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## Video report: Highlighting AWEPA's work in South Sudan



A short video published by AWEPA, offers an insightful snapshot of the organisations's "[South Sudan National Legislative Assembly \(SSNLA\) and Local Councils](#)" programme. The video follows an outreach activity on the topic of education, facilitated by AWEPA, which enabled councillors of Yambio County to visit the small administrative area of Lirangu Payam in South Sudan. Participants in the event, which brought together parents, teachers, pupils, members of the local

community, identified issues in their local area, including high drop-out rates, especially among girls. The participants and councillors were invited to address the underlying causes of school drop-outs, and put forward potential solutions.

[Watch the video](#)

## Upcoming Activities

Dates to be confirmed	<a href="#">Induction Training for the National Assembly in Benin</a>
27 -29 July	<a href="#">EALA Planning Meeting to take place in Kampala</a>
8-9 October	<a href="#">AWEPA International Parliamentary Seminar in the Belgian Senate</a>

## Recent Activities

### Financing for Development event by the UN Millennium Campaign



12-15 July 2015. Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia  
– Under its [MDG Programme](#), AWEPA partnered with the [UN Millennium Campaign](#) in the organisation of two parliamentary side meetings to the [Third International Conference on Financing for Development](#) (FFD3). The events

### ECOWAS Parliament-AWEPA Strategic Planning Meeting



29 June 2015. Amsterdam, the Netherlands – In the context of AWEPA's [Sida](#)-funded [MDG Programme](#), the [ECOWAS Parliament](#) and AWEPA held a Strategic Planning Meeting at AWEPA's Headquarters in Amsterdam. As 2015

addressed the themes of "Multi-stakeholder's positioning to support the implementation and monitoring of Financing for Development post-Addis" and "Bolstering public finance management systems for efficiency and delivery".

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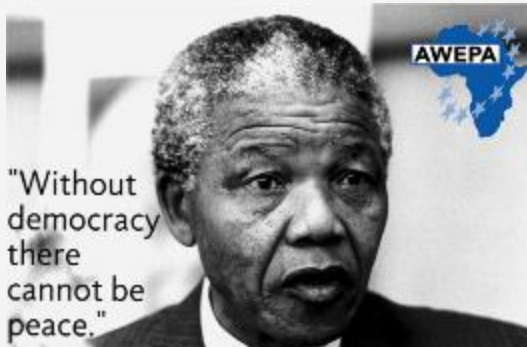
represents the last year of the [Millennium Development Goals](#) in general and the AWEPA Programme, the meeting reviewed the cooperation between the ECOWAS Parliament and AWEPA so far, as well as laying the foundation for a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations.

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### **AWEPA to join Nelson Mandela International Day Celebration**



18 July 2015. AWEPA looks forward to celebrating [Nelson Mandela Day](#), held on 18th July each year. The life and work of Mr. Mandela has continually inspired AWEPA since its establishment in 1984. Indeed, the organisation's [history](#) is rooted in the campaign against apartheid, and for the equality and freedom of all people, which Mr. Mandela cherished and exemplified. AWEPA's unconditional support

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### **National workshop on child marriage laws in Zambia**



23-24 June 2015. Zambia – Following the [Regional Dialogue on child marriage laws](#) held in Johannesburg in February 2015, AWEPA and [Plan Zambia](#), in cooperation with [SADC-PF](#), organised a national follow-up workshop on child marriage laws in Zambia. The objective of the workshop was to introduce the outcomes of the Regional Dialogue on child marriage laws to the participants and

for the South African liberation movement is something Mr. Mandela regularly expressed his value for from meeting with AWEPA members in 1990 to accepting the first AWEPA Human Dignity Award in 2007.

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### [AFROMADRID Forum sponsored by AWEPA Spain](#)



15 June 2015. Madrid, Spain – [AWEPA Spain](#) and the [Spanish Senate](#) co-sponsored an Interparliamentary Forum, organised as part of the [World Conference AFROMADRID 2015](#), a high-level event which aims to promote justice, development and recognition for people of African descent. At the Forum, Hon. Iñáqui Anasagasti, member of the [Spanish AWEPA Section](#), spoke alongside parliamentarians from around the world who presented initiatives for the eradication of discrimination and xenophobia.

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to discuss how best the law in Zambia could be enforced and monitored.

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### [AWEPA-NIMD Strategic Partnership meeting](#)



29-30 June. The Netherlands – Programme staff from AWEPA's African national offices, regional offices, Brussels office and Headquarters in Amsterdam along with Programme staff from NIMD's Headquarters in The Hague, held a meeting in the framework of the [AWEPA Strategic Partnership](#) with the [Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), in alliance with the [NIMD](#). The programme staff focused on an internal peer review of the documents with feedback from management whereby the various interventions in the African countries concerned were discussed.

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## [Inside look: the work of Hon. Lia Quartapelle](#)



*Rome, Italy* – It has been a busy few months for [Hon. Lia Quartapelle](#), Head of the [Italian AWEPA Section](#). On 18 June 2015, the Section presented the [OECD](#) report entitled “[African Economic Outlook 2015](#)” in the [Italian Senate](#). In addition, Hon. Quartapelle is currently undertaking a cognitive survey regarding development in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a special focus on migration challenges. In Parliament, too, Hon. Quartapelle continues her work to realise and promote [AWEPA’s mission](#).

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## [AWEPA Spain inaugurates new headquarters](#)



8 July 2015. *Madrid, Spain* – The [Spanish AWEPA Section](#) held a short ceremony in the [Spanish Senate](#) to inaugurate its new headquarters. In holding the event, the Section wishes to thank the [President of the Senate](#) and staff for their efforts in making the new headquarters possible. The headquarters will help the Spanish AWEPA Section to continue its work to support the realisation and promotion of AWEPA’s objectives within the Spanish Parliament.

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