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Present Position: Executive Director: West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)

Summary:

Mr. Bombande is a co-founder of the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) and the Executive Director. He is a Peacebuilding Practitioner, International Trainer in Conflict Mitigation and Prevention across Africa and beyond with a strong background in conflict analysis. He has been a lead mediator in many community based mediation efforts in West Africa. He has served as a member of the UN Advisory Team in Ghana and advised the Government of Ghana on various conflict prevention strategies including the development of peace architecture for Ghana. Bombande facilitates and teaches various peacebuilding courses in different institutions. They include the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Accra-Ghana, the University of Ghana's Legon Centre for International Affairs (LECIA) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy – in Sweden. He also managed a major project with the FAO-Ghana in Natural Resources Conflict Management in a Sustainable Livelihood Programme. While his work has focused on intra-communal conflicts in Northern Ghana, he has among others, promoted collaborative approaches to peacebuilding in West Africa and the Great Lakes Region of Africa. As head of WANEP, he provides leadership for the biggest peacebuilding Network in West Africa with active engagement with various United Nations agencies and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). His working languages are English and French and speaks Hausa and several Ghanaian languages

Education:

M.A. Conflict Transformation, Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia, USA.

B.A. Social Science, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

D.E.F University Chiek Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal

Awards:

Recipient of the Millennium Excellence Award for Peace in Ghana: 2005

Recipient of the Laureate CIVIPAX: Burkina Faso 2007

Facilitation of Dialogue and Mediation Work

1994-1998: Inter ethnic Conflicts: Rift Valley-Kenya

1995-1998: Facilitating Dialogue: Eastern DRC

1994-1996: Kokomba-Nanumba Conflict in Northern Ghana

2001-2002: Bawku Inter-Ethnic Conflict. Upper East Region-Ghana

2003- Intra-Dagbon Akosombo Dialogue Process

2005-2007: Nkonya-Alavanyo Conflict: Volta Region-Ghana

2006-2007: Facilitating National Dialogue. Government and CSOs: Republic of Togo

Experience Chronology:

- Oct 1990-July 1994. International Young Catholic Students (IYCS) Africa Regional Coordinator, based in Nairobi Kenya.
- Aug 1994-Dec 1998 Program Officer. Nairobi Peace Initiative. Based in Nairobi Kenya
- Jan 1999-Sept 2004 Director of Programmes, West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP)
- Sept 2004- Executive Director (WANEP)

Experience:

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) January 1999-present
Executive Director

- Now heads the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), the biggest peacebuilding organization in West Africa with a staff of 10 people at the regional office and 15 in 12 national offices in 12 West African countries. Brings leadership, peacebuilding expertise and coordination to WANEP for the implementation and facilitation of peacebuilding programs in West Africa. Heads WANEP’s management Team in the day-to-day running of WANEP.

Nairobi Peace Initiative- Africa July 1994-1998
Program Officer

- Designed and initiated entry point for mediation work with Inter-NGO Consortium in Ghana for intra-ethnic dialogue initiatives following 1994/1995 conflicts in Northern Ghana. Worked with Churches and NGOS in Rwanda and Burundi to develop various peacebuilding projects. Co-Trainer of members of parliament of Great Lakes Region resulting in Amani Parliamentary Group for Peace of the Great lakes Region.

International Young Catholic Students Movement (IYCS) 1990-1994
Africa Regional Coordinator

- Led a team of six in coordinating programs of youth movement in Africa in Universities and High Schools. Organized International conferences focusing on youth issues and advocated for policy changes to enhance opportunities for youth development and growth within the Catholic Church and at the levels of Governments.

Languages:

English, French: good spoken and reading

Hausa: good spoken and reading

Publications:

“Conflicts, Civil Society Organizations and Community Peacebuilding Practices in Northern Ghana” in Ethnicity, Conflicts and Consensus in Ghana. Woeli Publishing Services, Accra, 2007.

“A View from West Africa” A Handbook of International Peacebuilding: INTO THE EYE OF A STORM. Jossey-Bass Publications. 2002

Consultant and Trainer. Youth Peace Training Manual. AACC Publications 1999

“Ghana. Difficult Journey towards National Reconciliation” The Northern Advocate, 2002.

Peacebuilding Efforts in Northern Ghana: Lessons for Local Authorities. 2007

“Developing an Institutional Framework for Sustainable Peace: UN, Government and Civil Society Collaboration for Conflict Prevention in Ghana” 2007

Presentations:

“Policies for the Prevention of Conflict: The Role of the International Community from an African perspective at an OECD development centre meeting.

“Building Peace as a Process” FEWER meeting on Early Warning and Early Response. Geneva. 1997

“Peacebuilding in Africa. A Focus on the Great Lakes Region” Westlands District of the Rotary Club of Kenya. Nairobi 1998.

“Critical Partnerships for Peace. Dynamic Collaboration in Conflict Situations”. CODEP conference. London. 2000.

“Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations in Conflict Prevention and Resolution” International Centre for Policy Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. Tokyo. 2000.

“Towards better peacebuilding practice” European Centre for Conflict Prevention. Soesterberg. Netherlands. 2001.

“Peace in Development. Critical issues, critical analysis. NGO Forum. Development Expo. 2003.

The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Conflict Prevention, Early Warning and Peacebuilding. UN General Assembly in November 2003 as part of the process of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflicts.

“The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Early Warning and Conflict prevention” UN-CSO Panel at the United Nations in New York. 2004

“Sustaining the Peace in Ghana” World Understanding and Peace Day. Rotary Club. Accra. 2006

“Perceived and Expected Role of Donors” Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Holland 2007.

Border Security and the International obligations of Ghana. The Role of Ghana’s Border Security Agencies. 2007.

New Approaches to Peacekeeping in Africa: International Peace Operations Association (IPOA). 2008

Peace Education, Nation Integration and Development. 2008

Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and the Millennium development Goals. 2008

Conflict trends and the Role of religious Leaders in the Prevention of Violent Conflicts in West Africa. PROCMURA Conference. Accra. July 2009