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Thanks for reading our newsletter!

We are pleased to share outcomes of our engagements in the second quarter of 2018. You'll find some useful information on activities within the civil society sector.

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Strengthening Civil Society



WACSI Extends its Training Courses Beyond Ghana's Shores

May 2018 marked a significant milestone for WACSI. For the first time in the Institute's history, it held a fee-paying training course outside the shores of Ghana, specifically, in Nigeria. This was in response to the need identified during the formulation of our new 2018-2022 strategy.

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Parliamentarians Commit to Reform Drug Laws in Guinea

The West Africa Drug Policy Network (WADPN) Guinea Chapter in collaboration with the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) and supported by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) organised a two-day Parliamentary dialogue in Guinea Conakry.

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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!

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More News From Civil Society in West Africa

Civil Society Situation Report 01-31 May, 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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Accelerating Africa's Industrialisation: A Panacea for Youth Unemployment

Industrialisation. What does it mean? For years we have heard that industrialisation is what Africa needs to develop. It is the path to prosperity for a continent that has been long stuck in the doldrums of "development".

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WACSI Editorial: Play Catch Up or Be Ahead of the Curve – AI in West Africa

Two years ago, the World Economic Forum (WEF) published a very worrying report; the Fourth Industrial Revolution would lead to significant changes in labour markets which would in turn result in the loss of over 5 million jobs in the next five years.

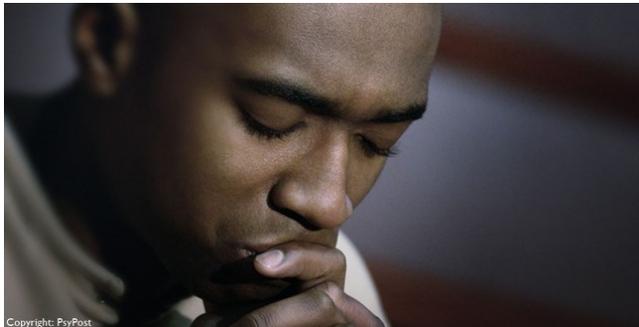
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West Africa Drug Policy Network to Scale Up its impact in the Region

One doesn't often think of drug users as victims of decades of human rights violations, systematic discrimination and poor access to adequate treatment but that's exactly what they have been in West Africa. This situation is the consequence of the enforcement of punitive drug policies across the region.

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The Silent Torturer: Gender Based Violence against Men

Gender Based Violence (GBV) is a general term used to capture violence that occurs because of normative role expectations associated with each gender, along with unequal power relationships between two genders, within the context of a specific society. (Boom 2008, pg14).

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Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Sexual harassment in general, and at work in particular, have severe negative effects on the victims. Sexual harassment is any sexually related action, behavior and word that is likely to affect the dignity and the physical or moral integrity of a person.

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