

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Special Appreciation

We would have not outlined any success story without the support (cash and kind) from this distinguished organizations and personalities:

### **Organizations**

Global Educators For All Initiatives, Nigeria  
Millennium Development Ambassadors Initiative, Nigeria  
Compassionate Journeys, USA

### **Personalities**

H.E Amb. Dr. Mussie Hailu, Ethiopia  
Chief Justine Gudos, Nigeria  
Dr. Raphael Ogar Oko, Nigeria  
Ms. Virginia Comolli, UK  
Ms. Patience Awadzi, USA

### **Amanda Christmann Larson, USA**

Malvin Dr. Wahab Adams, Ghana  
Rev. Dr. Paul Boafo, Ghana

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



I bring to you all warm greetings and peace as another year comes to an end. The year (2012) has been very tough, eventful, challenging and historic. Reflecting on the works of AFCOPB from May 2011 to December 31, 2012, I must say that have been a great year of remarkable achievements amid problems.

### **Overview**

In 2011, AFCOPB continued with its Rural Peace Project in some deprived communities. The project seeks to instill the culture among the rural inhabitants while assisting in teach and learning activities.

Considering the experiences on the file during the Rural Peace Project, there was the need to further empower our Field Officers (Volunteers) with Peace Education Skills to be able to effectively deliver on the project in conflict affected communities.

Based on this we have initiated a Peace Education programme. The first workshop was under the theme "Promoting Global Peace: The Role of Teachers, Youth and Institutions". The Peace Education Training Programme was to empower our field officer (Volunteers) and teachers on how to introduce peace education into the formal and informal classroom setting.

We also hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> West Africa Millennium Development Ambassadors Summit and MDG Awards organized by The Global Educators For All Initiative and Millennium Development Ambassadors all of Nigeria.

In 2012, AFCOPB took a bold step to organize its first Africa Peace Festival between June 30 and July 4 in Accra-Ghana. This programme notwithstanding its success brought many problems and challenges to AFCOPB.

### **New**

#### **Partner/Memberships/Endorsements**

- AFCOPB was approved by the governing of the United Religions Initiative as a member of its CC in August 2012
- In November, AFCOPB develops partnership with Uniting for Peace-UK toward the 2012 Africa Peace Festival
- In May 2011, AFCOPB and Global Educator for All Initiatives-Nigeria towards Peace Conference, Peace Education Training, MDGs Ambassadors' Summit and Africa Peace Festival.
- On March 24, 2011 AFCOPB have been endorsed by the Ghana Education Service to train its

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT CONT'

Volunteers/Teacher in Peace Education and post them to schools to teach and organized peace education programmes.

### ***Our Challenges***

Within the period (May 2011-December 2012), AFCOPB faced a number of challenges which seriously undermine the effective and efficient discharge of its work and responsibilities.

Key among them was financial constraint. AFCOPB relied solely on its directors and volunteers financial and human resource contributions to support its projects and administrative expenses. This constitutes about 85% of operational cost.

The major project of AFCOPB in 2012 (Africa Peace Festival) that had a budget of over GH¢90,000.00 was 98% bound by AFCOPB Directors and its Volunteers. This resulted into the loss of "MENTAL PEACE" at the part of AFCOPB Directors as they faced serious physiological torcher and humiliations after the festival. AFCOPB had incurred debts as many of its partners in the project failed to honour their side of the agreement couple with lack of funding/sponsorship from the corporate world.

I must acknowledge, that irrespective of the challenges, 2011-2012 has been a "challenging success" for AFCOPB and most of the workers/volunteers as those moments and events opened our mind to a new world of social work and civic responsibilities.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the entire team at AFCOPB for their loyalty, hard work and commitment throughout the year. To our partners, donors and sponsors I say thank you all and more success in the years ahead.

It is my hope and prayer that 2013 brings us more success and the heart to stay focus and confident in any challenges may encounter during our daily endeavors.

Emmanuel Korsi Senyo Kumedzina  
Executive Director | AFCOPB



## 2012 ACTIVITIES (PROJECTS/EVENTS)

### AwakeAfrica.Org

On December 28, 2012, AFCOPB registered this domain ([www.AwakeAfrica.org](http://www.AwakeAfrica.org)) for a successful take-off of a resource portal on Africa's development agenda.



### Africa Peace Festival (June 30-July 4, 2012)

The African Centre for Peace Building organized its first Africa Peace Festival in Accra from June 30-July 4, 2012. The festival was under the theme **“promoting a global culture of peace through the culture of diplomacy”**.

The festival provided a common platform for Africans and the global community to showcase their cultures and commitment towards promoting sustainable peace on the continent. It is also gave an opportunity for young people to share ideas and exhibit their capabilities in solving societal problems.

The festival, irrespective of the challenges it posed to the organizers as generally successful.

