

Cherished Colleague,  
Thanks for reading our newsletter!

We are pleased to share outcomes of our engagements in the first quarter of 2018 as we begin our new strategy for 2018-2022. In a changing landscape with new challenges but exciting frontiers opening up in the civic space, WACSI is re-strategising to strengthen civil society for the 21st Century, ensuring long term, sustainable development in West Africa. Kindly share your comments on this issue with us and **feel free to forward!**



# eNewsletter



## Strengthening Civil Society



### WACSI Launches 2018-2022 Strategy

Change makers identify macro and micro trends, adapting to them proactively. WACSI, with its third strategic plan seeks to do just that. The new strategy, which was launched on 01 March 2018, dubbed "Enabling Social Transformation through a Robust and Vibrant Civil Society", seeks to strengthen civil society to be a driving force in the world of tomorrow in West Africa. The strategy cycle spans five year, 2018-2022.

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### Transforming African Leadership through the Next Generation

Africa has long suffered from a major deficit in leadership, threatening the future of the continent. To break the cycle of inadequate leadership it has become imperative to rethink how we groom leaders.

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### WACSI 2018 Course Calendar

WACSI continues its drive to strengthen civil society in 2018. Please find our fee-paying courses for the year in this year's course calendar!

[Find calendar for application here](#)

## More News From Civil Society in West Africa

### Civil Society Situation Report 01-31 January, 2018

The Civil Society Situation Report is a monthly synopsis of news articles compiled by WACSI on civil society and citizen engagement across West Africa and beyond. It serves as a tool to monitor the trends and changes in both fields across the regions.

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### Important Changes to the Microsoft Software Donation Programme on TechSoup

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### CIVICUS Monitor: The state of civic space in your country & around the world

The CIVICUS Monitor is a research tool that provides close to real-time data on the state of civil society and civic freedoms in 195 countries. The data is generated through a collaboration with more than 20

### Latest Blog Articles



#### Our #MeToo Moment - Time to take a Look in the Mirror and Clean House

It is said that: "a crisis is a terrible thing to waste." Let us use our #MeToo moment to learn the lessons required. Let us not wait any longer to keep our commitments to vulnerable women and girls, and to ensure our workplaces are free from sexual harassment and abuse.

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#### West Africa: Our Complex Challenge

I recently read *The Checklist Manifesto* by Atul Gawande, a book about collective responsibility on "how to get things right." A surgeon, Gawande posits it is the combination of skills and expertise while following due diligence on each of the cases presented in the surgery room that makes a difference in the patient's life.

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#### The Tapestry of Change - Leaders, Society and Individuals

The campaign to defend and support women's rights has been a long-fought battle rooted in the histories of emancipation and fundamental human rights activism across the globe. The messaging in women's rights advocacy campaigns have improved considerably but their engagement strategies have not been able to surmount societal impediments.

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