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At FOSDA, we recognize that peace requires action on many fronts: from inclusive governance and citizen participation, to conflict prevention, youth empowerment, gender equality, and arms control.



Greetings from FOSDA

We are excited to share with you the September Edition of our monthly newsletter.

In this edition, we spotlight key projects and activities from the month of September that have been advancing our mission to promote peace and human security for all.

FOSDA and Canadian High Commission Convene Development Partners Dialogue to Advance Financing for GHANAP 2 and WPS Agenda



Canada



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Development Partner's Engagement
Financing Ghana's National Action Plan on
Women Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325)

On 23 September 2025, FOSDA, in collaboration with the Canadian High Commission, held a policy dialogue on Ghana's Second National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (GHANAP 2). Partners emphasized the need for stronger coordination, advocacy, and sustained support, recommending a one-year extension of GHANAP 2 to complete key activities and ensure a smooth transition into GHANAP 3.

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FOSDA Champions Implementation of UNSCR 1325 at African Union West Africa Regional Consultation



On 16–17 September 2025, FOSDA, represented by Executive Director Mrs. Theodora Williams Anti, participated in the West Africa Regional Consultation on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in Dakar, Senegal, convened by the African Union Commission to mark the 25th anniversary of UNSCR 1325. FOSDA shared key lessons from its monitoring of Ghana’s National Action Plan, highlighting innovations such as the Women Mediators Network of Ghana, and stressed the importance of accountability, stronger partnerships, and dedicated funding for effective implementation. The consultation underscored the power of collaboration among civil society, governments, and partners to advance inclusive governance and accelerate the WPS agenda across the region.

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FOSDA Holds Research Dissemination Workshop on Land Guard Crisis in Ghana



On 11 September 2025, FOSDA, in collaboration with the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) under the EU-supported ENACT project, hosted a research dissemination workshop on Ghana's protracted land guard crises. Bringing together representatives from government, security services, academia, civil society, and development partners, the workshop examined how land guards fit into Ghana's broader land dispute system and explored strategies to curb their influence. Discussions highlighted structural challenges – including land tenure, judicial delays, youth exclusion, and weak enforcement capacity – while calling for reforms in land management, stronger intelligence support, and youth empowerment initiatives. In her closing remarks, FOSDA's Executive Director, Theodora Williams Anti, urged closer collaboration between customary and statutory actors, greater community education on land laws, and expanded youth employment programs to reduce vulnerabilities that fuel land guard activities.

