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#### **Editorial**

The first results of CDP-II are starting to come out! After a period of fieldwork in 2010 the teams have been busy with the analysis of the findings. During review and dissemination workshops in the first months of 2011, the preliminary results were discussed amongst the different country teams and during policy dialogues. In this newsletter follow some impressions.

Last March the CDP-team at CODESRIA visited the African Studies Centre Leiden, the Netherlands (ASC). This visit helped to develop the initial ideas for CDP-III that need to be worked out further in the coming months and to discuss on with our partners (the Netherlands Foreign Affairs Ministry, KIT, the NGOs). We invite everyone, CDP partners and

readers of this newsletter, to share your ideas and suggestions for CDP-III. Please e-mail Bruno Sonko at CODESRIA and/or Linda van de Kamp at ASC ([bruno.sonko@codesria.sn](mailto:bruno.sonko@codesria.sn) or [lvandekamp@ascleiden.nl](mailto:lvandekamp@ascleiden.nl)).

The coming meeting of the Steering Committee will also provide an excellent moment and platform to exchange our evaluation of CDP-II and our future steps. CODESRIA and ASC wish all the teams a lot of inspiration and success in writing the final reports. We look forward to the Policy Dialogue Conference where all the teams will present their results.

Enjoy reading this newsletter!

#### **CDP in One Word**

CDP is an international research network linking different institutions and scholars devoted to conducting collaborative research in Africa. The research is relevant to policy issues of economic development, democratization and conflict resolution. CDP offers a unique intra-regional network in Africa that provides opportunities for young scholars, NGOs, civil society and policy makers to interact with senior scholars to enhance research capacities. This programme has been in its second phase since 2009 (CDP-II). The main countries studied in CDP-II are: Mali, Burkina-Faso,

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1. Local Governance and Decentralization - Moussa Sissoko
2. Access to Justice and the Rule of Law - Oluyemisi Bamgbose
3. Media and Voice in Democracy - Augustin Loada
4. Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness - Antony Ikpi and Peter Quartey
5. Local Dynamics of Conflict and Peace-Building - Eghosa Osaghae
6. ECOWAS and the Regional Dynamics of Conflict & Peace-Building - Jibrin Ibrahim;
7. Financing Democracy - Shehu Dalhatu and Joseph Aye;
8. Modeling Success in Governance and Institution Building - Emmanuel Guymah-Boadi (Ghana), Léonard Wantehkon (Bénin), Jibrin Ibrahim (Nigeria);

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- at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Margriet Kuster

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### *Where are we with CDP-II?*

In the first months of this year all the CDP-teams hold their review workshops or dissemination workshops to discuss the preliminary results and draft reports together with policy makers and civil society:

Project	Place	Date
Local Governance and Decentralization	Bamako	4-5/02/2011

Media and Voice in Democracy	Ouagadougou	21-2/02/2011
Local Dynamics of Conflict and Peace Building	Legon	17-8/03/2011
Access to Justice and the Rule of Law	Ouagadougou	21-2/02/2011
Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness	Abuja	09/02/2011
ECOWAS and the Regional Dynamics of Conflict and Peace Building	Abuja	29/12/2010
Financing Democracy	Kano	7/03/2011
Modelling Success in Governance and Institution Building	Abuja	29/12/2010

Here follow various impressions of the workshops and policy dialogues:

### Financing Democracy

By Shehu Dalhatu

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Bayero University, Kano – Nigeria held a Policy Dialogue on March 7, 2011 to discuss the findings of the CODESRIA-funded research on “Financing Political Party Aspirants for Nigeria’s 2007 Elections” with major stakeholders (State Chairmen of four major political parties in Nigeria, INEC representative, the academia, politicians, CSOs, NGOs/CBOs etc).



Some of the research findings presented included the fact that: personal resources, loans or donations from friends and relatives constitute the major sources of funding of political aspirants in the 2007 elections; intra-party conflict has been found as a major hurdle in winning elections by some aspirants; money has a great influence in determining the outcome of election by political aspirants; excessive use of money undermines the credibility of the elections, forestalled issues based politics, and dampened the spirit of elected public officers; the overbearing influence of party stalwarts, wealthy politicians and political godfathers has been observed as one of the major problems faced by political aspirants in 2007 elections etc. Participants were of the view that there is need to set up an independent body in Nigeria to track the funds of political parties and aspirants since INEC is already overburdened and that studies on how public money is expended by politicians when they win elections and occupy public offices is imperative in Nigeria. The stakeholders highly appreciated the study given the significance of financing political party aspirants in Nigeria's democratization process.

