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STRATEGY

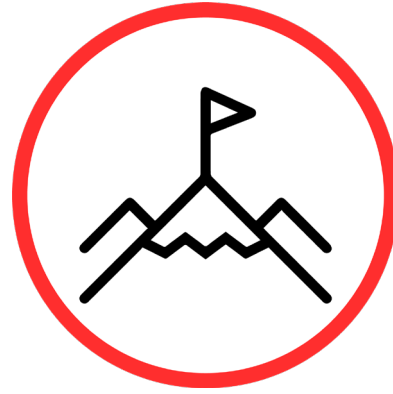
ENABLING SOCIAL
TRANSFORMATION
THROUGH A ROBUST
AND VIBRANT
CIVIL SOCIETY

OUR VISION



A peaceful and prosperous West Africa where development is driven by its people.

OUR MISSION



We strengthen civil society in West Africa to be responsive, collaborative, representative, resilient and influential through knowledge sharing, learning, connecting and influencing.

OUR VALUES

People-Centeredness



Ethics



Collaboration



Diversity



Non-Discrimination



Leadership



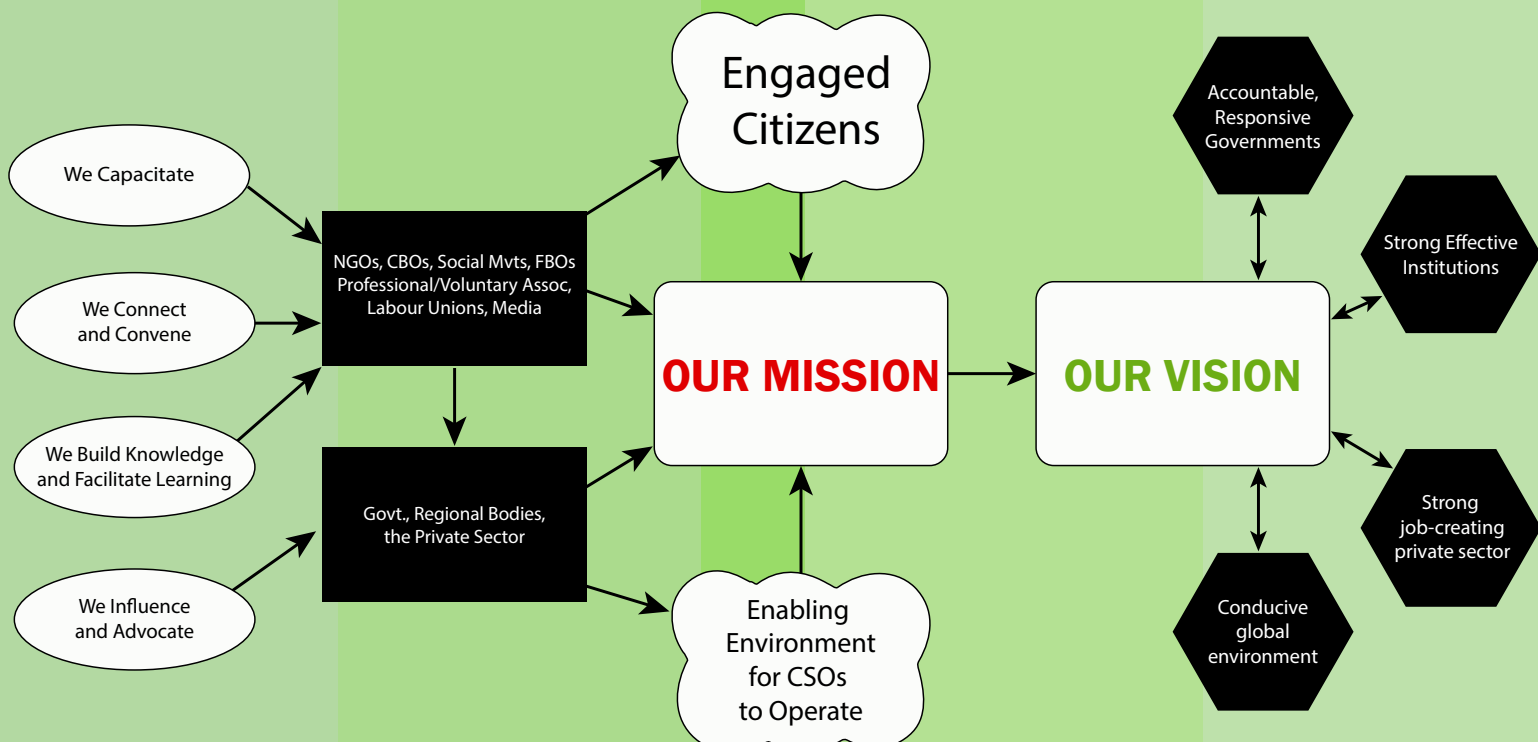
Innovation



Excellence



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE



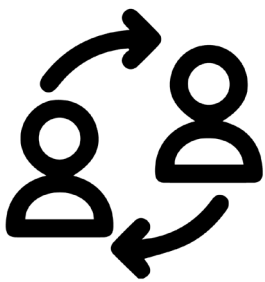
OUR AMBITION

WACSI has prioritised four ambitions to enable Civil Society in West Africa become a powerful driver of change in the region. In implementing all these strategies, we will give particular attention to strengthening the agency of women and youth in recognition of the central role they should play in the transformation of this region. We will also seize the opportunities that technology is offering in opening up the space for civic engagement in the region.



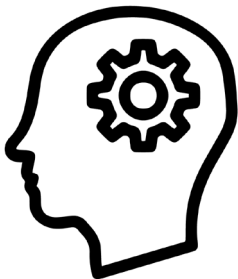
WE WILL CAPACITATE

We will seek to enhance the effectiveness and performance of organised and organic civil society groups. Our aim will be to strengthen the legitimacy, transparency, accountability and resilience of these groups through training, mentoring and coaching programmes among others. We will continue to take a long-term approach to capacity development and will focus on shared learning rather than teaching. To reach out to a broader number of CSOs we may also use Training of Trainers and appropriate e-learning approaches.



WE WILL CONNECT AND CONVENE