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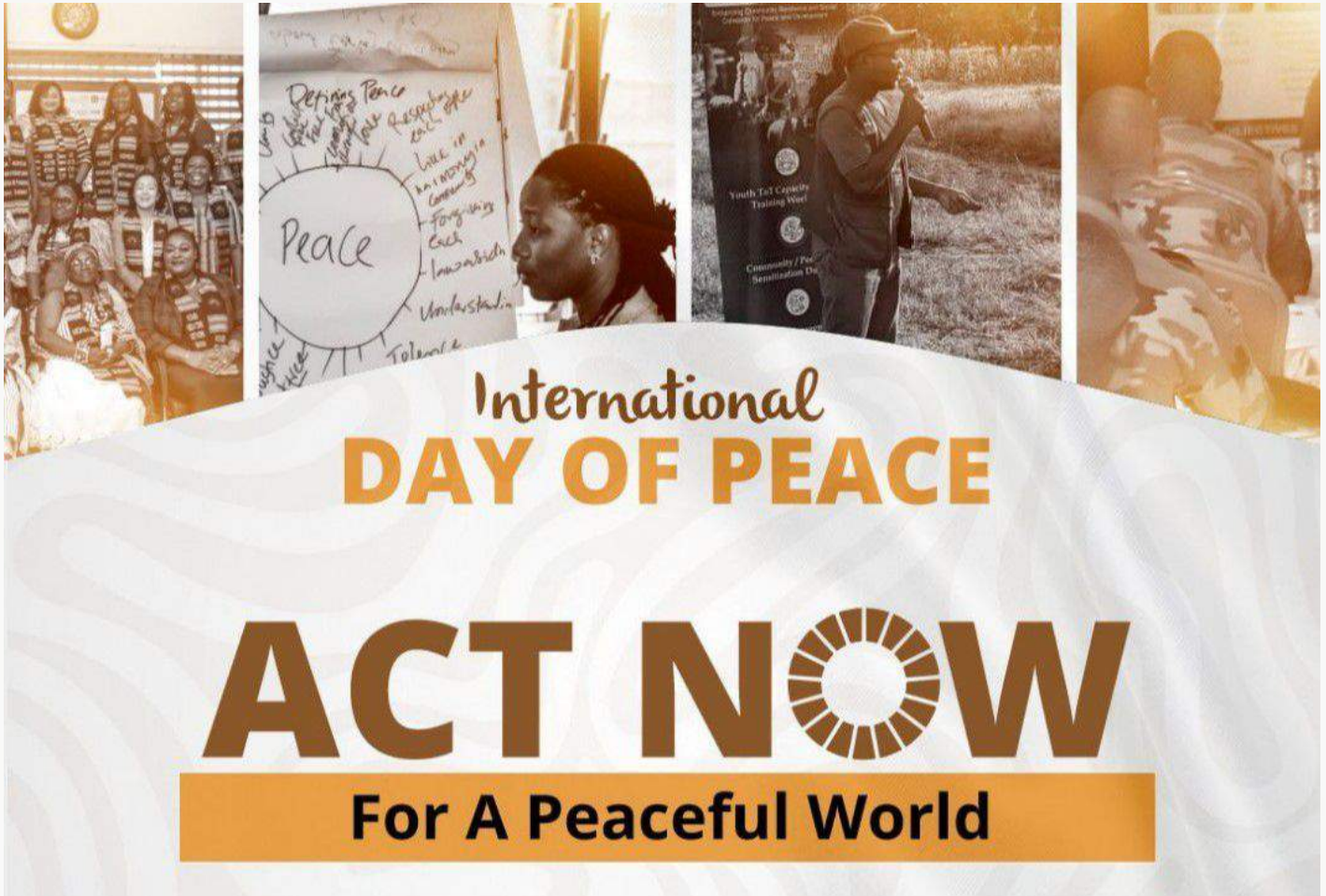
FOSDA Strengthens Women's Livelihoods in Mining Communities with Soap Making Training



From 22–26 September 2025, FOSDA, in collaboration with the West Africa Center for Counter Extremism (WACCE) and with support from the Australian High Commission, organized a skills training program in soap making for young people in Obuasi and Amansie as part of Phase 2 of the Mining for Peace project. The initiative seeks to strengthen economic security, reduce youth vulnerability to violence, and support national efforts to foster peace and inclusive development in Ghana's mining zones.

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FOSDA commemorates 2025 International Day of Peace



On the International Day of Peace, under the global theme “Act Now for a Peaceful World”, FOSDA released a statement reaffirming its commitment to peace, security, and inclusive development across Africa. FOSDA emphasized that lasting peace demands action on multiple fronts from inclusive governance and youth empowerment to gender equality, arms control, and sustainable natural resource management. Recalling its flagship initiatives such as the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, youth development, Mining for Peace, Resilient Dialogues, and violence monitoring, FOSDA urged stakeholders to secure financing for Ghana’s WPS agenda, act on early warning data, promote peace-sensitive resource governance, and strengthen inclusive platforms for trust-building. “Peace cannot wait. The time to act is now,” the statement concluded.

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Policy Brief: Escalating Violent Incidents in Ghana – August 2025 Update & Strategic Response



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FOSDA's Violent Incidents Monitoring Report for August 2025 reveals a troubling rise in nationwide violence, with 70 cases recorded in August alone, pushing the third-quarter total to 157 incidents, 18 above the organization's projected upper limit. Gun violence accounted for nearly half of reported cases, while physical assaults remained widespread. Emerging regional hotspots include Ashanti, Eastern, Greater Accra, and Central Regions, with 15 out of 16 regions nationwide reporting at least one violent incident. Without swift action, Q3 2025 risks becoming Ghana's most violent quarter since 2022.

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