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Dear Colleague,

Thanks for reading our newsletter!

We are pleased to share outcomes of our engagements in the third quarter of 2017. You'll find some useful information on funding opportunities within the civil society sector. Kindly share your comments on this issue with us and **feel free to forward!**



# eNewsletter



## Strengthening Civil Society



### Grooming Tomorrow's Leaders Today

In 2008, WACSI designed and launched the Next Generation Leadership Programme (NGLP). It consisted of the 6-month Next Generation Internship (NGI); the middle-level leadership training, the Civil Society Leadership Institute (CSLI); intergenerational mentoring; and a Next Generation Research Fellowship for young researchers to promote leadership and governance for civil society within West Africa.

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### Innovation and Incubation: Partners in Transformation

Nearly 70 of the world's top 100 global economic entities are corporations. While African corporations are not in the top 100, the private sector here still controls resources, provides jobs and builds the middle class.

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### Call for Papers

WACSeries are analytical write-ups of up to 10,000 words that provide experts, researchers and practitioners a space to reflect, analyse and proffer recommendations on emerging issues in West Africa.

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## Impact of Our Work

### WACSI Research Fellowship

WACSI in partnership with the Ford Foundation and the Rockdale Foundation have designed a Research Fellowship to enhance leadership and governance for civil society in West Africa. This research fellowship is an action-oriented programme targeted at young researchers living and working in West Africa.

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### Africa's Middle Class - A Time to Act

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## More News From Civil Society in West Africa

### Civil Society Situation Report May 1-15, 2017

The Civil Society Situation Report is a bi-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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### The Spindle Supports the Global Goals Jam 2017

The #GlobalGoalsJam is a two-day event consisting of human centered design sprints. Creative teams located all over the world, consisting of designers, experts, developers, and other creatives, work together on SDG-challenges, using a tailored (user centered design) toolkit.

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## Latest Blog Articles



### Re-Imagining the Transformation of our Communities

Innovation does not equate complex technology. Every day, communities across Africa find creative ways to contribute meaningfully to their lives with or without technology. Their challenges become a source of creativity that pushes them to try different approaches with common tools, limited resources and the will to live, and fashion opportunities to transform their lives. The world is a connection of value chains where one needs to carve out a niche.

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### The culture of personal development that elevates staff at WACSI – The Story of Franck Sombo

After working for six years as a Junior Officer at the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), Mr. Franck Sombo has been elevated to the position of Head of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL). In 2013 when Franck won the best staff of the year award he remarked “I feel privileged to work with great minds, competent leaders and smart people, this for me was an advantage to learn

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### Growing a Movement of Male Feminists in Africa: What Men Can do

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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