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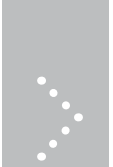
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After 10 years of existence of the United Nations Resolutions 1325 and 1820 in the West African region, the results of implementation of the resolutions in the West African region leave a lot to be desired. The regional forum on 1325 + 10 organised by UNOWA in September 2010, in collaboration with its partners including African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Mano River Union (MRU), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Fund for Women (UNWOMEN), UN-INSTRAW, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) identified several obstacles to its effective implementation. In its search for solution towards a more effective implementation, the Forum advocated for more effective partnership, across institutions, and across sectors.

Effective partnership development on the issues of women, peace and security in the West African region will go beyond listing institutions and organizations within the region, and will include friends of West Africa as well as friends of 1325 across the globe. In the area of cross sectoral partnership, stakeholders and actors in security sector and judicial sector reforms can no longer be kept on the periphery.



The present directory is therefore intended to bring together, in an easily accessible form, cross sectoral actors, institutions, organisations and agencies that are working, directly or indirectly, to facilitate sustainable peace and security in the West African region. As women are at the heart of the implementation of the resolutions 1325 and 1820, this directory has intentionally, privileged organisations with a gender mandate. It is our hope that through this tool, all actors working in the region will find a niche in their mandates to network with gender and human rights focused organisations to work towards engendered peace and security in the region. On this note, I urge all institutions and organizations not listed in this directory to join in by getting in touch with UNOWA's Human Rights and Gender Section. Together, we can make women count for peace in West Africa.

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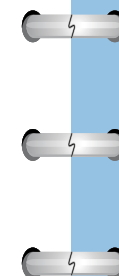


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Established in 2003, EGDC is an ECOWAS specialized agency entrusted with the mandate of building basic knowledge capacity, transferring knowledge and competence, and conducting programs on gender equality and its mainstreaming in ECOWAS programmes intended for women from private and public sectors.

Mandat

1. Contribute to the attainment of gender equity and equality;
2. Ensure gender mainstreaming in all ECOWAS programmes;
3. Contribute to the abrogation of discriminatory laws against women;
4. Build women and girls' capacity for their mainstreaming in decision-making bodies;
5. Facilitate the participation of all stakeholders in conflict management and resolution, and in peace consolidation processes.

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MRU is a sub-regional organisation encompassing Sierra Leone, Guinea Conakry, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire. It is headquartered in Freetown. It aims to create fair conditions for trade liberalization, and economic development, and to conduct peace building, security, and stability policies at the sub-regional level.

❖ Mandat

1. Promote peace and security in Mano River Union area;
2. Promote women's development in West Africa.



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UNOWA was established in Dakar (Senegal) in order to further enhance the contribution of the United Nations priorities in the area of peace and security in West Africa. UNOWA has substantive sections and advisors in such fields as political affairs, military, security sector reform, mediation, public information, human rights and gender, supported by an administrative and financial unit. UNOWA plays an important role in the implementation and monitoring of Security Council resolutions in West Africa, including the field of human rights and gender.

❖ Mandate

1. Implement UNSCR 1325 & 1820 in West Africa;
2. Coordinate all Women's rights promotion and protection activities in West Africa;
3. Support efforts by governments, ECO-WAS, MRU and West African civil society organisations regarding human rights and gender issues.



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❖ Mandate

1. Promote and protect women's rights in Africa;
2. Establish partnership with governments for the development of programmes and policies on women's rights, and on the ratification of women's rights-related legal instruments.

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❖ Mandate

- Support the development of gender mainstreaming policies and strategies within ECOWAS;
- Strengthen the capacity of National human rights promoting and protecting systems, Community institutions, and United Nations actors.



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Through the MDG Fund, the Government of Spain provided up to 5 million Euros to fund a joint UN programme (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNODC) for conflict prevention and social cohesion in Mauritania. This programme aims at improving access to justice at the level of communities with low income and limited access to government services, through the establishment of alternative dispute resolution centres (Maisons de justice) and the training of female paralegals.

❖ Mandate

1. Assist Governments and communities in implementing gender sensitive programmes to combat drugs and crimes, and ensure security and justice for all;
2. Empower rural women, through their training as paralegals;
3. Promote women's participation in community-based alternative dispute settling mechanisms;
4. Implement programmes to prevent and combat trafficking in women and smuggling of migrants, and the protection of victims.

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❖ Mandate

1. Ensure that preparedness and contingency planning processes identify potential protection and gender-specific issues and that these are addressed in related preparedness programmes ;
2. Ensure incorporation of cross-cutting issues such as gender, age, HIV/AIDS in humanitarian responses and issues in monitoring, reporting and analysis
3. Support the development of adequate protection strategies, ensuring that attention is paid to such cross-cutting issues as gender, age, climate change, HIV and AIDS ;
4. Ensure that OCHA policy on gender equality is fully implemented ;
5. Support the Regional Protection Working Group ;
6. Ensure that human rights and gender concerns are mainstreamed in the ECOWARN.



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WFP is the world largest humanitarian agency fighting against hunger in 80 countries throughout the world. Created in 1962, WFP has been striving to fulfil its vision according to which every man, woman and child should have access, at any time, to food needed for an active and healthy life. WFP, which is headquartered in Rome, invested 30 billion dollars and used more than 47 billion tone of food to fight against hunger around the world, and promote economic and social development. And it provides for assistance in cases of emergency.

Vision du PAM sur le genre:

1. Create an enabling environment in WFP for promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women reflected in policies, programmes and actions that support partner countries in addressing food and nutrition challenges.
2. Promote the protection of vulnerable population and work to prevent violence against women, girls and children in its operations. In complex emergencies it will seek to do the following:

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3. Reduce the burden on, and improve the safety of, women and girls in camps. Firewood is often collected exclusively by women and girls, who may walk long distances outside the camps with heavy loads and at personal risk.

