



KABILUN AFRICA THINK TANK (KATT)



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Kabilun Africa Think Tank (KATT) hosted by Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative (EWEI) is proud to announce the establishment of WIIS Nigeria, an international affiliate of Women in International Security (WIIS Global), a US-based non-governmental organisation that champions women leaders in the international peace and security sector in April 2025.

KATT, established in 2022, aims to address leadership inefficiencies and over-dependence on external resources, supporting the development of purposeful leadership for sustainable development. KATT works to harness the intellectual capital of Africans and those of African descent of all ages, locally and in the diaspora, to propose innovative solutions to influence policy and governance. Working within the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030 and African Union Agenda 2063 frameworks, KATT works to contextualise issues within the African context and promote robust discussions, as well as local solutions.

EWEI, established in 2008, has a **mission** to provide multi-sectoral interventions towards the empowerment of girls and women, and its **vision** is to achieve empowerment through enlightenment. We work towards empowering women through Capacity Building, Information Dissemination, Advocacy and Cross-Cutting Community Service Projects. EWEI's reach at the end of 2023 was over 4.5 million girls, women, and community members through onsite and online activities.

KATT will now additionally implement activities through **WIIS Nigeria**. KATT Convenor and Lead WIIS Nigeria Safiya Ibn Garba DTRF, who is also the Founder of EWEI, shared "We are very pleased to have established this international affiliate of WIIS. KATT foresees rich collaboration on initiatives of global significance. Being able to bring our diverse perspectives together for impactful work as it relates to gender, peace and security marks a significant milestone in supporting progressive policies on the continent and beyond."

WIIS Global shared, "We are delighted to officially welcome WIIS Nigeria to our global network. Based within KATT and EWEI, and guided by the exceptional leadership of Safiya Ibn Garba, WIIS Nigeria is already making meaningful contributions to our shared mission. We are eager to amplify and learn from the new perspectives, energy, and insight that WIIS Nigeria members bring to the table."

WIIS Global has promoted an inclusive approach to the Women, Peace, and Security agenda for 35 years by providing professional growth opportunities for women, leading research projects and policy engagement initiatives, and nurturing a community of mentors, advocates, experts, and leaders.

The WIIS Global network spans nearly 50 countries across six continents and includes 15,000 members who are committed to closing the gender equality gap worldwide.

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