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PRE-ELECTION MISSION TO LIBERIA: WADEMOS DELEGATION TO MEET WITH EC, ECOWAS REPRESENTATIVE AHEAD OF ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER

The West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS) will, from Monday, August 28–Tuesday, September 5, 2023, embark on a solidarity mission to Liberia, ahead of the country's general elections on October 10, 2023.

The mission follows similar exercises to Nigeria and Sierra Leone with the quest to strengthen solidarity among civil society and in particular improve the quality and credibility of elections in the sub-region.

During the mission, the team is expected to undertake an in-depth analysis of the context of the elections in October with the Election Observation Network and civil society in Liberia. This is in response to the changing electoral pattern in West Africa and Africa and the need for civil society and election observers to amend and respond strategically to emerging trends.

Among others, the WADEMOS delegation will have engagements with the Liberian National Elections Commission, the ECOWAS Representative in Liberia, the Elections Coordinating Committee, the National Election Platform, the Liberian Human Rights Commission, the Peace Building Office, the various political parties, the media, and development partners.

The WADEMOS delegation comprise members from Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and the West Africa Election Observation Network (WAEON). In Liberia, this activity is coordinated by the Centre for Democratic Governance (CDG), Elections Coordinating Committee, and the Institute for Research and Democratic Development (IREDD).

The delegation is expected to disseminate its observations and findings at the end of its mission through a series of activities, including a debriefing and roundtable discussion with election stakeholders in Liberia, a press briefing in Liberia, and a webinar with other regional bodies, civil society and development partners.

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About WADEMOS Network

The West Africa Democracy Solidarity (WADEMOS) Network is a non-partisan, independent civil society-led transnational democracy solidarity network consisting of over thirty-five (35) civil society organizations located in 15 countries in West Africa. The purpose of the WADEMOS Network is to mobilize, coordinate, and leverage the collective power of civil society and other pro-democracy actors, resources, and opportunities within the West African Region to advance, defend, and reinvigorate democracy and promote democratic norms and reforms in the sub-region.

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