As part of interagency efforts, in camps WFP:

- i. mobilizes resources to provide fuel-efficient stoves to the most vulnerable women;
- ii. Use its food assistance to support income generating activities for women and girls;
- iii. Support the creation of safe and private spaces for women and girls; and
- iv. Facilitate the formation of women's support groups in camps to enable women

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1. Promote and advocate for children's rights;
2. Ensure the application of children's in accordance with international ethics and standards;
3. Coordinate SG Resolution 1612 monitoring and reporting in 4 countries (DRC, CAR, Côte d'Ivoire, and Guinea-Bissau);
4. Ensure gender mainstreaming in humanitarian actions
5. Build capacities on Gender-based violence related ASC guidelines in humanitarian context.
6. Build capacities on Child Protection in Emergencies (CPIE)
7. Support for reintegration / social exclusion prevention programmes focusing on girls (Liberia, Sierra Leone, and DRC);
8. Support governments to review their national legislation, develop and implement National Action Plans on sexual violence against women and children. Assist governments develop and implement measures to end violence against women.



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UNDP/ASRO-WCA provides policy advice and technical support to 24 UNDP Country Offices in West and Central Africa in order to contribute to capacity building of governments and communities with a view to accelerating progress towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). UNDP works with governments, regional institutions, UN and other development partners, including civil society organizations and the private sector to tackle the multi-dimensional aspect of poverty by addressing its practice areas : democratic governance ; poverty reduction and MDGs ; environment and energy ; and Crisis prevention and recovery ; gender equality and women's empowerment and cross-cutting issue.

Mandate

1. Technical support and policy advice for UNDP Country Offices in the sub-region, in the area of human rights, gender and access to justice;
2. Strengthen capacities at national, regional and community levels to mainstream gender equality, women's empowerment and access to justice in government policies and institutions;
3. Facilitate best practice sharing through regional networking and partnerships.

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As a leading international organization for migration, IOM acts with its international community partners to enhance challenges due to migration flow management, to encourage social and economic development through migration, to uphold human dignity and well-being of migrants.

Mandate

- 1- Improve the understanding of migration issues through studies, research and publications;
- 2- Mainstream migrant women's specific needs in all IOM programmes and policies;
- 3- Fight against all forms of abuse and exploitation of migrant women including trafficking in persons;
- 4- Promote the participation of migrant women in initiatives related to economic and social development of their country.



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UNHCR is mandated to lead and coordinate international actions to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems throughout the world. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees.

Mandate

1. Provide international protection to refugees and seek sustainable solutions to their problems;
2. Mainstream age, gender diversity in all UNHCR programmes;
3. Prevent and respond to Gender-Based Violence among refugees, asylum seekers, internal displaced persons(IDPs) and returnees.

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Mandate

1. Enhance women’s economic security and rights;
2. End violence against women;
3. Reduce HIV/AIDS prevalence among women and girls;
4. Enhance gender justice in democratic governance within stable and fragile states.



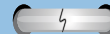
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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy. Through its Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division, FAO helps countries prevent, mitigate, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Mandate

1. Reinforce and rebuild the livelihoods and food security of the most vulnerable people affected by slow and/or sudden onset crises through collaboration with national and regional partners;
2. Ensure liaison, information exchange and coordination of FAO emergency activities with humanitarian partners;
3. Provide analysis on food security from a humanitarian perspective in West Africa and Sahel;
4. Incorporate gender into risk assessments, disaster risk profiling and in emergencies and rehabilitation projects;
5. Strengthen FAO's capacity to intervene effectively on emergency, rehabilitation and transition in the sub-region.

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UNFPA is an international development agency working for reproductive health and equal opportunity for all men, women and children.

It has three core areas of work: reproductive health, gender equality and population and development strategies;

UNFPA assist governments in using demographic data to develop policies and programmes to reduce poverty, prevent unwanted pregnancies, ensure safe deliveries, HIV/AIDS prevention for all, and that women and girls are treated with respect and dignity.

UNFPA – Every person counts.

Mandate

1. Work in partnership with governments, along with other United Nations agencies, communities, NGOs ;
2. Addresses critical factors underlying inequalities and rights violations through its framework on gender;
3. End gender-based violence in all its forms by promoting women and girls' rights and by involving men and boys as partners in efforts to promote gender equality and improve reproductive health;
4. Work in emergencies to prevent pregnancy-related deaths, sexual violence and HIV infection.



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UNDP has been working in Benin since 1962. The legal document governing UNDP operation in Benin is the Standing Agreement signed in January 1977. In response to the strategy of Benin aiming at emerging economically and achieving the MDGs, the UN System in Benin, under the supervision of the UNDP, has kept on assisting the Government in its development actions within the framework of its 2009-2013 programme cycle. This assistance is provided on the basis of a cooperation framework known as Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) between UNDP and Benin.

Mandate

1. Mainstream gender in national policy and strategy framing;
2. Support the Government to mainstream women in decision-making bodies;
3. Support the creation and operationalization of a women's rights promoting institute.

Presentation

In 1972, UNFPA signed a Standing assistance Agreement and the letter of Approval with the Republic of Benin. The Host Agreement between UNFPA and Benin was concluded in 2004. The Country Programme Action Plan (1/01/2009-31/12/2013) encompasses 3 elements: Population and Development; Health and Rights as regards Reproduction; Gender Equality and Equity.

Mandate

1. Develop a multi-sectorial National Gender Promoting Action Plan;
2. Conduct research on violence against women (in progress);
3. Campaign, in collaboration with civil society organisations, for the adoption of specific laws to end violence against women;
4. Enhance institutional capabilities of the Ministry of Family (human services);
5. Support local Authorities in their socio-economic mainstreaming of women and dropout girls.

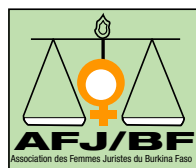

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AFJ/BF is an organisation of female lawyers that was established on November 14th, 1993, as a secular non profit-making scientific and apolitical organisation. It advocates for the promotion of human rights in general and the rights of women and children in particular, and for ending all forms of discriminations against women.

