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# KAIPTC INAUGURATES GOODWILL AMBASSADORS TO DEEPEN ITS INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana, officially inaugurated a group of eminent global personalities as Goodwill Ambassadors for Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). The Ambassadors, among others, will promote the international visibility and long term institutional and financial sustainability of the Centre, by engaging in public advocacy, networking, and leveraging funds. They will initiate and promote strategic partnerships on behalf of the Centre, and also share their valuable knowledge and experiences on Peace and Security, to support the achievements of KAIPTC's vision. ..........cont. on page 2.



European Police Service Training collaborates with KAIPTC to deepen operational capacity of African Police Officers

A two-week Pilot Trainer of Trainers' course on Mentoring and Advising was held at the Centre in October, 2017.

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KAIPTC'S Women, Peace And Security Institute Engages Key Stakeholders On The Ghana National Action Plan (Ghanap I) And Unscr 1325

The Women, Peace and Security Institute (WPSI) of KAIPTC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection organized a [ see p.9 ]



16<sup>TH</sup> Session Of West Africa Peacebuilding Institute Held

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KAIPTC has hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the West Africa Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI). This institute was set up to provide specialized and intensive training.



KAIPTC increases pool of experts and practitioners in African Peace and Security

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Ninety students graduated in December 2017, after successfully completing one-year post-graduate programmes in Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (MCPS),



KAIPTC disseminates knowledge on Peace Operations in Africa

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The Centre continued its quarterly updates on African Peace Support

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#### These personalities are:

- Her Excellency Ellen Margrethe Loj, Former Special Representative of the
- of the Secretary General United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- His Eminence Cardinal Peter Kodwo Turkson, First Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican City
- Dr. Mary Chinery-Hesse, Former Member of the African Panel of the Wise and Former Chief Advisor to the President of the Republic of Ghana
- HE Dr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West-Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)
- Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana and Investment Banker
- Her Excellency Dr. Hadja Saran Daraba Kaba, Secretary General, Manu River Union Secretariat

The President performed the inauguration as the Special Guest of Honour at KAIPTC's sixth joint graduation ceremony held on Wednesday, 20th December, for graduates of the Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (MCPS), Master of Arts in Gender, Peace and Security (MGPS), and Executive Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (EMCPS). Dr. Mary Chinery-Hesse was appointed the Chairperson of the Goodwill Ambassadors.

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF WEST AFRICA PEACEBUILDING INSTITUTE HELD



KAIPTC has hosted the 16th session of the West Africa WANEP is a non-profit making peacebuilding Non-Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP).

Peacebuilding Institute (WAPI). This institute was set Governmental Organization established in 2002 and up to provide specialized and intensive training to incorporated under the corporate laws of the Republic peacebuilding practitioners, civil society, government of Ghana in 2003. Their focus is to prevent, resolve and the general public. A total of 53 participants and transform violent conflicts through collective and drawn from 13 countries participated in the three-week coordinated efforts of Non-Governmental institutions, training programme, jointly organized with the West organisations and individuals actively engaged in peacebuilding practice in Ghana.

Addae-Mensah reiterated the need to provoke discussions and inspire the development of new strategies towards the effective implementation of peacebuilding programs and interventions. She encouraged participants to nurture the professional networks they had created and continually engage and share ideas on deepening peacebuilding processes. In addition, she emphasized that WANEP and KAIPTC will continue to develop programs and activities to support the Africa Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and ensure that their partnership contributes massively to the peace and security landscape on the continent.

Reflecting on the benefits of the training programme, Madam Kamara Soro, a participant from Senegal Colonel Anita Asmah, Course Director, KAIPTC.

The Programme Director of WANEP, Mrs Levinia and the spokesperson for the participants, assured the gathering, on behalf of her counterparts, that they would implement the ideas, strategies and skills from the training at their various work places to ensure peace and development. She also commended the facilitators of WANEP for providing them with the necessary materials to facilitate learning, and also expressed gratitude to KAIPTC for a conducive learning environment. The Deputy Commandant of KAIPTC, on his part, challenged participants to transform theory into practice by putting their acquired knowledge to use.

> The official closing ceremony had in attendance Brig Gen Dr. Emmanuel Kotia, Deputy Commandant of KAIPTC, Mrs. Levinia Addae-Mensah, Programme Director of WANEP, Colonel Robert Affram, Director of Training, KAIPTC and

#### KAIPTC INCREASES POOL OF EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS IN AFRICAN PEACE AND SECURITY



Ninety students graduated in December 2017, after They have also been prepared to pursue and abide by completing programmes in Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and in Multi-Dimensional Peace Operations, International/ Security (MCPS), Master of Arts in Gender, Peace and Regional Organizations, Peace Councils, Civil Security (MGPS), and Executive Master of Arts in Conflict, Society Organizations as well as Non-Governmental Peace and Security (EMCPS) at KAIPTC.