Voice and Media in Democracy/Access to Justice and to Law Clinics  
By Augustin Loada

The Center for Democratic Governance (CGD) based in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) hosted a workshop to discuss the provisional results of research that the Center coordinates in the field of media and democracy. The main objective of the current second phase of research is to understand the contribution of the community radio to civic education in West Africa, especially in Burkina Faso, Benin and Cote d'Ivoire by analyzing the content broadcast by community radio stations.



The three principal researchers from Bénin, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire

The provisional results of this second phase were presented during a workshop held in Ouagadougou, February 22, 2011, in the presence of Bernard M. Lututala, Deputy Executive Secretary of CODESRIA and Linda van de Kamp of the ASC. The dissemination workshop was preceded by an internal meeting on February 21, 2011 where the researchers took a number of resolutions to strengthen the effectiveness of the research team.

It is worth noting that the workshop was opened by the Chief of Staff of the High Council of Communication who became the minister of communication following the recent cabinet reshuffle in April 2011. Moreover, the workshop was attended by many journalists and media leaders from all over Burkina Faso. The principal point of discussion was how to improve the number and quality of radio programmes about issues of democracy, citizenship and elections. As a result, the CGD is going to design a workshop for the journalists.

The dissemination workshop witnessed the participation of researchers from Nigeria involved in the Project 'Access to Justice and to Law Clinics'.



The Nigerian team

This project aims to study the cultural barriers that hamper women's access to justice. The study results attracted great interest among the audience and prospects were made for replication of the model of the Law Clinic in other countries, including Burkina Faso.

### Modeling Success in Governance and Institution Building

By Victor Brobbey

The review meeting provided an excellent opportunity for the three institutions involved to meet and compare notes about developments in their respective countries' Human Rights Institutions (Ghana, Nigeria, Bénin), as well as to receive an update about the status of the project. In presenting the research findings, CDD-Ghana received helpful feedback on the current write up, as well as additional steps that need to be taken both institutionally and collectively to bring this project to a successful conclusion. The review meeting also permitted the three institutions to receive the most current draft reports from each institution – though, of course, the report from Benin would have to be translated for a really thorough review to take place. In sum, though it was unfortunate that we did not have a representative from the CDP present, it was a worthwhile review meeting very ably organized and hosted by CDD-West Africa.

### Local Dynamics of Conflict and Peace-Building

By Eghosa Osaghae

The review workshop and policy dialogue was convened at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, on 17 and 18 March. On behalf of the CDP coordinating team Mirjam de Bruin of the ASC participated. The concept of 'conflict mobility' that this group is using affected the hosting of the workshop itself. Initially scheduled to take place in Cote d'Ivoire, the crisis there led to its transference to Ghana. The findings of the

various country studies were presented and discussed.

The first presentation by Dr. Austin Ikelegbe was about the findings of the study about youth militias and the resource conflicts in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. It showed that the methods and strategies of the activities of the militia have been copied in other parts of the country and regionalized as the militia was used in the coup attempt that sought to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea.

The second study about the socio-economic re-integration of returnees in Malian society who were migrants in Cote d'Ivoire was presented by Dr. Camara Bakary. It appeared that those returnees who are part of an association are generally successful in their re-integration, but the recent crisis in Cote d'Ivoire poses new questions about the conflicts that emerge with migration and integration.

Rodrigue Kone explained how the research of the third project about mobilization of the youth, land tenure, and the ideology of political actors in Cote d'Ivoire could not be carried out, first because of the problems of sending money from Nigeria to his country and then because of the political crisis (see also Kone's piece below). The team discussed about a new research plan that the Ivorian team is working on.

The fourth project about the Fulani in the Kwahu North District of Ghana was presented by Mr. Alex K.D Frempong, which gave an overview of the development of the land conflict between Fulani herders and farmers.

The second day of the workshop brought together researchers and academics of diverse backgrounds, policy makers and implementers as well as development partners who discussed the research reports and made contributions on how to make these reports influence policy decisions of states in the region. For example, a representative of the Ghanaian government

gained better insight into the necessity of shaping a comprehensive policy for the Fulani-farmer conflict.

In the coming weeks the reports of all projects will be finalized.

