



# Wathi

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DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

ABOUT WATHI

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## VISION AND MISSION

WATHI's vision is peaceful, appeased, dignified, productive and united societies across West Africa, a West Africa open to all the regions of the African continent and to the rest of world. Our vision is a world translated into a state of mind, a transnational citizen movement and a think tank.

WATHI's conception of West Africa not only integrates the 15 member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), but also countries linking ECOWAS to North and Central Africa, namely Mauritania, Cameroon, and Chad.

The focus on a particular region does not imply a disinterest in the evolution of the other regions of the continent. WATHI's approach is in line with a pan-Africanist perspective, but a realistic and pragmatic pan-Africanism focused on the needs of the populations and recognizing the diversity of the countries and regions of the continent.

## A state of mind

WATHI is a state of mind blending an unlikely mix of confidence, realism, and cheerful idealism, focus on West Africa and openness to the rest of the world.

It is the state of mind of men and women working everyday towards improving the present and the future of their countries while fostering and claiming a vision of life based on the search of welfare for all.

WATHI is the commitment of men and women who do not simply dream of a better West Africa, but patiently and decisively work towards creating it.

## A transnational citizen movement

WATHI respects national identities and encourages citizens of each country of the region to take responsibility. WATHI wants to promote regional integration by inciting citizens of each country to be interested in the political, economic, social and cultural dynamics of the other countries of the region.

It is a citizen movement that transcends social classes, excludes all forms of hierarchy between various types of knowledge and know-how, and provides a permanent space to think and take action together.

It is the great ambition to change the present and the future of West Africa and the neighbouring regions by making time – waati in the bamanakan language of Mali – an ally.

## A think tank

WATHI is a think tank and a toolbox constantly called to adapt to the reality of West African countries.

A space for collective thinking and action, WATHI aims to change the national trajectories of the West African countries and to transform the region. WATHI intends to examine the realities of the countries in the WATHI region to be able to focus the energy, time, creativity and collective knowledge of its men and women on the most important issues, to improve the present and change the future.

## WHAT WE DO

Through citizen collective thinking and action, WATHI contributes to redefining collective values in West Africa and transforming political, economic, and social systems.

WATHI is not solely defined by the activities of the association. It is primarily defined as a state of mind and a dynamic undertaking constantly renewed by the creativity of the members of its network. The activities described below are the first phase of WATHI's life. This is only the beginning.

## WATHI's website

WATHI's website is a participative platform for the production, sharing and dissemination of knowledge and ideas. The website develops content in four key areas: political institutions, governance and security; society, culture and identities; education, health and science; economy, infrastructures and environment.

The importance of the web platform in WATHI's mission is:

- Access for the general public to information, analysis and sources of inspiration relevant to the West African region;
- ongoing moderation of structured debates that generate options for reforms and collective actions, pertaining to issues that are crucial for the present and future well-being of the populations of West Africa.

[www.wathi.org](http://www.wathi.org)

## The national meetings

Each national meeting will gather a group of about fifty participants of various professional profiles: a majority of young professionals of public, private and associative sectors living in their country and aged between 25 and 45, and a minority of resource persons of all age, living in their country or not, and selected by WATHI for their specific expertise and experience.

These national meetings will be held in a rotating way in the countries of the region in order to carry out an accurate assessment of their state and make realistic reform proposals. These reforms should be able to profoundly transform the existing political, institutional, economic, social and cultural systems, and their functioning.

## HOW TO SUPPORT WATHI

### Citizen-based funding: in line with WATHI's vision

WATHI's philosophy is that of men and women who are committed to West Africa and Africa, who believe in the importance of defending the public interest of present and future generations, as well as in the ability of African people to create their own resources needed for collective thinking and action on issues vital to their future.

WATHI's resource mobilization strategy integrates private and public institutional donors (foundations, international and regional organizations, private companies), but it primarily targets citizens across Africa and the rest of the world who share its vision.

The more WATHI will rely on resources coming from your generosity, the more it will be financially independent and able to focus exclusively on its mission.

Financial transparency is a central point for WATHI. Information on WATHI's sources of funding and the allocation of these funds for the activities of the organization will be provided, on a regular basis, on our website.

### WATHI needs your support now

If you think that our states and societies in West Africa need to face their current realities in order to profoundly change what needs to be;

If you think the commitment and will to do well is no longer sufficient in a complex and global world, and that we must also invest heavily in the dissemination and creation of knowledge, for the general interest;

If you think that thinking should guide collective action, and a space for production and exchange of ideas is not a luxury for African countries but a vital necessity to face the great challenges of the coming decades;

Support WATHI now with a bank transfer to its account in Dakar, Senegal, or contact us at [donate@wathi.org](mailto:donate@wathi.org) for further information on how to be part of this adventure.

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