The one-year programme has equipped these Speaking as the Special Guest of Honour at the professionals with specialized knowledge and skills to joint graduation ceremony, the President of the provide professional leadership and play meaningful Republic of Ghana, and Commander-in-Chief of the roles in Conflict Prevention, Resolution and Management, Ghana Armed Forces, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Peace Brokering and Security Management in Africa. Addo, commended the Centre for its great work in

one-year post-graduate high professional standards in various capacities, be it Organizations.

developing and increasing the stock of peace and security practitioners and experts critically needed to address the myriad of conflicts and threats facing the continent. He commended the graduates for successfully completing their programmes and urged them to leverage the wealth of knowledge, insights and skills gained during their period of study to positively impact the continent. He was full of praise for KAIPTC, noting its key achievements like the training of over 17,000 Military, Police and Civilian personnel who are contributing at the continental and global levels to improving human rights and working to ensure peace and stability.

He further commended the Centre for working with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM) and the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO), Ghana, to complete the first phase of the West-African Disaster Preparedness Initiative (WADPI), which led to the strengthening of the capacities of 14 West African governments to help prevent and manage future pandemics such as the Ebola Virus disease.

He also acknowledged the significant work of KAIPTC's Women, Peace and Security (WPSI), which trained and deployed a total of 44 participants, predominantly women, as election observers for the December 7 2016 presidential and parliamentary elections held in Ghana, and further empowering 22 South Sudanese women with conflict mediation and resolution skills. He pledged government's support to KAIPTC to complete its Training and Academic block to guarantee additional training opportunities for interested participants, and to meet the demand and increasing subscriptions to its academic programmes.

Mr. Bill Rimmel, Vice Chancellor/Chief Executive of the University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom, who was the special Guest speaker, congratulated KAIPTC "for its efforts to increase the understanding of peace and security issues in Africa through its research and policy engagements, and for contributing to knowledge creation that informs best practice in conflict prevention, management and resolution in Africa". He paid special credit to Dr. Kwesi Aning for initiating the collaboration between KAIPTC and the University of Bedfordshire, and likewise, paid tribute to Brigadier General Kotia, the Deputy Commandant and visiting Professor of Peacekeeping at the University of Bedfordshire for his insightful lectures to students of the institution.

Giving the valedictory speech on behalf of her mates, Dr. Zanetor Rawlings, graduate from the Executive Masters Programme, noted that: "we have a duty, by virtue of the training we have been given to contribute towards the dignified and harmonious co-existence of our fellow human beings in an atmosphere of peace, stability, justice and sustainable development. Let us always be agents of truth, righteousness, compassion, empowerment, development, equity, gender balance, and other noble values. Let us do the right thing and defend what is true based on principle even if we don't share the same ideologies. We must not lose sight of the fact that our ultimate aim is to make Ghana, Africa, Our world a better place for all".

Special awards of recognition were given to Mr. Ubon Humapwa Udoh, Ms. Linda Yaa Addo Frimpong, and Ms. Nadine Ernestine Jeanne Pauline Merks, who emerged overall best students for the Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (MCPS), Master of Arts in Gender, Peace and Security (MGPS), and Executive Master of Arts in Conflict, Peace and Security (EMCPS) respectively.

Some Alumni of KAIPTC are the Minister for Communications, Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Hon. Naa Torshie Addo, the Administrator for the District Assembly Common Fund, Alhaji Abubakar Boniface Saddique, Minister for Inner Cities and Zongo Development, Mrs. Gifty Ohene Konadu, National Coordinator for the One District One Factory Project among others.

KAIPTC obtained institutional and programme accreditation in 2011 to offer post-graduate academic programmes in conflict, gender, peace and security, making the Centre the first African peacekeeping training school to run postgraduate courses. The programmes are targeted at Security and Intelligence Institutions/Agencies, International and Regional Organizations, Civil/Public Servants, Members of Parliaments/Government, the Judiciary, Members from the Diplomatic Corps and Civil Society/Non-Governmental Organizations in Ghana, Africa and beyond, and individuals with interest in Peace and Security Studies. Alumni of the academic programmes number of 360 from 26 different nations dotted on four continents; Africa, America, Asia and Europe.