Mandate

1. Assist women to defend their rights and social benefits;
2. Conduct legal research ;
3. Train and educate all segments of society on women's rights;
4. Review national and international laws and suggest gender-sensitive amendments.


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1. Promote female leadership in civil societies;
2. Promote the economic status of women in Côte d'Ivoire;
3. Promote African integration within ECOWAS area;
4. Eliminate gender gaps that are discriminatory against women;
5. Build women and young girls' capacity to participate more effectively in decision-making, at all levels;
6. Promote and protect women's rights in Côte d'Ivoire.

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The United Nations presence in Côte d'Ivoire dates back to 1961 when the United Nations Technical Assistance was opened in. The first Resident Representative took office in February 1962. That technical assistance, from 1961 to 1963 consisted of support for the development of the economic development plan of Côte d'Ivoire. The initial framework of cooperation between UNDP and Côte d'Ivoire (1998-2000) hinged on such central issues as promoting sustainable human development by providing support for national design and management capacity building, fighting against poverty, promoting gender equity, environmental protection and good governance, in accordance with the UNDP mandate and national priorities.

❖ Mandate

Cooperation Programme 2009 - 2013 The 2009-2013 cooperation programme derives from the 5 UNDAF outcomes. It stands for UNDP's contribution to the process of national reconciliation, rehabilitation and socioeconomic recovery during the post-conflict in keeping with national development priorities in the context of the MDGs in Côte d'Ivoire.

It covers three main areas:

1. Alleviating poverty in order to contribute to the achievement of MDGs ;
2. Governance
3. Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Capacity building at the central and local levels is at the core of the programme to be implemented in synergy with the sectoral interventions of UN system agencies outlined in the UNDAF. Moreover, the programme will focus on other cross-cutting issues such as Human Rights and Gender so as to accelerate human development and achieve the MDGs



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NOPSWECO aims to coordinate and optimize women's roles and initiatives in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and security enforcement, postconflict rebuilding operations, and human rights promotion, particularly the rights of women and vulnerable groups, in order to ensure sustainable peace in ECOWAS area

❖ **Mandate**

1. Conduct prevention, security and peacekeeping programs in ECOWAS area;
2. Prevent and fight against violence, sexual exploitation and abuse against women;
3. Promote and protect women's rights within ECOWAS region and build their leadership and lobbying capacities;
4. Promote the implementation of resolutions 1325 and 1820 within ECOWAS area, and assist governments in implementing gender equity and equality programmes;
5. Promote African integration within ECOWAS region.

❖ **Presentation**

Granted to Côte d'Ivoire in 2006, the UNESCO Chair «Eau, Femmes et Pouvoir de Décisions» (EFPOD) is part of the international UNITWIN / UNESCO Chairs on water resources, sustainable development and peace.

UNESCO Chair «EFPOD» intervenes both in academia under the supervision of Professor JOHN BIEM, co-tenure, and at the population level (action research, research and development) under the leadership of Ms. Yao Kouassi Euphrasie Hortense.

❖ **Mandate**

UNESCO Chair «EFPOD» mainly aims to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation on gender, water, strict, natural, technological and social sciences, in view of implementing of the Millennium Development Goals.

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AI is Global movement with more than 2 million volunteer members who fight for the respect of all rights enshrined in the UDHR and other international treaties and instruments. Amnesty International takes action against violations of people's civil, political economic, social and cultural rights by governments. AI is independent is not subservient to any government, political opinion or religious creed. AI is solely concerned with the impartial protection of human rights.

Mandate

1. Ensure that all human beings live in a better world, and in dignity ;
2. Defend, protect and promote human rights through outreach activities and awareness campaigns on human rights ;
3. Lobby for the ratification and implementation of human rights treaties ;
4. Implement special programmes to end violence against women in peacetime and during conflicts ;
5. Mainstream gender and diversity in all programmes.

Presentation

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation based in Denmark. It has been present in Southeast Liberia since 1998 and as of 2006 runs a regional rehabilitation and recovery programme with operations in Southeast Liberia, Southwest Côte d'Ivoire, North Liberia, West Côte d'Ivoire and Guinée Forestière.

Mandate

1. Support peace and stabilisation, and protect and promote durable solutions to crisis-affected population in Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinée and Burkina Faso and other West African countries on the basis of humanitarian principles and fundamental rights.
- Immediate strategic objectives:
2. Livelihood assets, capacities, opportunities and resilience among the crisis-affected population in DRC area of operation are protected and strengthened on the basis of their own resources and capacities;

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WACSI was created by OSIWA (Open Society Initiative for West Africa) and the Soros Foundation Network to enhance the capacity of civil societies in the region. The role of WACSI is to serve as a resource center engaged in training, research, documentation, and political dialogue for CSOs in West Africa

Mandate

1. Strengthen the capacity of women's organizations;
2. Proffer technical expertise on women, peace and human security;
3. Develop learning resources for women in public office and civil society;
4. Facilitate the documentation of interventions implemented by women's organizations, and undertake research on topical gender issues.



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The Women Peace and Security Network-Africa (WIPSEN-Africa) was established on May 8th, 2006, under the laws of the Republic of Ghana as a women-focused, women-led Pan-African Non-Governmental Organisation with the core mandate to promote women's strategic participation and leadership in peace and security governance in Africa.

Mandate

1. Provide a platform for women across all levels of African societies to exchange, share, and harmonize strategies for women's leadership and build coalitions to promote peace and security in Africa;
2. Strengthen women's capacities to sustain their active engagement in conflict prevention, peace building, peace support operation and human security at policy, research and praxis levels;
3. Promote the twin approach of mainstreaming gender in peace and security mechanisms and institutions while mainstreaming peace and security in all gender mechanisms, policies and institutions;

4. Influence policy development and implementation on women, peace and security in Africa through rigorous research, strategic advocacy and documentation.

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The Parliamentary Centre is an impartial non-profit making Canadian organism which strives to improve National Assemblies' capacities and efficiency throughout the world. It implements projects to support Parliaments in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa.

