

ECOWAS and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect co-host a Regional Policy Forum on R2P in West Africa Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect June 2012

On 11 and 12 June 2012 the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) jointly-convened a successful Regional Policy Forum on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in Abuja, Nigeria. At the meeting ECOWAS affirmed its commitment to R2P and called upon its members to appoint national Focal Points for atrocity prevention.

(...) Responding to Foreign Minister Ashiru's call for action, participants discussed strategies to strengthen early warning, encourage political will among member states, and develop mechanisms to better protect populations from mass atrocity crimes.

(...) To ensure that ECOWAS continues to effectively uphold R2P, participants recommended enhanced collaboration between ECOWAS' Early Warning and Response Mechanisms and the African Union, United Nations and relevant civil society organizations (...)

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