#### KAIPTC DISSEMINATES KNOWLEDGE ON PEACE OPERATIONS **IN AFRICA**

The Centre continued its quarterly updates on African Peace Support Operations (PSO) through the publication of its Mission Watch Quarterly Briefs disseminated in print and electronic versions. Following the successful launch of the first edition of the Annual Review of Peace Support Operations in Africa in 2016, the second edition was developed in collaboration with the AU. It featured topics on critical issues to African missions and peace and security in general, including regional security threats, the African Peace and Security Architecture, cooperation between the AU and regional economic communities, financing African-led PSOs, the African Standby Force, Protection of Civilians, Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (SEA), and the Responsibility to Protect. Furthermore, KAIPTC undertook a research project on financing ECOWAS PSOs, which will be published in 2018.

Together with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSVC), KAIPTC agreed on a new implementation plan (2017 – 2018) for the Framework of Cooperation on Capacity Building Initiatives for the Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in West Africa. This year, the partnership produced a training manual on Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV), delivered a training course on CRSV, and conducted research into sexual violence against boys and men. Côte d'Ivoire, which was the first country under the cooperation to receive the training, has been removed

from the UN Secretary General's report listing of countries in which sexual violence is used as a weapon of war. The Centre also collaborated with Keeping Children Safe (KCS) to organise a Seminar on Keeping Children Safe from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in the Context of UN Peacekeeping Missions on 17 May 2017. This event was support by the British Academy through the School of Law at the University of Reading. The roundtable discussion served as a platform for different stakeholders to exchange information and best practices in responding to sexual abuse and exploitation of children and to build a network in that regard, which is expected to expand through a larger meeting.

The Centre also partnered with the University of Dalhousie (Centre for the Study of Security and Development) and the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative to host a workshop/mini-conference on Canada's Re-engagement in Peace Operations in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities. The event was held on 23-24 October 2017 and brought together respected practitioners such as General Roméo Dallaire, and researchers in peacekeeping. The aim of this workshop/ mini-conference was to feed into deliberations at the Vancouver Conference on UN peacekeeping held in the third week of November 2017 and hosted by the Government of Canada. These series of engagements have enhanced knowledge for policy and practice in peacekeeping in Africa and beyond.



#### 25 PARTICIPANTS FROM CONGO, GHANA, SOMALIA, SOUTH SUDAN AND MALI ATTEND CONFLICT RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE COURSE

Since KAIPTC held the maiden Conflict Related Course. This year's training session had 25 partici-Sexual Violence Course in 2013 in collaboration with the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, a number of participants have benefitted from the

pants from selected African countries in attendance. Addressing the participants during the official opening ceremony, Brigadier General Emmanuel Kotia, the Deputy Commandant noted that; "the widespread use

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## EUROPEAN POLICE SERVICE TRAINING COLLABORATES WITH KAIPTC TO DEEPEN OPERATIONAL CAPACITY OF AFRICAN POLICE OFFICERS

A two-week Pilot Trainer of Trainers' course on Mentoring and Advising was held at the Centre in October, 2017. The training, which was in accordance with the International Standards Training Modules for Peace Support Operations was jointly organized by KAIPTC in collaboration with the European Police Service Training (EUPST). Seven experienced officers from the European Union (EU) were the lead facilitators for the course. In attendance were 15 Police Officers from seven (7) African countries.

The programme sought to accomplish a number of objectives including building the capabilities of Police and Gendarmerie of the European Union, the United Nations, the African Union and other international organizations. Participants were also equipped with operational capacity and law enforcement skills and knowledge, and received information on ways to deepen personal relations and teamwork in diverse cultures, to foster a common understanding of international policing in the contexts of conflict

resolution. Most importantly, participants were empowered to replicate the training for personnel to be deployed on peacekeeping operations. Some of the topics treated were mentoring, negotiation and mediation, communication in multicultural context, in challenges peace operations, among others. Since its initiation in 2008, the programme, has been conducted in 21 European

countries and is currently in its third year in Ghana.

The Commandant of the Centre, AVM Griffiths Evans, in his address stated that the training programme would provide participants with in-depth knowledge into policing philosophies and working methods deployed by participants from the EU and African Union. Colonel Frans Van Veenendaal, the Chairman of EUPST, on his part, urged participants to exchange their knowledge and experiences to enrich their training experience.

25 Participants from Congo, Ghana, Somalia, South Sudan and Mali attend Conflict Related Sexual Violence Course. Since KAIPTC held the maiden Conflict Related Sexual Violence Course in 2013 in collaboration with the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, a number of participants have benefitted from the course. This year's training session had 25 participants from selected African countries in attendance.