Mandate

1. Highlight gender issues in programmes;
2. Ensure gender representations;
3. Build capacities on gender for programme beneficiaries;
4. Support legislations promoting gender and women empowerment.



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FIDA-Ghana is made up of women lawyers who use their knowledge in the Law to promote and protect the welfare of women and children against all forms of discrimination, realizing that the strength of society depends on this.

Mandate

1. Provide legal aid and counseling services to indigent women and children
2. Provide court representation to women
3. Organize Legal literacy programs through the simplification of laws and polices that protect women
4. Provide mobile legal aid outreaches in the rural areas to women
5. Advocate for the abolishing of laws and traditional practices that are harmful to women
6. Train paralegals in the basic laws to enable them respond to gender based violence issues at the community level.

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Mandate

1. Holistic approach to the role of women in peace building, peacekeeping and security process;
2. Bridging Human rights and peacekeeping (mainstreaming gender in peace all initiatives).



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ASDR specializes in issues of security and their relationship with democratic consolidation by bringing together legislators, scholars, defence and security officials, and civil society activists in a serious, informed, and sustained exchange on defence and security issues. Its thrust area encompasses research, capacity building trainings and dialogue on security issues.

Mandate

1. Research and trainings for Policy development;
2. Promoting regulation of the private security industry in Ghana;
3. Advocacy for dialogue on security and development issues;
4. Capacity building or security professionals and civil servants;
5. Collaborating with the ASSN and other partners with mandate in SSR/G.

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ASSN is a pan-African network of experts and organisations working in the area of Security Sector Reform and Governance (SSR/G). It works to put in place accountable and democratically governed security sectors across Africa.

Mandate

Security Sector Reform and Governance (SSR/G)

Activities:

1. Support to National Governments and Security Institutions;
2. Work with National Legislatures;
3. Continental and Regional SSR Outreach;
4. Security Literacy and Practitioner courses;
5. Research and Publication;
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Mandate

- 1.Reducing poverty and achieving the MGDs ;
- 2.Improving Governance ;
- 3.Environment conservation and sustainable management of natural resources;
- 4.Fighting against HIV/AIDS.

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UNIDO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for promoting industrial development for poverty alleviation and sustainable development worldwide.

Mandate

1. Contribute to accelerate economic growth, reduce poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals ;
2. Mobilize knowledge, skills, information and technology to meet the terms of the mandate assigned by its Member States ;
3. Focus resources on programmes designed to help the poorest countries and most vulnerable populations.



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IRDED is a research Institute on democracy and rule of Law that was founded in January 2007. It is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan research and educational organisation that promotes policies that further democratic principles, the creation of a free society and the establishment of rule of Law in West Africa, particularly in Guinea. IRDED is based in Conakry, Guinea.

Mandate

1. Further promote a democratic society, the respect of human rights' principles and rule of law by assisting the government in formulating sound policies and;
2. Contribute to mobilize a social democratic constituency to consolidate the democratic process.

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MARWONEP is an institution made of Mano River basin women organisations aiming at mainstreaming gender in conflict prevention and resolution, and peacekeeping processes. It was awarded the UN Human Rights Prize in December 2003.

Mandate

1. Promote women's participation in conflict prevention, management and resolutions, and in peacebuilding processes;
2. Promote women's full participation in democratic processes, including decision-making bodies, and foster gender mainstreaming in development policies and programmes;
3. Mobilize, coordinate and strengthen the contribution of women organisations in socioeconomic development.

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Established in 2007, MEWOCEDE is a Non-Governmental Organization mainly dedicated to the development and the empowerment of women in the media. It advocates women's mainstreaming in development policies and in the implementation of community educational programmes on the prevention of violence against women.

Mandate

1. Conduct community and policy level advocacy for the preservation of women's rights;
2. Advocate for an inclusive development and political process;
3. Enhance the abilities of journalists to conduct awareness and education programmes about women's rights through outreach, plays, media and community dialogues;
4. Network and partnership with women organisations and institutions, local and international, for the purpose of raising issues affecting women's growth and development ;
5. Document cases of, conduct awareness, advocate, and sensitize society on issues of Gender-Based Violence. Conduct research on the status of women in society and design programmes and strategies to improve the status of women in Liberia.



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ICTJ works to redress and prevent the most severe violations of human rights by confronting legacies of mass abuse. ICTJ works in societies emerging from repressive rule or armed conflicts, as well as in well established democratic societies where legacies of abuse still remain unresolved. ICTJ develops, tests and refines field practices and remains a research leader. ICTJ uses this knowledge to inform and advise governments, civil societies and other stakeholders working on behalf of victims.

Mandate

1. Assist Liberia Truth and Reconciliation Commission with technical support in the reform of security, particularly in its efforts at vetting and recruitment with emphasis on justice (preventing former human rights violators from entering newly reformed security units);
2. Assist and strengthen civil society capacity in areas of transitional justice to engage at all levels of the national debate;
3. Communicate to the larger society, through outreach, on best practices and standards on transitional justice;
4. Assist local actors at the community level remember the conflict through creative and collective efforts as a means of preventing a re-occurrence of the ugly past;
5. Engage policy makers and senior government officials on alternative policy option in strengthening structurally reform efforts.

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Supporting for SSR is a core component of the UNMIL mandate. In addition, SSR is a central component of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Mandate

1. Advise SRSG on SSR issues;
2. Support PRS Security Pillar and UNDAF process on peace and security;
3. Act as a Focal Point for PBC work in Liberia;
4. Support UNPOL, Military and Rule of Law colleagues on policy and programming questions;
5. Support UNMIL transition process;
6. Support 'Delivery as One' on SSR issues across the UN system.

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COFEM, was established on April 21th, 1991, and is interested in all development activities intended to promote women's rights. It advocates for the advancement of female populations, by ensuring their awareness and civic education in view of achieving their effective participation in public life, and economic and social development of the country. It also works towards upholding women's status, and contribute to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

Mandate

1. Sensitize, inform and train women about their rights and duties;
2. Alleviate women's burden, by supporting their income generating activities (mills, water pump, agricultural inputs, grain banks);
3. Fight against illiteracy among women (functional literacy);
4. Support to women for their quality participation in decision-making bodies.

