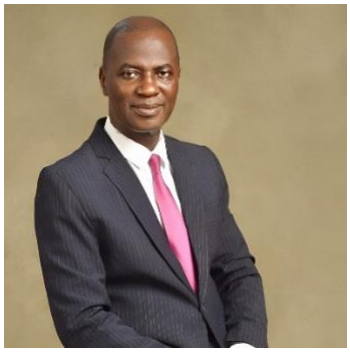
The New Regional Executive Committee (REC) of WACC Africa 2026–2030

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, a new Executive team was elected to lead WACC Africa region. The positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and alternate members are held respectively by Lekan Otufodunrin, Amie Joof-Cole, Blessing Oladunjoye, Mwendwa Kivuva, George Stewart, and Opeyemi Lawal.

Lekan Otufodunrin



Otufodunrin is a vastly experienced Nigerian multimedia journalist and media career development specialist.

Presently, President of Journalists for Christ International Outreach and Executive Director of Media Career Development Network, Otufodunrin has professional experience in newspaper and digital platforms editing and management.

He is also an adjunct lecturer, media trainer and mentor.

He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mass Communication from the University of Lagos and is a fellow of Thomson Foundation, UK, Poynter Institute, US and Solutions Journalism Africa. (lekanagency@yahoo.com)

Amie Joof-Cole



Amie Joof-Cole is a journalist, gender justice advocate and development communication specialist with over 40 years of experience advancing communication rights, women's rights, media development, democratic governance and social accountability across Africa. She is Executive Director of the Inter Africa Network for Women, Media, Gender and Development (FAMEDEV), a Dakar-based regional organisation promoting gender-responsive media, communication and women's leadership.

Throughout her career, Amie has contributed to regional initiatives on media freedom, digital rights, information integrity, election observation and the elimination of gender-based violence. As Regional Coordinator of the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP)

in West and Central Africa, she has coordinated multi-country research, advocacy and capacity-building initiatives to advance gender equality in and through the media. She has also worked closely with civil society organisations, governments, regional institutions, development partners and media professionals to strengthen inclusive governance and amplify the voices of women and marginalized communities.

Amie served as a Commissioner on The Gambia's Constitutional Review Commission (2018–2020) and is a Senior Synergos Fellow and Consulting Associate. Her work is grounded in the belief that ethical, inclusive and accountable communication is fundamental to democracy, human rights and sustainable development. amiejoof@famedev.org

Blessing Oladunjoye



Blessing Oladunjoye is a Nigerian development journalist with nearly 10 years of experience covering marginalised groups. She is the Founder of BO Foundation for Inclusive Media (BOFIM), a Non-Governmental Organisation using the media to promote the rights of marginalised groups.

She has worked on and collaborated with government agencies, international organisations, and local NGOs on issues related to women, persons with disabilities, children, migrants, refugees, and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

She is a graduate of Mass Communication from the Nigerian Institute of Journalism. She is a fellow of Solutions Journalism Africa and a Report Women fellow at the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism (WSCIJ). (blessing@bonewssng.com)

Mwendwa Kivuva



Mwendwa Kivuva is a Kenyan ICT practitioner and Internet governance professional with more than fifteen years of experience in network engineering, information systems management, technology policy, and multi-stakeholder engagement.

He serves as Operations Lead at KICTANet, working at the intersection of technology, policy, capacity building, and digital inclusion. As a DNS ambassador, he contributed to the IANA transition through the CRISP team and led KICTANet's work on developing a licensing framework for community networks in Kenya. His work brings together governments, civil society, technical

communities, and industry stakeholders to advance inclusive Internet access and strengthen the Internet ecosystem across Africa.

He holds a master's degree in Distributed Computing Technology from the University of Nairobi and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science, alongside CCNA and CISA certifications. (kivuva@kictanet.or.ke)

George Stewart



George Stewart is a Liberian journalist and media professional with over 20 years of experience in radio and television broadcasting, media management, and journalism training. Throughout his career, he has remained committed to strengthening the media, mentoring journalists, and promoting responsible journalism in Liberia.

In 2009, he founded the Liberian Christian Journalist Network, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Press Union of Liberia.

As a mid-level media trainer and project officer with the University of Liberia's Joe Mulbah Center for Journalism & Public Relations, George works to expand access to professional media training and mentorship. Recognising the economic challenges facing Liberian media institutions, he helped pioneer the Strategic Media Management initiative at the University of Liberia to promote more sustainable and effective media operations.

Beyond journalism, George is passionate about community development and using his experience to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Through his work in nonprofit management, he contributes to initiatives that empower communities and support vulnerable people across Liberia.

He holds a Master's Degree in Education, a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), and an Associate Degree in Mass Communication. (gsarwahstewart@gmail.com)

Opeyemi Lawal



Opeyemi Lawal is an investigative journalist with the Foundation for Investigative Journalism (FIJ) in Lagos, Nigeria. Before joining FIJ, she worked as a broadcast journalist at Vision FM 92.9 in Kebbi State.

Opeyemi advocates against jungle justice in Nigeria. In 2025, she launched MobWatch, a digital archive documenting cases of mob violence in Nigeria.

She is also an OSINT expert who has collaborated with international media organisations across Africa and Europe. She has participated in several local and international fellowships.

She is a graduate of Yaba College of Technology, where she studied Mass Communication. (theopeyemilawal@gmail.com)