and examined the outcome of COP27 and the implications for vulnerable regions and population.



*From L to R, Jennifer Uchendu, a guest speaker and Jeanette Sequeira, moderator of the March Edition of the WEP development series themed “Promoting women’s leadership in environmental management”*



*From L to R, Dr Priscilla Achakpa speaking and Ms Zoneziwoh, ED of Women for a change, moderator of the July Edition of WEP development series themed “Understanding Climate Change Negotiation”*



## WEP VOLUNTEER AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The The volunteer and mentorship programme was established by WEP in 2018 to assist communities address development challenges through volunteer service. The programme has continued to equip youth with community development skills and provide guidance for those who choose their career in the development sector.

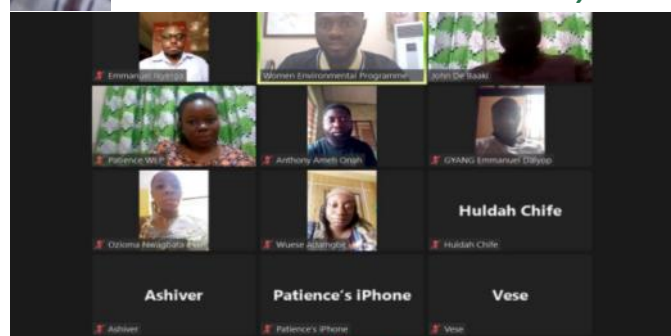
In the year 2022, the mentorship programme successfully graduated 25 participants. Training sessions were held monthly from January to December physically at the WEP

office in Abuja and also virtually via zoom. At the end of the programme participants were issued certificates of achievement.

Many of the participants came out of this one-year programme more informed and inspired and they appreciated WEP for providing them such a platform to acquire knowledge and skills. Read the testimonies of some of the beneficiaries of this programme via this link:



*Mentees at the January Mentorship Session at WEP Abuja office*



*Screenshot of online participants during a mentorship session*

# Peace and Security

## STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISMS (SAVE)

Women Environmental programme (WEP) is being funded by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) to carry out interventions that prevents the radicalization of youth to violent extremism.

The intervention which has been ongoing for the past six years (2016-2021) started in the North-central region of Nigeria, Where WEP was the principal recipient and implemented the project in Benue State.

With the successes recorded in the North-central region and increase in banditry as well as other insecurity activities in the North-west region, GCERF saw the need to expand the intervention to the North-west region. WEP again was selected to

implement the project in Katsina State.

The project Strengthening Advocacy against Violent Extremism (SAVE) in Katsina state is being implemented under a consortium approach in partnership with Murna Foundation and is aimed at building community resilience against violent extremism:

In the year under review, the following activities were implemented:

Training of security personnel on preventing violent extremism (PVE) where participants were equipped with knowledge requisite for aiding investigation, reporting crime and having maximum respect for human rights, training of media organizations on preventing violent extremism, multi-stakeholder dialogue on peace and PVE, Mentorship programme for the youth and training on business management, and quarterly Advocacy meetings of project partners.





Group photo at the launch of the SAVE project in Katsina State



Image of an interfaith dialogue session



Image of a females mentorship session



Group photo at the peace day 2022 celebration in Funtua local government of Katsina state

## COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP) ON PVE IN NIGERIA

Women Environmental Programme (WEP) hosted a two-day Community of Practice (CoP) meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) from 1st to 2nd September 2022 at Katsina Tourist Lounge, Katsina, as part of the ongoing Strengthening Advocacy Against Violent Extremism (SAVE) project in Katsina State. With the theme; *Engaging multistakeholder partnership for PVE in Nigeria: Lessons and opportunities*, the forum explored GCERF (Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund) grantees' engagements with different stakeholders and the opportunities it has created to expand, entrench and

sustain the PVE interventions beyond project timeframe and budget and also the approaches on improving reach to more partners and stakeholders to leverage on and adopt the Policy Framework and National Action Plan for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

The CoP had in attendance GCERF Grantees and sub-grantees in Nigeria including, ActionAid Nigeria, North East Youth Initiative for Development (NEYIF), Murna Foundation, Alyateem Charity Initiative, Global Peace Development, Representative of the GCERF and Government agencies including NOA, ONSA, NSCDC, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Budget and Planning.



Group photo of participants at the community of practice on the PVE in Nigeria



# Climate Change

## 56TH SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO UNFCCC (SBI56)

WEP participated at the 56th session of the Subsidiary Bodies (Also known as the Bonn Climate Change Conference) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that took place in Bonn, Germany from 6 -16 June 2022.

The goal was to ensure that the outcome of the Bonn Climate Change Conference which would form part of the discussions at COP27 in Egypt was pro-poor, just and inclusive.

WEP collaborated with the Women and Gender Constituency to make inputs into discussions bordering on loss and damage, gender and

climate change, and climate finance among others.

Apart from several other meetings which staff of WEP participated in to follow discussions on issues that were of interest to WEP, WEP also organized specific events and meetings at this conference. One of these events was a side event titled: High stakes, great urgency - collecting evidence for gender-just and impactful climate policies. This side event was organized in collaboration with Women Engage for a Common Future and CGIAR. The aim of the side event was to present works done by women's and gender organizations that were considered to be gender-just that could be adopted by different stakeholders in addressing the climate change crisis.



