

## PRESS RELEASE

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### CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST AFRICA EMBARK ON PRE-ELECTION MISSION TO GHANA

The West Africa Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS) in partnership with the West Africa Election Observation Network (WAEON) will embark on a solidarity mission to Ghana, from Monday, October 7–Friday, October 11, 2024, ahead of the country’s general elections on December 7, 2024.

The pre-election mission follows similar successful activities in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia (2023), and Senegal (2024), helping to enhance local civil society participation in observing the elections, monitoring pre-election processes, and ensuring transparent outcomes. This activity further seeks to strengthen solidarity among civil society and pro-democracy actors in West Africa, and contribute to improving the quality and credibility of elections in the sub-region.

The five-member delegation is hosted by the Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO), and Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) a member of the WADEMOS Network. The delegation comprises: James Lahai, the National Coordinator of National Election Watch (Sierra Leone) and Chairperson of the West Africa Elections Observers Network (WAEON); Alioune Tine, Executive Director of Afrikajom (Senegal) and Independent Expert on Human Rights with the United Nations; Cynthia Mbamalu, Director of Programs, Yiaga Africa (Nigeria); Dan Torkamawon Saryee, Executive Director of the Institute for Research and Democratic Development (IREDD-Liberia); and Marr Nyang, Executive Director of Gambia Decides (The Gambia).

The delegation also includes Alpha Issiaga Diallo, Deputy Director of Political Affairs and Electoral Administration of Guinea’s Ministry of Interior, who is on a learning mission to understand Ghana’s electoral processes and best practices in election management and observation as Guinea prepares to return to democratic governance after nearly three years of political transition following a military rule.

As part of the mission, the delegation will meet with the Electoral Commission of Ghana, political parties, the National Peace Council, the Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), and the media, among other partners and organizations.

Based on its assessment of the political climate, analysis of the electoral context, and observations from various meetings and interactions, the delegation will convene a roundtable discussion, on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the CDD-Ghana Conference Hall, to share its findings and observations with all stakeholders at national and regional level.

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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 forty (40) civil society organizations located in all 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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