Addressing the participants during the official opening ceremony, Brigadier General Emmanuel Kotia, the

> Deputy Commandant noted that; "the widespread use of rape and other forms of sexual violence is one of the greatest, most persistent and neglected injustices of our time that unleashes untold hardship in societies where they occur." He reiterated the need for protection for all vulnerable groups at risk of such unfortunate acts of sexual violence, noting that the course will adequately



impart the necessary skills and knowledge to prevent the menace. He thanked the Governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark for providing the funding for the course training.

Mrs. Fathimatou Diakitie, a course participant and an Army Officer from Mali expressed her expectation for the course, highlighting her desire to learn the contrasting classifications involved in dealing with conflict related issues; 'I want to be educated on the

impart the necessary skills and knowledge to prevent category of the different kinds of violence and be able to the menace. He thanked the Governments of Sweden, implement the necessary sanctions," she said.

The course dissected the various forms of sexual violence/injustices, and discussed measures to stop such occurrences. Selected topics that were covered included the Changing Nature of Conflicts, the Implications of the Changing Nature of Conflicts and The Psychology of Conflict Related Sexual Violence.

# LACK OF SKILLS SET IS MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO CYBER SECURITY CHALLENGES – HON. MRS. URSULA OWUSU-EKUFUL

The Minister for Communications, Hon. Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, has pointed out that the unavailability of the critical competencies to deal with cyber security issues, is a primary cause of increased global challenges in the fight against cyber security.

Hon Owusu-Ekuful cited a 2017 Global Information Security Workforce Study - Benchmarking Workforce Capacity and Response to Cyber Risk conducted by Frost & Sullivan which notes that sixty-six percent of organizations identified the lack of skillset in addressing cyber threats as a major challenge. The study further projected cyber security workforce shortage at 1.8 million by the year 2022. She further emphasized that despite the strides being made in ICT development in the country, the growing menace of cybercrime and other information security related challenges is gradually eroding these significant gains. Worryingly, as reflected in the Frost and Sullivan study, Ghanaian businesses and institutions are challenged when it comes to recruiting and retaining qualified cyber security professionals to man IT infrastructure as provisioned in the Data Protection Act, 2012 (Act 843).

The Honourable Minister lamented, that the short supply of cyber security skills in Ghana, is particularly noticeable in the current curriculum of tertiary institutions; "Few higher learning institutions run dedicated cyber security and forensics programmes, and we need to reverse this trend by encouraging educational institutions to offer practical cyber security courses to support government's drive to step up Ghana's cyber security readiness", she said. The Communications Minister made these remarks when she officially opened a maiden Certificate Course in Cyber Security, jointly organized by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), and the e-Crime Bureau.



The proud alumna of KAIPTC, reiterated the importance of the programme which comes to support the eight (8) pillars of Ghana's National Cyber Security Policy and Strategy (NCSPS), which include developing and sustaining a Culture of Cyber Security & Capacity Building and Research & Development towards self-reliance. The implementation of these pillars, she observed, requires collaboration with institutions like KAIPTC and e-Crime Bureau.

She highlighted a Capacity Building and Awareness Division was being set up within Ghana's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), as part of her Ministry's ongoing activities to ensure Ghana has effective and sustainable institutional structures in place to implement cyber security activities and initiatives. Hon. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful highly commended KAIPTC and e-Crime Bureau for the initiative, as it marked the fruition of an mou signed between the two institutions in 2016 to jointly deepen knowledge and develop capacity in the area of cyber security, intelligence and forensics.

About 65 participants participated in the week-long training course, which focused on thematic areas such as cybercrimes and transnational crimes, cyber security governance and cyber defense & national security, as well as hands-on sessions held at the e-Crime Academy Cyber Lab.

#### PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, HIS **EXCELLENCY DR. FRANK-WALTER STEINMEIER VISITS KAIPTC**

The President of the Federal Republic of Germany, His Excellency Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited KAIPTC on 13 December 2017, as part of his official visit to Ghana. At a meeting with members of KAIPTC's Executive Management Committee, selected guests/experts from partner agencies and from other institutions, the President noted that KAIPTC was a very important contributor to regional security and stability in West Africa. He further added that Germany has supported KAIPTC from the very beginning and will continue to do so. His historic visit was commemorated with a tree planting in KAIPTC's Peace Garden.





### KAIPTC'S WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY INSTITUTE ENGAGES KEY STAKEHOLDERS ON THE GHANA NATIONAL ACTION PLAN (GHANAP I) AND UNSCR 1325

The Women, Peace and Security Institute (WPSI) of KAIPTC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (mogcsp) organized a one-day workshop for security agencies. Held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017, the objective was to review and sensitize security agencies, primarily female officers, on the Ghana National Action Plan (GHANAP I). Other aims of the workshop was to identify gaps with regards to the implementation of GHANAP I and to offer participants an opportunity to make constructive inputs into the development of the next National Action Plan.