*WEP team at a meeting session at the SBI56*



*WEP Global Lead Dr Priscilla Achakpa (2nd from LtoR) at a press conference to articulated the demands from the negotiations at Bonn Climate Change Conference and at COP27*



*Panelists at a side event hosted by WEP, WECF and CGIAR to showcase gender-just and impactful climate policies*



*The Spotting G in GST action*





*Dr Priscilla Achakpa speaking at the National Climate Change Conference 2022 in Abuja, Nigeria*

## NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE 2022

The National climate change conference was held in Abuja, Nigeria on 29th and 30th of September 2022. Organized by the Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPPA), the conference converged frontline community activists, local and international civil society groups, development experts and government representatives. The focus was to draw on the expertise of participants to appraise Nigeria's position for COP27, Nigeria's Climate Change Act 2021 and build a consensus on the need for

adequate climate financing for the implementation of adaptation and mitigation plans in Nigeria and Africa.

The panel session included topics such as Highlights of Nigeria's Climate Response Policy Environment; Nigeria 2021 NDCs, the Facts and the Fallouts; Pushing Back Fossil Fuels and False Solutions: Pathway to a Just Transition for Africa; Ukraine, Russia War and Renewed Scramble for Oil in Africa; and Unmasking Carbon Politics and Carbon Economy, among others. WEP was represented by Global Lead Dr. Priscilla Achakpa who delivered a presentation titled: "Diverse Communities, Connected Impact"



## SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

WEP received funding from Christian Aid to implement the project "Sustainable Action for a Green Planet" (SAGP) also known as "Sustainable Actions for Climate Resilience". The goal of SAGP was to build resilience of vulnerable populations in Africa, Middle East, Caribbean, Latin America and Asia to climate change. The project had three main components: COP27 advocacy, regional and national climate actions and community resilience. In the year under review, the following activities were carried out: Advocacy at SB56; Strategy meeting with partners aimed at

developing strategies for the COP27 advocacy and on national climate change actions in Nigeria; Media engagement and press conference where the African Women & Girls COP27 Demands and the demands of WEP and Christian for the COP27 were launched; and COP27 advocacy in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt. As part of the advocacy strategy, the project produced a documentary titled: "The Storm Rages On: Impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities in Nigeria" which was used to advocate for pro-poor and gender-sensitive outcome at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Access this documentary via this link: <https://youtu.be/nvi1Qx1bcOk>



*Press conference to launch the demands of WEP and CA for COP27*



*Cross section of partners attending a strategy meeting to develop strategies for the COP27*





## WEP AT COP27

From 6-18 November 2022, Women Environmental Programme's (WEP's) team was in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt for the 27th session of the Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

With a team comprising members representing different African countries: Nigeria, Togo, Niger, and Tunisia, we had different expectations from COP27 for our countries, but most importantly, we all had collective expectations from COP27 for Africa.

Top of the expectations from the COP was the establishment of a funding facility for losses and damages associated with the impacts of climate change on vulnerable regions. WEP joined allies Women and Gender Constituency and the African

Feminist Task Force to advocate for these expectations through side events, protests, press conferences, and informal meetings with negotiators.

At the end of the two-week long conference, decisions were reached on some of the issues being advocated for including the establishment of a funding facility for loss and damage. Our expectation on the Gender and Climate Change negotiation item was not met as expected. We expected from the negotiation finance made available for National Gender Focal Points for the implementation of Gender Action Plans and enhanced capacity building and involvement of more women in global, regional and national climate change processes.

Our participation at COP27 was supported by Christian Aid, WECF International, and Climate Action Africa project funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by Alinea International, Econoler, and WSP.



WEP led action on loss and Damage at COP27



Airing of video documentary on Impact of climate change on vulnerable populations in Nigeria , at COP27



Cross section of WEP hosted Side event at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt



Staff of WEP Nigeria Ms Julie displaying her placard during a demonstration on Loss and damage at COP27



Group photo at the training of partner on the UNFCCC process at Sharm-el Sheikh, Egypt



WEP team and others demonstration while showing their demands at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt.





## 'Highs and Lows' of COP27 African Feminist Taskforce Regional Reflections

Region: West Africa (English)

Date and Time: 19th December 1600 - 1730 WAT

Registration Link: [bit.ly/3UXpUUA](https://bit.ly/3UXpUUA)

 African Feminist Taskforce



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## HIGHS AND LOWS OF COP27: AFRICAN FEMINIST TASK FORCE REGIONAL REFLECTIONS

After COP27, WEP organized a debriefing event to reflect on the gains and losses at COP27 especially as they related to the African Women and Girls Demands for COP27. Together with other members of the African Feminist Task Force, WEP led the reflections on what was achieved and what was not. This reflection happened via zoom on the 19th of December 2022

# 2022 IN NUMBER

33

*individuals and organisations trained on mainstreaming gender in programmes through action plans*