## Activities of the Africa Peace Festival



### International Peace Conference

The festival was ushered in with a two day conference (International Peace Conference, held from June 30-July 1, 2012). The conference which was under the theme **“Promoting Global Culture Of Peace In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century”** brought together peace and security expert, representative of the security services in Ghana, academia, civic societies, and faith base organizations to discussion and find solutions to the many conflict situations in Africa.



The conference was chaired by **Malvin Dr. Wahab Adams**, Head of Ahmadya Muslim Mission in Ghana and Member of the National Peace Council of Ghana.



Rev. Dr. Paul Boafo

Rev. Dr. Paul Boafo, the Board Chairman of AFCOPB gave welcome address of the festival and stated the purpose of the gathering. He also use the occasion to call for the need for global culture of peace.



Korsi Senyo Kumedzina

In an opening address of the conference, Korsi Senyo Kumedzina, Executive Director-AFCOPB and Coordinator of the Africa Peace Festival called on governments in Africa to support youth initiatives and also have key interest in supporting peace programmes not only when there is war “if Senyo and his team were on the streets of Accra with guns shooting, the government of Ghana would have made all efforts, including investing huge sums of money

in the security services just to make sure we are arrested. But in the situation where we have chosen to organized a programme link this peace festival, we have no state institution supporting the cause and we are left to our faith”

Touching on some of the elements that bring civil unrest and instabilities, he calls for justice systems to be strengthened so the people can have interest channeling their grievances through there.

“When our justice systems break down due to corruptions, undue delays and discrimination, the people lose confidence in systems and they will have no other means but take the law into their own hands. Surely this path will not help for peace and stability”.

He encourage the media to be a tool for promoting peace and development.

“in quest to promote programmes like the peace festival, one will have to pay huge sums of money before ones stories are featured somewhere inside a newspaper. However, one's face appeared on front pages and makes the headlines for free so long as is a negative story. The media must shy away from this kind of practice”

## Featuring Speakers:



*"The Role of Religions in Africa to build a culture of peace and promote security and counter Violent Extremism"*

**H.E. Amb. Dr.**

**Mussie Hailu**, URI Africa Regional Director and Representative of URI at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Addis Ababa, spoke on this topic and also used the platform to highlight on the Golden Rule.



*"Political and Cultural tolerance: A tool for effective co-existence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century"* **Most Rev. Francis Lodonu**, Catholic

Bishop of Ho Diocese, Ghana



*"Assessing contributions of the west to maintaining peace and democracy in the developing world"*

**Vijay Metha**; Chair, Uniting for Peace,

UK-London.



*"Culture of Peace Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century"* **Dr. Raphael Ogar Oko**; International Coordinator, Global Educator for All Initiatives, Nigeria

### Academic Paper Presentation:

The conference also presented opportunities for scholarly paper presentations from four personalities.



## AFRICA PEACE AWARDS (APA)

This was instituted by AFCOPB to be given out once every four years to honor and celebrate personalities and organizations that have contributed so much to the peace and development in Africa. The 2012 APA was Chaired by Rev. Torbui Fugah, Paramount Chief of Ewe in Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Regions of Ghana. The awards were presented to:



### *Amb. Dr. Mussie Hailu* (Interfaith Promotion)

He took this category of the award for his role in Interfaith and peace around Africa though the teachings of the Golden Rule. He is the Africa Regional Director of United Religions Intuitive



### *Dr. Raphael Ogar Oke* (Peace Education)

He took this category of the award for championing the promotion peace education across Africa. He is the Intentional Coordinator of Global Educators For All Initiatives



### *Hon. Mark Woyaga*

#### (Africa Peace Personality)

He took the grand award for his role in bringing peace to the Upper East Region of Ghana while serving as the Regional Minister (2009-2012)



# Africa Peace Awards cont'



Chief Justine Gudosi  
(Peace Education)



Mrs. Gifty Afenyi Dazi  
(Peace in Religion)



Mr. Emmanuel Bombande  
(Peace Education)



Archbishop Duncan-  
Williams  
(Peace in Religion)



Mr. Seye Kehinde  
(Media Achievement)



Dr. Kemal Yildirim  
(Human Rights)



## Business & NGO Executives Forum

The meeting provided a platform for NGO and Business leaders explore areas of partnership and collaboration. It also focused on finding practical solutions to developmental challenges in the areas of poverty reduction, Business, ICT, Agriculture, Health.

The meeting was Chaired by Eld. Rennar Kwasi Awatey Noah.



## Web for Peace Project

The project provides web support (web designing, hosting and maintenance) to young but active NGOs/Civil Societies in Africa.

The project since it launch in 2010 has supported 15 NGOs.



## Youth Leadership Training

The programmed was designed to champion our youth development agenda.

In the 2012 training, 40 youth from Ghana and Nigeria successfully went through a three day training which sort to equip them with practical leadership skills.

