

Description of policy/legal instruments and technical tools for regional coordination to fight against transnational organized crime in the West African region?

- The Economic Community of West African States **Treaty**, (May 28, 1975)
- (1978) Protocol on Non-Aggression,
- **Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right of Residence and Establishment (1979)**
- Protocol relating to Mutual Assistance of Defence (1981)
- Declaration of Political Principles (1981)
- **ECOWAS Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (1992)**
- **Revised Treaty of the Economic Community of West African States, (July 24, 1993)**
- **ECOWAS Convention A/PI/94 on Extradition (1994)**
- Declaration of Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Light Weapons (October 31, 1998)
- **Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peace-Keeping and Security (December 10, 1999)**
- Code of Conduct for the Implementation of the Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Small Arms and Light Weapons (December 10, 1999)
- Decision of the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government on the creation of National Committees for the fight against the proliferation of small arms and light weapons (10 December 1999)
- Additional Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance (December 21, 2001)
- Declaration and Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (2001)
- **Declaration on a Sub-Regional Approach to Peace and Security (May 2, 2003)**
- **Decision on the status of Specialized Institution of the West African Police Chiefs Committee (WAPCCO) (11/12/2003)**
- **ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition and Other Related Materials, (14 June 2006)**
- ECOWAS Conflict Prevention Framework, (January 2008).
- The ECOWAS Common Approach to Migration, (18 January 2008)
- **Directive on Fighting Cybercrime in the ECOWAS Region, (May 23, 2009)**
- **Political Declaration and Regional Action Plan on the Prevention of Drug Use, Drug Abuse and Organized Crime in West Africa (2008)**
- **Supplementary Act A/SA 2/01/10 on electronic transactions in the ECOWAS region (16 February 2010)**
- **Additional Act A/SA 1/01/10 on the Protection of Personal Data, (February 16, 2010)**
- ECOWAS Code of Conduct for Armed Forces and Security Services (2011)
- **The Political Declaration on a Common Position Against Terrorism, ECOWAS Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its Implementation Plan of Action (2013)**
- **ECOWAS Integrated Maritime Strategy, (2014)**

➤ **Policy Framework on Security Sector Governance Reform (2016)**

- **Why are these instruments and tools important to African security and justice officials?**

Within the framework of regional integration, the cardinal principle of free movement of persons and goods, the Right of Residence and Establishment creates a situation in which transnational organized crime is much more difficult to control. Henceforth, the instruments adopted make it possible to coordinate acts against the activities of criminals and to harmonize legislation within the framework of judicial repression. In particular, coordination makes it possible to adopt common approaches to security and justice throughout the regional community for the benefit of all ECOWAS citizens.