7

*Development series webinars discussing topical development issues*

25

*Mentees successfully graduated from the WEP volunteer and mentorship programme*

106

*People trained on effective WASH Practices.*



# 2022 IN NUMBER

200

*Mentees graduated from the Strengthening Advocacy against Violent Extremism (SAVE) mentorship programme*

over  
40

*Community members and teachers trained on organic farming*

10

*WASH clubs set up in 10 schools*

200

*Trees planted*

# Stories of Impact



"I am grateful to WEP for providing a platform for me and other mentees to acquire knowledge and skills in development work. Through the mentorship and volunteer programme I became aware of the qualities one has to have in order to become a development worker and this increased my enthusiasm for development work. I now understand that advocacy is a powerful tool to effect positive change and I have used it during the mentorship programme to encourage farmers to adopt environmentally friendly agricultural practices. This is the message I and some volunteers delivered on the occasion of World Environment Day 2022. It is our belief

and hope that the message would be taken seriously since we have only one earth and must protect it for ourselves and future generations. Skills like proposal writing, project conception, design and development were acquired and issues surrounding climate change as it affects women, youth and other vulnerable groups were tackled and this makes me more determined than ever to do all I can to cause a positive change in my community. WEP mentorship and volunteering programme is a very good initiative and I urge everyone to be part of the programme."

**Emmanuel Ikyerga** (Mentee - WEP Volunteer and Mentorship Programme 2022 )



"I myself have learnt so many things (from the WASH in school intervention) and taking the impact back to school will be way to enlighten the students and open their eyes to so many things that they have been ignorant of"

**Participant of WASH in school intervention.**  
*Empowering communities for effective wash practices*



"The mentorship programme (of the SAVE project in Katsina) has helped me a lot. I now know how to control myself when I am angry"

**Participant of the Mentorship Programme**  
*Strengthening Advocacy against Violent Extremism (SAVE) - Katsina State*





# WEP IN THE NEWS

**WEP@25: The time is Women O'clock**

<https://punchng.com/wep25-the-time-is-women-oclock/>

**WEP Global Lead Dr Priscilla Achakpa named among Top 100 Environmental Professionals in Nigeria.**

<https://environmentafricamag.com/2022/10/25/special-nigerias-top-100-environmental-professionals/>

**WEP begins a \$1m intervention on preventing violent extremism in Katsina**

<https://dailytrust.com/wep-begins-a-1m-intervention-on-preventing-violent-extremism-in-katsina/>

**Stakeholders Launch List Of Demands Ahead COP27 Forum**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cprz-gUTNrU>

**Climate change advocates lists demands ahead of UN COP27**

<https://www.tvcnews.tv/2022/10/climate-change-advocates-list-demands-ahead-un-cop-27/>

**Group calls for urgent action to tackle climate change impacts**

<https://www.environewsnigeria.com/group-calls-for-urgent-action-to-tackle-climate-change-impacts/>

**African Women 27 demands for COP27**

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**Will COP27 serve another cup of illogical gender-blind climate justice?**

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**At COP27, protesters within U.N. venue demand climate finance**

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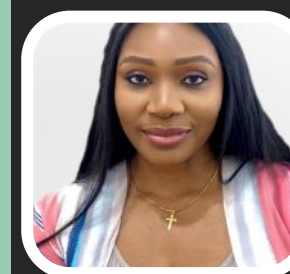
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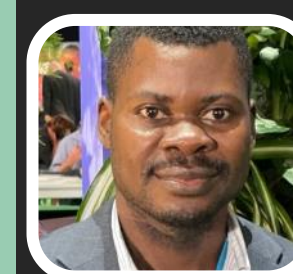
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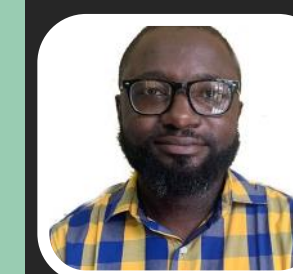
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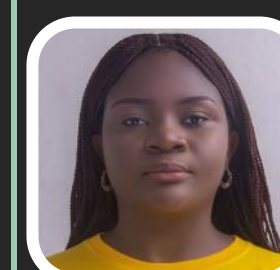
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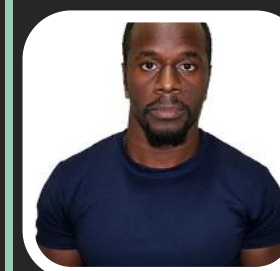
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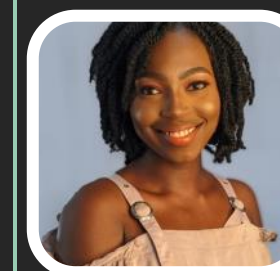
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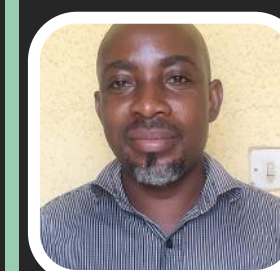
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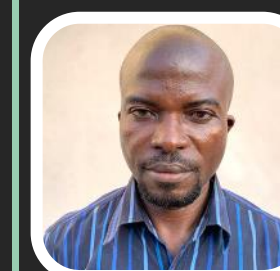
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