Presentation

PGPSP was established in October 2008 at the initiative of the Government of Mali, with the support of UNDP. This shared governance for security and peace programme aims at ensuring sustainable democratisation of the security sector reform.

Mandate

Contribute to create a climate of peace, security and stability conducive to sustainable human development in Mali ;

1. Institutional support to the Government of Mali to develop a National Policy for Homeland Security and Civil protection;
2. Support a shared governance of security and peace through capacity building for all security sector stakeholders;
3. Support the consolidation of peace and security processes in the Northern regions of Mali.

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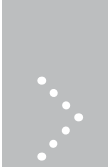
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UNDP and the Mauritanian Government signed a cooperation Agreement in July 1979. UNDP action in Mauritania is based on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), Common Country Assessment (2003/2008-based on MDGs and taking into account CLSP) and implemented in close collaboration with the Mauritanian Government.

Mandate

1. Mainstream gender in all programmes, and assisting government to adopt and implement the national strategy for institutionalisation of gender;
2. Mobilize and train female leaders in the area of conflict prevention and management;
3. Foster the participation of gender sensitive organisations in the elaboration of the next CSLP in order to mainstream gender issues in the CSLP;
4. Advocate for the implementation of international conventions/resolutions in favour of women's rights;
5. Support women's participation in decision-making bodies.

Presentation

AMSS was established in Bamako on July 12th, 1991. It replaced « Service Quaker», an American NGO that used to operate in the Circle of Goundam from 1975 to1991.

In the area of gender, AMSS implemented, inter alia, a scholarship programme for girls, a programme for increased participation of women in public life, an outreach programme for behaviour change in the framework of fight against early marriages, a governance programme with a gender component, a natural resource management project with specific activities for women, and an awareness programme with a gender equity component.

Mandate

1. Develop programmes in close collaboration with local communities to ensure the promotion and development of grassroots initiatives;
2. Design and implement development actions.



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NTIC ET CITOYENNETE/MAURIFEMME has been recognized as an NGO since February 2001, and has been working towards ensuring more visibility to Mauritanian women NGOs and civil society organisations and their networking, in general. It is a member and founder member of several national, regional and international networks among which Gender in Action, and (UN) ECOSOC since August 2008. It uses the Internet as a communication, sharing, collaboration, mobilization device intended for the civil society and women in particular. NTIC ET CITOYENNETE was awarded a prize by the Centre for Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR, Tunis) in 2007, for this use ICT to promote gender in the Arab world was regarded as an instance of best practices.

Mandate

1. Contribute to the appropriation of the Internet by all ;
2. Promote equal access to information, knowledge and participation ;
3. Contribute to promoting civic culture, human rights and dialogue.

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The West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF) is the institutionalized platform of civil society organizations in West Africa that interfaces with ECO-WAS on issues relating to democracy, governance, peace and security, regional integration, development, etc. WACSOF has the privilege to examine regional issues at the Mediation and Security Council of Ministers meeting during the Summit of West African Heads of States and Governments.

Mandate

1. Strengthen and institutionalize a relationship between West African civil society and ECOWAS;
2. Hold a biennial People's Forum for members of WACSOF with the purpose of submitting recommendations to West African Ministers and heads of State on human security issues;
3. Audit the implementation and legislative domestication of ECOWAS treaties, protocols and decisions relating to human security and peace in the region;
4. Establish national and sub-regional monitoring mechanisms on the status of human security in West Africa;
5. Popularize ECOWAS in the consciousness of West African - particularly youth - through appropriate programs such as popular media;
6. Actively promote a sense of community citizenship between ECOWAS member states and CSOs.

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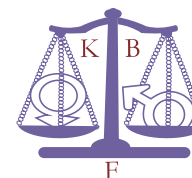
AfA is an African-led international non-governmental human rights, peace and sustainable development organisation with offices in the United Kingdom and Lagos, Nigeria. AfA was created to enhance and reconstruct the interface between human rights and development with a vision to contribute innovatively to tackle causes of endemic poverty and exclusion in Africa.

Mandate

1. Promote women participation in governments and decision-making organs;
2. Provide a gendered analysis of women's participation as members of civil society in human rights, peace and development initiatives;
3. Provide for institutional support to strengthen women participation at the local government level;
4. Campaign against violence against women;
5. Strengthen institutional capacities of national and regional NGOs in Africa, coalition building, monitoring and networking;
6. Publish quarterly newsletters on women, 'Grab the chance' and other occasional publications.



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Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a German private, non-profit organisation committed to the ideas and basic values of social democracy, working in more than 100 countries worldwide. In West-Africa, FES comprises of seven country offices. Beyond their work on the national level, the national offices jointly work on three major issues on the regional level: Economic and Social Policy, Security Policy and Electoral Processes. West African country offices also contribute to FES's work on the continental (African Union) and global level.

Mandate

1. Work towards the democratic development and implementation of security policy in West Africa;
2. Focus on democratic security sector governance and reform and political dialogue on security policy challenges, e.g. small arms proliferation, transborder crime and resource-related conflicts;
3. Work towards the establishment and implementation of regional electoral standards;
4. Work mainly with political parties, parliamentarians, policy makers, the ECOWAS Commission, the ECOWAS Parliament and the West African Network on Security and Democratic Governance (WANSED).

Presentation

Kate Bee Foundation (KBF) is a non-governmental organisation registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) of Nigeria. With the belief that poverty can be eradicated in the oil rich Niger Delta, KBF works with youths, women and the government to create a society free of poverty, where men and women have equal opportunities. KBF programme implements programmes for youth and women empowerment, and gender mainstreaming.

Mandate

1. Facilitate fresh graduates of tertiary institutions to create and manage medium enterprises;
2. Assist micro level women enterprises to move to the medium level;
3. Support gender mainstreaming in policy and programmes of state and local governments.



