

PRESS RELEASE

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LAUNCH OF THE DEMOCRACY OPPORTUNITY SUPPORT FUND (DEMOS-Fund)

The West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS) is excited to announce the official launch of the Democracy Opportunity Support Fund (DEMOS-Fund) today, June 1, 2023.

The DEMOS-Fund is a WADEMOS flagship initiative established to respond to early signs or warning indicators of democracy deterioration within the very fragile socio-political context in the West Africa sub-region and to promote new opportunities for democratic reform and other pro-democracy efforts in the Region. The initiative specifically aims to:

- Foster collective, national, and regional actions and efforts in addressing democratic backsliding in West Africa around the five (5) pillars of the Network
- Enhance innovation and creativity among Pro-Democracy actors within the sub-region.
- Improve timely and relevant democratic backsliding interventions and responses within the sub-region

The DEMOS-Fund supports Network Member's (including individuals and social movements) initiatives to address democratic backsliding and respond to timely needed democratic interventions within the sub-region.

WADEMOS is very pleased to launch this new initiative that will help in advancing democratic norms, reforms, and value within the Sub-region and wishes to thank members and partners organizations who have supported WADEMOS deployment within the sub-region since its creation.

Interested applicants are entreated to visit www.wademosnetwork.org/dosf/ for more on this

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About WADEMOS

WADEMOS is a non-partisan, independent, civil society-led transnational democracy solidarity network. The WADEMOS Network consists of over 35 civil society organizations (CSOs) located in 15 countries in West Africa. WADEMOS mobilizes, coordinates, and leverages the collective power of civil society and other pro-democracy actors, resources, and opportunities within the West African Region to advance democracy and promote democratic norms and reforms in the sub-region.

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