### ***Training Content:***

Leadership Principles, Governance and Policy making, Developing Political Career, Principles of human rights, ICT and e-Governance, Basic financial and organizational management, Public speaking abilities, Communication Skill, Time management, Organizational conflict management, Proposal/Report writing, Negotiation and bargaining skills, Culture of Diplomacy





## 2011 ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS/EVENTS

From July 30-31, 2011, AFCOPB organized its first **Peace Conference and Peace Education Workshop** the theme 'promoting global peace: the role of teachers, youth and institutions'. The conference was held at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana and drew hundred (100) participants (Legal practitioners, Teachers, Staff of NGOs, Students among others).

The conference discussion focused on the current conflict situations in West Africa taking Ivory Coast and Nigeria post electoral conflict as a case studies.

### Peace Education Training Workshop

AFCOPB with endorsement by The Ghana Education Services-GES and with support from The Global Educators for All Initiatives-Nigeria organized a two day professional peace education training workshop for teachers, staff of NGOs, youth, religious and communities leaders.

The workshop is to empower participants with peace education skills.

There were Sixty (60) participants who costs given scholarships which cover the cost of the workshop.



West Africa Millennium Development Ambassadors Summit, July 28-29, 2011

The summit drew 130 participants and was under the theme **“MDGs 2011 – 2015: An Exposition of Sustainable Strategies for Building a Culture of Peace and Implementing the United Nations Global Millennium Development Goals in Local Communities in West Africa”**

It was aimed at providing an interactive opportunity for the stakeholders from diverse background to discuss the United Nations MDGs as well as issues related to building a culture of peace in order to inspire further commitment to ongoing discussions and efforts toward the realization of the MDGs by 2015 in West Africa.

The summit provided an opportunity for presentation of scholarly papers on the MDGs and the utilization of the goals as the framework for the much desired West Africa Local Communities

The summit also presented an **International Mandate for Development 2011 - 2015** to 15 personalities from the West Africa as **Millennium Development Ambassadors** for their contributions and commitment to the realization of the MDGs in West Africa.

In Ghana, Prof. Ernest Aryeetey-Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana; Dr. Vladimir Antwi-Danso-Senior Research Fellow of the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy, UG; Most Rev. Francis Lodonu-Bishop of Ho Diocese received this award.



## About The African Centre for Peace Building

The African Centre for Peace Building (AFCOPB) is a non-governmental organization based in Ghana. The aim of this organization is to build peace in the country and Africa through provision of proper information, education and opportunity that will enable people to make decisive decisions for their lives. This we are doing through conflict prevention and resolution; peace education; youth development; promotion of human right, education, health, and poverty alleviation.

### Peace Fellowship Networks/Peace Clubs as established by the AFCOPB

PFNs/PCs is a youth wings of AFCOPB established in some schools in Ghana. It aims at bringing together the young people's youthful energies to champion the course of peace building instead of fronting violence and destruction. We have over 1,523 registered members in the clubs



**Our Vision:** To champion the development of sustainable peace across the African continent through education, youth development and community development project.

**Our Mission:** Instilling the culture of peace among the people of Africa.

### **Our Objectives:**

- Building a sustainable peace in Ghana and Africa through conflict prevention, analysis, resolution and management
- Justice and Human right advocacy through basic human right campaigns and provision of legal aid to the vulnerable
- Youth development: empowering for peace-building, leadership, democracy and national development
- Women empowerment: harnessing the untapped potential in women to champion peace-building, democracy and good governance
- Educational Development through provision of volunteers teachers to assist in teaching in deprived schools in Ghana
- Health: supporting efforts to basic access to health care
- Poverty reduction through agriculture development, microfinance development and building a peaceful atmosphere for business to survive

### **Memberships**

- ❖ **National Youth Authority-Ghana as Youth Development NGO**
- ❖ **As an NGO Participant of United Nations Global Compact**
- ❖ **Member of United Nations Volunteers Online Service**
- ❖ **Member of United Religions Initiative**

## Board of Directors

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|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Rev. Dr. Paul Boafo       | - | Chairman  |
| 2. Mrs. Gifty Senyo          | - | Secretary |
| 3. Mr. Dadson Awunyo Vitor   | - | Member    |
| 4. Mr. Opoku Afriyie         | - | Member    |
| 5. Mr. Korsi Senyo Kumedzina | - | Member    |
| 6. Mr. Daniel Boateng        | - | Member    |
| 7. Mr. Charles Ofori-Owusu   | - | Member    |

## International Advisory Board

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| - HE. Dr. Mussie Hailu | -Chairman       |
| - Virginia Comolli     | -Member         |
| - Rev. Dr. Paul Boafo  | -National Chair |

## Management/Staff

- |                          |   |                                   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Korsi Senyo Kumedzina | - | Executive Director                |
| 2. Millicent Atana       | - | Programmes Officer                |
| 3. Gifty Senyo (Mrs.)    | - | Finance Officer                   |
| 4. Ansah Yaw Richard     | - | Head of IT                        |
| 5. Eric Addae            | - | Events Coordinator                |
| 6. Victoria Dosu         | - | Administrative Officer/Accountant |

## Volunteers

1. Eric Hotowolor
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