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The Community Inter-Relations and Conciliation Initiative is an organisation that has been in existence since 2007 but was registered with the Corporate Affairs in Nigeria on the 13th of May 2009. CIRCI has carried out a number of conflict management capacity-building for a number of women and youth groups in the Niger Delta.

Mandate

1. Conflict Resolution / Mediation facilitators;
2. Capacity Building facilitators for Conflict Management skills in community leaders especially youths and women;
3. Women and Youth unity building event / competition managers;
4. General enlightenment campaigners for prevention of communicable diseases, the importance of skill acquisition, good investment habit, the need to protect the environment, good citizenship;
5. Sustainable community development facilitators.

Presentation

UNDP is the UN global development network. It advocates changes and provides developing countries with knowledge-based consulting services their populations need to improve their living conditions. In September 2000, world leaders adopted the United Nations Millenium Declaration the ultimate goal of which is to reduce extreme poverty around the world by 2015. UNDP network is in charge of linking and coordinating efforts deployed both at the national and global levels, to reach the MDGs.

Mandate

1. Mainstream gender in all programmes;
2. Assist Governments to implement their national equity and equality strategies.

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IFRC is a network of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, in West and Central Africa.
 IFRC focuses its efforts on supporting the capacity building of its membership, during periods of conflicts, crises, emergencies and disasters in order to relieve suffering persons, and on fighting against migration-related epidemic.

Mandate

1. Provide assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religion, beliefs, class or political opinions;
2. Improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity;
3. Promote humanitarian principles and values, and human dignity;
4. Fight against degrading practices, discrimination and stigmatization.

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OXFAM International or OXFAM Committee for Famine Relief (1942) is a network of 13 Non-Governmental Organisations which work in political, economical, and humanitarian field and focused their activity towards fighting against poverty and injustice.

Mandate

1. Gender mainstreaming;
2. Prevention of violence against women, sexual exploitation and abuse;
3. Women's political leadership and participation. Upholding women's rights using the AU women's protocol.



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Mandate

1. Advocate and support the integration of gender aspect in humanitarian interventions;
2. Build local partners' capacities in gender analysis and mainstreaming;
3. Strengthen women's capacities (skills and livelihood strategies) in the areas of emergency preparedness and disaster and Risks Reduction;
4. Support the implementation of peace building initiatives, especially among women community-based organisation.

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Goree Institute is an NGO aiming to enhance political dialogue and to establish a peaceful framework for the improvement of the ongoing democratic processes in the Continent, and the development of human intellectual, and economic artistic creativity of the continent.

Mandate

1. Enhance the participation of women in the ongoing democratic process in West Africa;
2. Support women's involvement in peace building and consolidation processes in the sub-region. Conduct and promote research on the role of women in peace building in West Africa;
3. Build capacities of women and civil society organizations as regards electoral processes through internationally accredited Building Resources in Democracy and Elections (BRIDGE) training.



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FAS is a Non-Governmental Organisation working in the field of peace building in Africa. Since its establishment in 1996, FAS has focused its activities on promoting women leadership in conflict prevention and management in Africa.

Mandate

1. Foster and promoting women's initiatives in conflict prevention, management and resolution;
2. Campaign for the mainstreaming of African women's concerns in national, regional and international mechanisms of peace and security enforcement;
3. Build women's leadership capacities for their effective participation in conflict resolution, peace building and decision-making mechanisms;
4. Build women's capacity to influence political changes and mainstream gender in peace and security projects/programs of national, subregional and international organisations.

Presentation

Tostan International works with African communities for sustainable development and positive social transformation respectful of human rights.

Mandate

1. Implement programs of non-formal education classes on democracy, human rights, problem solving, hygiene, health, literacy, management, mathematics and SMS text messaging;
2. Train Community Management Committees (CMCs) to take action on health, education, environment, child protection issues;
3. Help to put an end to traditional practices which are detrimental to women (female genital mutilation, early/forced marriage, child trafficking and enslavement) through collective decision-making;
4. Work with men, boys, and religious leaders on promoting gender equity and sustainable abandonment of harmful traditional practices;
5. Promote the adoption of adequate technologies to alleviate women's burden (Family Planning Products, Improved Stoves, Treated Bed nets, cell phones, etc);
6. Promote the involvement of the Diasporas in decision-making processes.

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Presentation

Amnesty International is a democratic world-wide movement fighting for the protection and respect of human rights. In Senegal, AI has launched, for some years now, several programmes intended to promote and protect women and children's rights.

Mandate

1. Sensitization campaign to end violence against women;
2. Support for the involvement of women's organisation in the process of peace building in Casamance (South Senegal);
3. Awareness campaign on children's rights;
4. Awareness campaign for weapon control in West Africa.

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Since 1976, Konrad Adenauer Foundation is active in Senegal. For three decades, it has been assisting the Senegalese Government implement its administrative and political decentralization policies, and providing support to the private sector through the Senegalese Board of Employers (Conseil national du Patronat du Sénégal).

Mandate

1. Support civic and political education programmes;
2. Provide programmes for the promotion of women's status and women's organizations (GRAIF, AILE, AJS);
3. Support for peacebuilding and security initiatives in Casamance (Senegal).



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From 1998 up to date, GRA-REDEP has proved to be a laboratory for gender-based approach experimentation in Universities, and in primary and secondary schools. GRA-REDEP develops and supervises Gender Clubs in school and university environments, and advocates “pedagogical approach”.

Mandate

1. Capacity building on gender approach in school environment;
2. Awareness raising on gender, equality, and equity issues at school;
3. Production of didactic materials on Gender in school environment;
4. Promotion of women’s involvement in public affairs management.

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Countries covered by HRW West Africa are Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia.