We will create spaces and platforms for diverse groups of civil society to connect, share and learn from each other and with non-civil society actors. Our approach will focus on facilitating multistakeholder engagement on critical issues, strengthening civic voices, and linking networks and alliances.



WE WILL FACILITATE LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

We will curate knowledge and facilitate learning and participatory knowledge sharing within civil society and between CSOs and other actors.

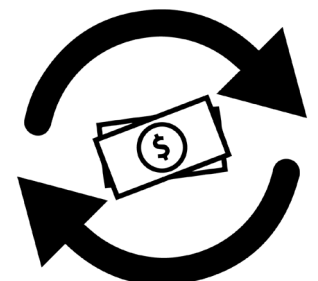


WE WILL INFLUENCE AND ADVOCATE

We will influence institutions, policies, legislation and funding practices to ensure civil society in West Africa has an enabling environment in which to operate. We will do this through continuous engagement with policy actors and policy institutions and in collaboration with a diverse group of civil society and development partners.

FUNDING OUR AMBITION

In the next five years, we will seek a sustainable and diverse revenue stream to fund planned programmes and organisational development. Given the ambition of our programme, we will aim to increase our revenues and ensure that they are flexible enough to fund our priorities and grow our reserves. The sustainability of our income will be contingent on us growing our internally generated revenue and decreasing our dependence on donor funding. During the strategy period, therefore, significant attention will be given to developing these alternative sources of income.



OUR THEMES



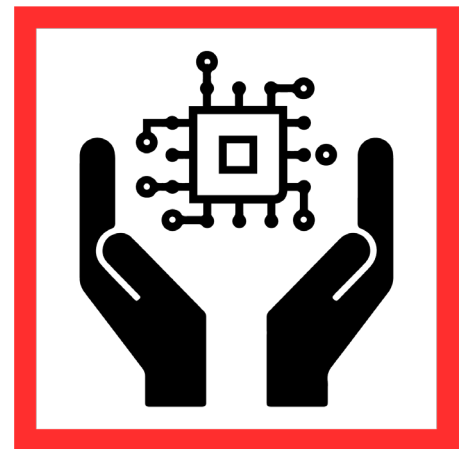
Enabling Environment for
Civil Society



Civil Society Sustainability



Women & Youth
Leadership



Technology for
Development

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY

Find the full version of the strategy on our website, www.wacsi.org

