

## **REPORT OF WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

WCIC's President attended the launching workshop on the use of the manual in title "DEMOCRACY AND GRASSROOTS POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT". This workshop took place on November 22th at 9pm, at Delegation Provinciale de l'Education de base-BONANJO (Douala).

At least 13 others representative of various NGO's and association were also present.

The objectives of the workshop were as follow;

- To introduce the dew manual to the Fresh speaking civil society groups
- To distribute copies of the manual to CSOS as a tool in promoting the dew project
- To look for strategies of scaling up the project to cover other regions of the province
- To open up network avenues for organisations involved in promoting the culture of peace, human rights and democracy.

In the introduction, it was mentioned that women lag behind in the process of democracy because of ignorance, poor representation, cultural norms and practises, no access and control over poverty, high rate of HIV prevalence.

The dew (democracy and empowerment of women) manual project was born on the idea of UN decade for the advancement of women and follow up by wwc, ecumenical decade of churches in solidarity with women.

It all started in 2003 and sponsored by bred for the world a German based organization.

The organizers main targets were the religious, political, traditional institutions where a large number of people could be targeted.

The strategies implemented were as follows

- Gender analyses
- Gender policy
- Gender grass root political education

There after specific areas in the manual were and explained. Sample questions were taken to see how participants could fit them in their work.

At the end of the day a NEPAD (network for peace and democracy) committee was created to coordinate network with organizations dealing with the issue of democracy and peace.

The committee was made up of:

- 1-delegation of woman's affairs
- 2-chrapa (chair)
- 3-CEC prom
- 4-SOS famille
- 5-AIA
- 6-WCIC

This workshop ended at 2 pm with lunch and next meeting date was scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2007 at the Provincial Delegation of Woman's affairs.

Manuals were distributed to participant.  
WCIC got five copies for it's members.