Mandate

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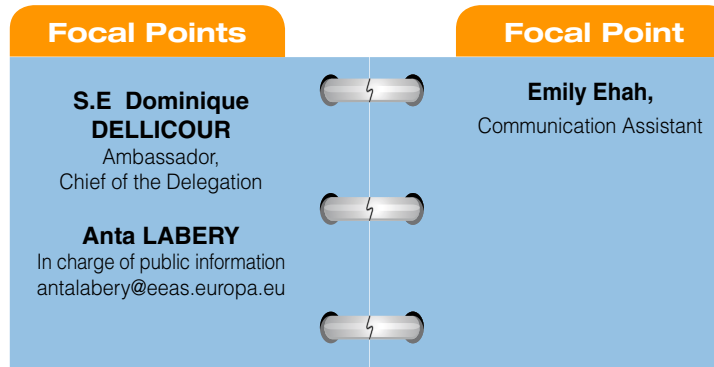


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The European Union Delegation in Senegal is the interface between European institutions and Senegalese institutions and People. As a regional branch, the EU Delegation in Senegal has jurisdiction to neighboring Gambia. These countries belong to the ACP group with which the EU has been cooperating since the 1960s. Cooperation between the European Union Delegation and Senegal dates back to 1967. This partnership is full experience underlying its current activities.

Mandate

From its initial mandate as a donor focusing on infrastructure, agricultural programmes, projects, the European Union (EU) shifted, following the various Lomé Conventions, to an economic partner with a holistic approach targeting business and macroeconomic and sectoral policies. Currently, with the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement the EU is also a political partner interested in both conflict management and prevention, and democracy and good governance.



Presentation

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), established in 2000, is part of the global network of autonomous Soros Foundations.

Mandate

1. Work on issues of open society where good governance, respect of rule of law prevail, where basic freedom and rights of minority (vulnerable groups) are respected;
2. Work to build vibrant, open democracies and supports civil society organisations and advocates to governments on issues of governance; law, justice and human rights; public health and development; information, communication.



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OFADEC is a non-profit-making development and humanitarian Non-Governmental Organisation.

❖ Mandate

1. Promote, protect and advocate for the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons,
2. Advocate for the application of humanitarian rights in its area of intervention.

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The Senegalese Committee for Human Rights (CSDH) is a national institution for the promotion and protection of human rights. Its status is consistent with the Paris Principles as recommended by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/48/632 of December 1993 on National Institutions. It is currently governed by the Law 97-04 of March 10, 1997.

❖ Mandate

CSDH has extensive jurisdiction clearly defined in the Constitution. Article 1 of Law 97-04 of March 10, 1997, provides that «the Senegalese Committee for Human Rights is an independent institution for consultation, observation, evaluation, dialogue, and making proposals as regards respect for human rights «(Article 1 of Law 97-04 on the committee). On its own initiative or at the request of the government, National Assembly or any other competent authority in promoting and protecting human rights, CSDH can make suggestions or recommendations on all matters relating to human rights. (See Article 2 of Law 97-04 on the committee).



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AFEX is a Senegalese non-profit-making legal organisation which aims to contribute actively to peacebuilding, human right promotion and development in Senegal, particularly in its southern area, and in Africa.

Its thrust areas include: support for socio-economic activities (microfinance income generating projects) and capacity building (training organisations, entertainment, advice).

Mandate

1. Strengthen people's capacities to organise and manage their business.
2. Promote self-development of local populations.
3. Contribute to promote the ideals of peace, social justice and human rights ;
4. Develop relations of solidarity and South-South and North-South inter-community trade ;
5. Promote peace and human rights (support and rehabilitation of affected people, advocacy, peace education).

Presentation

IPAO is a non-governmental organisation, which contributes to democratize communication, and to strengthen public spaces open to African societies, where the views of citizens are well informed, and their voices heard and amplified. It aims at building a democratic space of communication in the service of social justice through its various programmes, including:

- Pluralism and Media Development (PLU)
- Practice and Digital Policies (ICT)
- Communication and Democratic Governance (GOV)
- Globalisation (GLO)
- Peace and Diversity (DIV)
- MultiMedia Editorial Unit

Mandate

1. Support public debates and political dialogue on key development issues in Africa ;
2. Contribute to build knowledge on media development and the challenges of development communication;
3. Support the production and distribution of quality media content generated by Africans themselves.

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CRSFPC / Usoforal is a non-profit-making organisation created in 1999 by women who realised the need for fully involving women in community life so that they can contribute to and support the main work of building peace. «Usoforal» is a Diola term meaning «Let us unite». CRSFPC/Usoforal aims at creating, in Casamance, a calmer and more prosperous environment open to the outside world with women leaders working for the emergence of a new female citizenship. It intervenes in Nampore, Niassia, Adéane and Oulampane rural councils (RC), which are among regions mostly affected by the conflict in Casamance

❖ Mandate

CRSFPC / Usoforal focuses on training and raising awareness of grassroots women on peace ideals and especially the development of their potential for peace

❖ Presentation

Since 2008, SOS Equilibre has, in collaboration with some women of the network, established a pan African platform to end violence, abuses and human rights violations following the outburst of conflicts in the sub-region. This Platform contributed to support women from D.R.Congo, Mauritania, and the Southern region of Senegal (casamance). It contributes its field activities to combat violence against women and girls.

SOS Équilibre has been chairing the National Committee to end all forms of violence against women and girls since 1996.

❖ Mandate

1. Contribute to psychosocial care for people in distress (drug-addicted youngsters, runaways, victims of rape, domestic violence);
2. Conduct mediaions;
3. Provide counselling services.



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• Mandate

Conceptualise, inform and enhance the debate on Human Security in Africa in order to support policy formulation, implementation and decision making at all levels.

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• Mandate

1. Contribute to achieve gender equality and sustainable development in Senegal;
2. Improve the status of Senegalese women by upholding their participation in development.



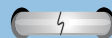
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RADDHO is a secular and impartial non-governmental organisation created on April 21st, 1990, in Dakar by a group of African scholars most of whom are from Cheikh Anta Diop University. It aims to promote, defend and protect human rights in Senegal and in Africa.

Mandate

1. Ensure that human life and dignity are respected ;
2. Promote full enjoyment of civil rights, including equal opportunities and rights by the peoples ;
3. Contribute to the establishment and consolidation of state of Law and democracy in Africa ;
4. Contribute to bring African peoples closer through peace, friendship, and solidarity.

