



RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE SERIES

How Civilians Respond to Violent Extremism in West Africa

Date

Wednesday 13th
September 2023

Time

14:00 – 15:30
West Africa Time

Location



Register here

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Panelists



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For over a decade, countries in West Africa have faced the growing presence of violent Islamist groups such as the Jamā'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihād, also known as Boko Haram, Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP), Ansaru, Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin, Al Qaeda, and Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO). These groups have embarked on a campaign of terror in countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. Governments, regional institutions and international partners have engaged in counter terrorism and counterinsurgency campaigns in response to the activities of violent Islamist groups. Areas occupied by these groups also have civilian population that are affected by both violent extremisms by Islamist groups and counter terrorism campaigns by states, regional institutions and international partners. The September 2023 Conflict Research Network West Africa Research Roundtable will present researched perspectives on how communities respond to violent extremism in West Africa. Panellists will discuss how violent extremism shape social relations and public authority in communities, what actions everyday people in communities are taking to counter or overcome threats of violent extremism, how national and foreign backed military offensive against terrorist groups affect everyday people in communities and what policy makers and relevant actors can do to support communities affected by violent extremism.

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