

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM (PAVE) NETWORK, HELD AT THE SHERATON HOTEL ABUJA. 24TH MAY 2017

Time of the meeting: 5.15p.m

Agenda: Update of activities in PAVE by the Chairman National Steering Committee,
Changes in the Steering Committee
A.O.B.
Adjournment

Convener: Mr Jaye Gaskia (Chairman, National Steering Committee) PAVE NETWORK

UPDATE BY THE NSC CHAIRMAN

The chairman of the NSC Mr. Jaye Gaskia thanked all in attendance for finding time within their busy schedule to attend the “PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN NIGERIA” national workshop, organized by Club de Madrid, in collaboration with the Office of the National Security Adviser which held penultimate to the evening meeting. He said he was desirous to use the opportunity to invite all members of the national steering committee, however due to paucity of funds and other constraints on the organizers, some members of the national Steering committee could not get invitation for the event.

Mr Jaye voiced his optimism that the event was a leading edge for better times ahead for members of the network, this he said was due to the relationship that exist between the ONSA office and the national secretariat of the network. He informed members of the national steering committee that PAVE has been adopted as the CSOs arrowhead in coordinating and harmonizing CSOs strategic plans and actions in countering terrorism and PCVE in Nigeria, hence its mention in the final draft National Action plan policy in CVE that is to institutionalized soon.

On registration, PAVE is still pushing for the final validation to get legitimacy. The challenge(s) stalling the process the chairman mention was due to the earlier name submitted to the CAC which was rejected on some technical and security grounds, which after due consultation; PAVE approached ONSA for recommendation for re-validation and registration completion.

PARTNERSHIPS: The Chairman NSC briefed the committee that there has been significant interest by international organizations working on humanitarian response, CT and PCVE; however this has not been possible due to the non-legal backing of the network. One of such prominent opportunities missed by PAVE with the EU was ceded to NIM after he declined using his personal organization as the lead CSO in PAVE, unfortunately the partnership with NIM was not very fruitful which then provided a fall back to PAVE due to the diversity and geographical spread of its member organizations.

Communications: PAVE as an advocacy platform to amplify the interventions of individual CSOs must continually remain vocal by publicizing their various activities using all channels of communication leveraging more on the power of the social media. The chairman seized the moment to inform all members of the steering committee that PAVE has a facebook page, twitter handle and is making frantic efforts to get a website developed for the network and urged all members of the NSC to connect

on all the social media platforms which will strategically amplify their interventions and promote the online presence of the network which is a determinant to its progress, and also earn them administrative rights to make post and make responses on emerging issues online.

Reacting to the update by the chairman NSC, Mr Miliki commended the chairman's tenacity in shouldering the affairs of the network. On the issue of missed opportunities by PAVE due to its non-legal backing at present, he subtly said that the chairman should have contacted with members of the NSC to seek their approval or otherwise. In addition, he expressed his fear over the relationship between ONSA and PAVE warning that the network needs to be weary, so that it isn't hijacked by external forces. He however emphasized that there is a need for PAVE to sign an official MoU with ONSA so as to properly define the roles, responsibilities of each of the partners.

On the communication/media engagement there was agreement to revamp the old mantra (#LoveNigeriaHateViolence) of the network to be made explosive and engaging as it captures the objective of the network.

FINANCE: The NSC chairman stated that though it was unanimously agreed by members to make payment for registration, some members were yet to pay, and that the already realized funds have been utilized to fast track the registration of the network.

Mrs. Bridget Osakwe of WANEP intimated the NSC that her organization has replaced her with the previous contact person known to the network after she resigned her position from the organization. She also praised the character, openness and integrity of the NSC chairman for not allowing himself to be enticed by the opportunity of using his organization as the focal CSO for PAVE. She suggested that members of the NSC could be summed into a whatsapp group to ease/promote seamless communication among the members and also encouraged all to make concrete efforts to drive the PAVE dream.

Mr. Dauda also commended the NSC chairman for his undisputed resolve to ensure PAVE functions optimally. He spoke on the necessity for PAVE to find alternatives to federal registration (CAC), proposing that the network could be registered at either State or local government level to give it the required thrust to open a formal bank account. On the issue of membership, he advocated that the membership of the network should be reviewed, so as to allow for new eligible organizations who nurse interest to join do so. He raise a motion that WANEP should formally write to PAVE network to recall and replace its contact persons at the Steering committee level for record purpose and that BOCODEP should nominate a representative/replacement at the NSC since its contact person is engaged with other activities which places PAVE NSC at a disadvantage.

Mr Ibrahim Haruna, representing Mr. Muhammed Mustapha at the NSC meeting commended the efforts of the group so far and called for further cooperation among the NSC and member CSOs stressing that it would foster sustainability of the network.

A.O.B

Mr Miliki called on the chairman NSC to make efforts to seek institutional support to enable the PAVE secretariat function effectively and efficiently.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr Miliki moved for an adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Ibrahim Haruna

ATTENDANCE:

Mr Jaye Gaskia: Chairman NSC PAVE

Mr. Idris Miliki: Member NSC

Mr. Daa Muhammad Gombe: Member NSC

Ms. Bridget Osakwe Member NSC

Mr. Savior Akpan Member NSC

Mr. Ibrahim Haruna (Rep Muhammad Mustapha) Member NSC

Mr. Basse Bassey Communications Liaison (PAVE Secretariat)