

18-20 August 2008: Regional Gender Training for African IFOR BGA leadership

The 2006 IFOR Council in Japan resulted in the adoption of a gender policy for the IFOR movement. During September 2007, the IFOR Gender Working Group gathered for the first time to draw up a Gender Action Plan to support the implementation of the policy. Regional Gender Training was considered one key area to increase gender awareness in the IFOR movement.

As part of this process of engendering IFOR, the IFOR Secretariat in the Netherlands, in collaboration with the IFOR/WPP Africa Regional Desk, which is hosted by WANEP in Accra, will conduct a gender training for the leadership of IFOR's African Branches, Groups and Affiliates (BGAs). The training will provide the BGA leadership with an opportunity to meet each other, exchange information on recent activities, and come up with gender action plans for their organization.

Concretely, the training anticipates to:

- Come to a common understanding on the link between gender, active non-violence and peacebuilding in the African context;
- Jointly analyze what IFOR's African BGAs are already doing in terms of gender;
- Reflect on gendermainstreaming as a concept, and how it would work in practice in the African BGA context;
- Jointly develop action plans for the implementation of the IFOR Gender Policy in the African BGA context.

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