### ***The Visit of CODESRIA-team at ASC Leiden***

The African Studies Centre in Leiden enjoyed the visit from CODESRIA's CDP-team (Ebrima Sall, Bernard Lututala and Bruno Sonko) between 8 and 11 March.



The CDP coordinating team

Various issues concerning the current and next phase of the CDP programme were discussed, such as: 1) an effort must be made by CODESRIA and ASC to increase the visibility of the consortium, including through websites, media appearances, policy workshops and conference panels; 2) stimulating further cooperation between the teams like the joined workshop of 'access to justice' and 'media and voice in democracy'; 3) making evaluation criteria for the quality of the reports expected from the teams. 4) identifying possible funding sources.

During the visit, the CDP team had a very stimulating meeting with representatives of KIT and the Dutch NGO world. With the KIT representatives their willingness to return to the coordinating team of the projects was discussed and acknowledged. The NGO representatives expressed their disposition to participate in CDP-III. The visit was also a

good moment to share our life histories and ideas about Africa, Europe and the world in general.

The meeting with representatives of the Research Departments at the European Union helped to get a clearer picture of the funding structures at the European level.



The representatives of the NGOs, CODESRIA and ASC

### ***The Visit at Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs***

The visit of the CDP team at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs was a very important part of the visit to the Netherlands. We talked about how to build capacity and if the social science perspective has a visible impact on policy-makers. In relation to this issue CODESRIA's Executive Secretary Ebrima Sall indicated that the Council in general and CDP in particular could gain an impact on policy makers, notably through its educational outreach. Indeed, beyond the publication of various research reports, the CDP program places great efforts on raising awareness among certain sub-regional organizations such as ECOWAS, in particular on how to deal with conflicts in West Africa. Previously, ECOWAS was only interested in international conflicts. But after research by the Center for Democracy & Development in Abuja and CEDEA, currently it is interested in the so-called low intensity conflicts.

Ebrima Sall emphasized the role of CODESRIA in the African research community, in strengthening their capacity, in organizing research networks, the research environment, relations with policy makers and major conferences and policy dialogues. He presented the main activities of the Council: research, publications, training and dissemination, and the policy dialogue conferences, such as the recent conferences on Cote d'Ivoire and South Sudan. During these conferences, researchers and policy makers discussed their views about research done in these areas in relation to the current events.

Ton Dietz, the director of ASC Leiden, outlined the partnership between ASC and CODESRIA, which is mainly realized through CDP and some other activities. He emphasized that this partnership has been operating for many years and on an equal basis. For him, the ambition of the ASC is to strengthen cooperation in the world of research in Africa through the provision of access to publications, by multiplying the exchange and sharing knowledge, exchange of publications, collaboration in research and training.

### ***How to realize CDP-III?***

Following the advice of various persons, the CDP program should continue to contribute to the challenges of governance, consolidation of democracy, conflict resolution and poverty reduction in Africa. Thus a new phase of CDP-III is envisaged. Specific themes of focus could be: food security and water, the role of the private sector, access to justice, reproductive health, (post-)conflict and security, and decentralization and local governance. So far, CDP has been developed in West Africa and it is felt that the CDP work model should be exported to other parts of the continent. Also, it would be appropriate to expand the network of partners in Europe. We invite everyone to discuss new plans within the teams and with NGOs, policy makers and civil society. Proposals are very welcome. Currently CODESRIA and ASC are writing a proposal

for CDP-III and would like to consider your proposals.

During the CODESRIA-ASC visit to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the meeting with NGOs it became very clear that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get funding for research. It is very important to show in our presentations and reports what the added value of CDP is and what the impact of research is on policy making. There is also an urgent need to find different sources of funding. Since we would like to cooperate with European partners we have started to investigate the funding structure of the European Union and visited EU-representatives in Brussels during CODESRIA's visit to the Netherlands.

### ***CDP and the situation in Ivory Coast***

By Fahiraman Rodrigue Kone, CERAP

Since the past five months, the current conflicts in West Africa have been particularly marked by the bloody post-election crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. The 2010 elections that were meant to restore peace in the country after nearly ten years of instability, have led to mass violence arising from clashes between supporters of Alassane Ouattara, the recognized winner of the elections, and those of Laurent Gbagbo who refused to concede power. According to the latest estimations of the United Nations more than 1000 persons died and several thousand were wounded. These political events have had a negative impact on the CDP-work in Ivory Coast since it became impossible to do field research because of security issues. However, beyond this immediate impact, this new stage of the conflict has interesting implications for the CDP research at two levels.

