



## West African Writers Residency Programme

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REGIONAL HUB:	Eastern Africa
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Publishing, literature
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Libreria Ghana Limited, Library of Africa and the African Diaspora (LOATAD)
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	Ghana
PROJECT DURATION:	03/2023 – 12/2023 (10 months)
BUDGET:	EUR 38 630 – EU FUNDING: EUR 24 723 (64%)
WEBSITE:	N/A

The '**LOATAD West African Writers**' Residency Programme' aims to empower writers from West Africa.

In this context, twelve writers, both men and women, under the age of 35 from 16 West African countries were selected to participate in month-long residencies over a period of six months, during which they had the opportunity to benefit from the time, space, and resources necessary to focus on their writing projects.

A series of workshops and mentorship opportunities also allowed them to improve their writing skills and professional development.

Furthermore, networking events, cultural exchanges, and public readings allowed writers to build and strengthen literary networks across West Africa and beyond, and to showcase their writings to the public.

The work of the beneficiaries was promoted through various media channels to increase their visibility, thus contributing to a more inclusive literary culture.

Finally, a network of former participants was created to maintain connections, share opportunities, and support collaborative projects and initiatives. The literary works of West African writers, especially narratives, are expected to increase as a result.

