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A 3-day conference organised by the West African Civil Society Institute (WACSI) in partnership with the Ford Foundation and WADEMOS was organised in Lagos. The conference, tag

emerging threats to civic space in West Africa and showcasing the progress of the CSR-Hub project in strengthening the operational capacity, institutional resilience, and general well-being of civil

society (CSO) actors responding to these threats through locally led strategic assistance and networking. Project Alert on Violence Against Women commends and congratulates the West Africa Civil Society



ged "West African Civil Society Week 2023," was aimed at highlighting the

Institute (WACSI) for hosting the first-of-its-kind CSOs' week in West Africa.



Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation, and it is perhaps the most pervasive. It knows no boundaries of geography, culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development and peace

– KOFI ANNAN (FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL)

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The EU-UN Spotlight Partners held a Joint Evaluation on Sustainability strategies with other implementing partners, of which Project Alert was a part. Project Alert, through funding from the UN women under the EU-UN spotlight initiative

in Nigeria, was able to build the capacity of women and girls' rights groups on available referral services for victims of SGBV. The meeting allowed partners to collaborate with the government to sustain and advance the excellent work of all initiatives.

## PROJECT ALERT JOINS THE WALK AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.



Human Trafficking.

Every 30th of July is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The theme for this year: Reach Every Victim of Trafficking, Leave No One Behind. A walk Against Human Trafficking in Persons was organised yesterday by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). Different NGOs came together to make this awareness known, and Project Alert was also represented to stand against

Take note of the following in Human Trafficking;

- Learn the signs
  - Report suspicious activities
  - Share your knowledge
  - Support victims
  - Advocate for change
- We can end Human Trafficking! As we come together to make a difference and build a safer world for all.



# GLOBAL RIGHTS NIGERIA ORGANIZES A 2-DAY TRAINING ON FORENSIC INVESTIGATION AND DOCUMENTATION

It was hosted by Global Rights Nigeria on August 2nd and 3rd in Abuja, Nigeria. The training gathered representatives from diverse civil society groups nationwide, in which Project Alert was represented. It focuses on the crucial role of forensic investigation and documentation in establishing accountability for mass atrocities in an intricate and unbiased process.

The training outlined the steps in documentin

g forensic evidence, including ensuring the scene's safety and creating a comprehensive filming/collection plan. It underscores the importance

of stating facts without unsupported opinions, obtaining consent for recording to respect privacy and submitting a camera report. It highlights the value of video evidence throughout the justice process, emphasising that it does not need to be of high quality to be valuable.

A key theme is the significance of

contextualising forensic evidence from a gender perspective. The training stresses that stakeholders, often male, may provide perspectives that omit the unique experiences of women and girls. Sex-disaggregated data is crucial for presenting an accurate picture and addressing the specific risks faced by diverse community members, preventing actions that unconsciously reinforce discrimination.

The training concluded with an emphasis on

the importance of recording atrocities against women for accountability and justice through primary sources such as victims, witnesses, photographs, video recordings,

and voice recordings, as well as secondary sources like second-hand testimonies, media reports, and information from UN entities, humanitarian actors, and civil societies. Overall, the training aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary for accurate, unbiased, and gender-sensitive forensic documentation of mass atrocities.