First, at the current perspective of analysis, the new dynamics of the crisis reinforces the concept of "conflict mobility". The Ivorian conflict is the prototype of a complex conflict that contains both local dynamics (land disputes), national (crisis of

citizenship) and international (sub-regional migration, interventions by several actors of the international community).

Secondly, this crisis confirms some key findings developed during CDP-I. We demonstrated that there was a situation of political belligerence amongst the populations maintained by an ideological instrumentalization of ethnic communities and young people around the question of the Ivorian national identity. The cancellation by the Constitutional Council, standing close to Gbagbo, of votes from seven regions in the north of the country was seen as a denial of the citizenship of the northern populations. This justified the commitment of several people to war and the perpetration of ethnic violence. We stated that this manipulation was made possible by local land disputes between autochthon and foreign people in the western part of the country and the crisis of employment amongst the youth. The violence that evolved during the past months particularly affected the western area. One of the CDP-I reports showed the conflict situation between the autochthones and foreigners in Duékoué because of land disputes. This city was indeed the scene of the most violent clashes and massacres. The multiplication of groups of youth militia who are pro-Gbagbo or pro-Ouattara is the result of the political mobilization of youth as described in the first phase of the CDP-study: <http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?rubrique168>

### *Next Steps*

#### The 5th Steering Committee Meeting

During the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDP Steering Committee (the 2nd meeting for CDP-II) the following issues will be put on the table: i) progress of CDP-II; ii) collaboration and communication within and between the teams, CODESRIA and ASC; iii) new members and new partners iv) cooperation with (political) decision makers, civil society organizations and other stakeholders; v) CDP-III concept-papers and fund raising strategies. The

tentative date is at the end of August 2011, linked to the Policy Dialogue Conference.

#### Policy Dialogue Conference

After the finalization of the Research Reports, CODESRIA and ASC would like to organize a big Policy Dialogue Conference. Most teams held policy dialogues nationally and locally. During this conference we would like to dialogue with regional, transnational and international organizations and decision makers. The tentative date is at the end of August 2011, and the venue: Abuja.

#### Coordination Meeting

CODESRIA and ASC will be meeting again in Dakar in August 2011 to assess the evolution of the CDP-III Programme and funding activities.

#### General Assembly CODESRIA

CODESRIA will hold its 13th General Assembly on 5-9 December 2011, in Rabat, Morocco. The triennial General Assembly is one of the most important scientific events of the African continent. It provides the African social science research community with a unique opportunity to reflect on some of the key issues facing the social sciences in particular, and Africa and the world at large. The theme of the scientific conference of the 13th CODESRIA General Assembly is: 'Africa and the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century'. CODESRIA also invites abstracts and panel proposals of the CDP-teams. See: <http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?article1321&lang=en>

#### CDP panel at ECAS

A CDP panel about 'Democracy, Elections, and Conflict in West Africa' organized by CODESRIA and ASC will take place during the European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), Uppsala, 15-18 June 2011.

### *Publications*

Two studies conducted by the team on 'Local Dynamics of Conflict and Peace-Building'

have just been issued as well as one by the team on 'Media and Voice in Democracy':

1)Eghosa E. Osaghae, Augustine Ikelegbe, Omobolaji O. Olarinmoye & Stephen I. Okhomina. Youths Militias, Self Determination and Resource Control Struggles in the Niger-delta Region of Nigeria. Dakar, CODESRIA, Research Report n° 5, 2011, 96 p; ISBN 978-2-86978-490-1

2)Jospeh R. A. Ayee, Alex K. D. Frempong, Richard Asante & Kwame Boafo-Arthur. Local power Struggles, Conflict and Conflicts Resolution. The causes, Dynamics and Policy Implications of Land-related Conflicts in the Greater Accra and Eastern Regions of Ghana. dakar, CODESRIA, Research Reports n°3, 2011, 31 p., ISBN 978-2-86978-489-5

3) Augustin Loada & Samuel Guitenga. L'appropriation de la gouvernance budgétaire au niveau des communes rurales du Burkina Faso. Dakar, CODESRIA, rapport de recherche n°4, 2011, 38 p. ISBN 978-2-86978-491-8

See also:

<http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?rubrique38&lang=en> and all the reports from CDP-I were published online:  
<http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?rubrique168>

All these works are currently being edited for publication and will be available at the Policy Dialogue Conference and CODESRIA's General Assembly.