The United Nations Security Council Presidential Statements of 2004/40 and 2005/52 called on member states to develop National Action Plans to guide the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 to pave the way and provide for active participation of women in all aspects of conflict prevention, peace negotiations, peacekeeping, peace building and postwar reconstruction.

Ghana, through the Ministry of Gender, Children and

Social Protection (mogcsp) and other stakeholders, developed the Ghana National Action Plan (GHANAP I), 2012 – 2014 to enable Ghana take proactive steps in achieving the objectives of UNSCR 1325. With the expiration of GHANAP I, there was the need to develop a new National Action Plan. However, it had been realized that, most security agencies, especially female officers who were to play active roles in the implementation process were neither familiar with the GHANAP I nor involved in the review process, hence the need for the workshop.

Delivering the opening remarks at the official ceremony for the workshop, Mrs. Dede Badu-Addo, a representative from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, noted that the Ministry, as part of the implementation process, organized a number of programs but gains from these programs did not achieve the desired purpose. According to her, the workshop was therefore very important, as it sought to sensitize and review GHANAP I. Participants shared some challenges they encountered during the implementation process. These included lack of awareness of the UNSCR 1325 and the GHANAP 1; inadequate funding for the implementation of the GHANAP 1 activities; minimal involvement of most security agencies in the implementation process and an absence of dedicated gender desks in the various institutions to address women, peace and security

issues. This notwithstanding, some of the agencies present had initiated official and procedural policies to ensure gender parity in the discharge of their mandates. Most of the participants attested to the fact that the workshop was their first exposure to UNSCR 1325 and the GHANAP I. Eighty senior and junior security officers from Ghana took part in the workshop.



## H.E. PAOLO GENTILONI, PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY DELIVERS PUBLIC LECTURE AT KAIPTC

His Excellency, Paolo Gentiloni, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy on Tuesday, 28th November, addressed some members of the Diplomatic Corps, invited representatives from public, private and civil society organizations, serving and retired personnel of the Ghana Armed Forces, and staff of KAIPTC.

The focus of his public lecture was on Italy's contribution to global peace and security. He expressed the readiness of his country's goal to work with Ghana and Africa to address issues of deep concern to both Africa, Italy and by extension Europe. He noted that

Africa as a region is faced with a number of challenges that calls for continuous regional and inter-regional collaboration. He mentioned the youth bulge in Africa, noting that the youth must be provided jobs and opportunities to unleash their full potential.

He noted that the Italian Armed Forces delivers training to countries to fight terrorism, and indicated Italy's preparedness to work with Ghana to confront this global threat to peace and security. This historic visit was commemorated with a tree planting in KAIPTC's Peace Garden.



#### TWO-DAY INTENSIVE COURSE ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY HELD FOR WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



Building on decades of civil society advocacy for women's human rights, in 2000, the United Nations Security Council issued UNSCR 1325, the first of eight resolutions aimed at improving the participation of women in peacebuilding and prevention of conflict and addressing conflict-related sexual violence. Despite this global attention and goodwill and some success, in 2015 the UN's review of progress identified significant and persistent challenges in ensuring women's human rights and their full and equal participation in matters of peace and security.

In view of this, WPSI collaborated with the London School of Economics, Centre for Women Peace and Security to organize a two-day workshop on Women, Peace & Security for Senior Professional Leaders.

The course was held from 30 to 31 October, 2017 at KAIPTC. The workshop aimed at building capacity and understanding of the participants in UNSCR 1325 and supplementary Resolutions specifically in the Global Women, Peace and Security Agenda; the Social, Political and Economic Context, including Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism; International Legal Framework; Participation, Protection, Prevention, Relief and Recovery and Women, Peace and Security in Peace Operations. The course, designed for senior professionals in leadership roles, were jointly facilitated by academics and practitioners from the London School of Economics and the KAIPTC. The facilitators were Professor Christine Chinkin, Dr. Marsha Henry, Dr. Aisling Swaine, Dr. Fiifi Edu-Afful and Mrs. Joana Osei-Tutu.

A total of 34 senior professional women leaders from governmental agencies, parliament and the security agencies from Ghana, Liberia and Sierra-Leone benefited from the workshop. Issues discussed among others were how the Women Peace and Security Agenda evolved and its content. The three international legal frameworks that underpin the WPS Agenda and the five pillars under the WPS Agenda were also discussed. The course enabled the participants to appreciate the issues related to the Women Peace and Security Agenda and how to use their positions to effect the changes needed to make the Women Peace and Security Agenda achieved.

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