Presentation

Asamblea de Cooperación Por la Paz (ACPP) is an independent Spanish secular and non-profit-making NGO promoting democratic values in an economic and social justice perspective. Since its establishment in 1990, ACPP has been advocating for peace, tolerance and dialogue.

It aims, through its actions, to achieve a more equitable and democratic society where local stakeholders are main protagonists of development of which profits are equally shared.

Mandate

- 1- Support democratic and progressive CSOs in developing countries;
- 2- Promote citizens' participation in alternative solution finding.

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❖ Mandate

1. Protection

Fight exploitation, abuse and all forms of violence against children:

- physical and humiliating punishment
- gender-based violence including female genital mutilation
- trafficking and worst forms of child labour

Prevent HIV/AIDS through information and education

Reduce the impact of conflicts and disasters on children

2. Education

Get children into safe and good quality schools

Make education accessible to all children, especially girls and children with disabilities

3. Child Rights Governance

Advocate for improved laws, policies and increased budget allocations for children

Support civil society coalitions working for children's rights

Monitor the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

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❖ Presentation

Since its establishment in 1983, WAWA has been promoting African economic integration through the involvement of populations, and women in particular.

❖ Mandate

1. Promote the economic status of women in West Africa, and their leadership in the civil society;
2. Build West African women's capacities on leadership, advocacy and lobbying techniques;
3. Contribute to the promotion of African Integration in ECOWAS area ;
4. Campaign for income generating activities;
5. Participate in conflict prevention and management, and peacekeeping as a member of the ECOWAS Emergency Response Team EERT (Team Emergency intervention in the event of disaster air);
6. Promote female leadership in the civil society.



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Presentation

AMLD is a platform of discussions and training on Migration and Development in Africa. It supports and assists African countries and other developing countries, civil society and partners in development in the formulation and implementation of appropriate policies in the areas of migration including peace and physical and human security, women's leadership for peace, security and development.

Mandate

Our mission is to create the necessary skills to manage migration in Africa by providing African development stakeholders with the tools necessary and appropriate. This through :

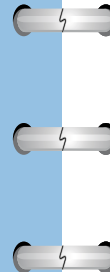
- 1- organization of courses in universities and research centers for education, training and higher education;
- 2- Organization of national conferences, regional and international meetings and seminars for researchers and practitioners;
- 3-The Advocacy for good management of migration within African governments and sub-regional organizations, international and regional (ECOWAS, UEMOA, AU, EU)
- 4-Leadership including gender and women's leadership, with a program of integration and management of female staff in the field of defense and security of Senegal;
- 5-The program «Cooperation between the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Gender in the reform of Security Systems.»

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❖ **Presentation**

WILDaf is a network for women's rights, which promotes and reinforces strategies linking rights and development in order to enhance women's participation and influence at the national, regional and international levels. This network is in 22 countries of West, Central, Eastern and Southern Africa.

❖ **Mandate**

1. Strengthen capacities of women, and women's organisations, lawyers as well as actors of civil society, on governance;
2. Advocate and lobby for law reforms, law adoption and ratification of legal documents and instruments on women's rights;
3. Network women's organisations, and promote experience and best practices sharing.

❖ **Presentation**

Established in 1986 by the UN General Assembly, UNREC is the UNODA field representative for Africa, working in the areas of peace and security, disarmament and arms control, advocacy and resource mobilisation as well as information, research and publication.

❖ **Mandate**

1. Provide substantive support for initiatives and other efforts of Member States of the African region towards the realisation of measures of peace, arms limitations and disarmament in the region.
2. Carry out its programme through the technical advice, publication of studies and reports, organisation of seminars and capacity-building seminars and the promotion of peace, arms control and disarmament.

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❖ Presentation

DCAF is an international foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland, that was established in 2000 upon the initiative of the Swiss Government. As one of the world's leading institutions in the areas of security sector reform and governance (SSR/G), DCAF aims to reinforce democratic governance and increase the accountability of security sector actors. The Centre's activities include providing SSR/G advisory support and practical assistance; supporting the development of national, regional and international norms in the field of SSR/G; conducting policy-relevant research; developing practical tools; providing training and capacity building, and supporting states in conducting SSR programmes. DCAF's Gender and Security Programme supports the integration of gender aspects into security sector reform.

❖ Mandate

1. Develop gender and SSR (GSSR) research and training materials;
2. Support institutional, national, regional and international GSSR policy development;
3. Provide GSSR training and capacity-building;
4. Conduct national and institutional GSSR assessments;
5. Provide technical expertise upon request.

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Working Group on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa

Presentation

Basing on its overall general mandate of peace and security promotion in West Africa, UNOWA facilitates the promotion and implementation of the resolution 1325 in the sub-region. It is in this context that a training and strategic planning session was organized, from 18 to 22 April 2008, in collaboration with the UN Department of Political Affairs and UNOWA. Following that training session, several recommendations were made including the establishment of a sub-regional working group to support the promotion and implementation of the resolution 1325. Thus, the Working group on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa was set up in April 2009.

It aims at being an inclusive platform for experience sharing, analysis and participative evaluation of initiatives and efforts of the sub-region as far as promoting and implementing resolutions 1325 and 1820. Also, it intends to become a meeting and dialogue platform for UN agencies/missions, ECOWAS, international organizations, research institutions, the West African civil society organizations, donors and any other organizations having the same interests.

Objectives

The working group on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa, aims to contribute to the harmonization of activities, participate in the definition of relevant sub-regional strategies, support initiatives by stakeholders and to get fully engaged in the supervision of women's conditions as well as in gender equity-related issues in the sub-region.

Organisation & Functioning

Comprised of regional and international organizations, agencies, Community institutions, UN, West Africa civil society organizations, the Working Group on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa convenes once a month, or on extraordinary meeting, at the request of a member of the group to debate on themes, current news and any other agenda pertaining to its mandate. An annual meeting bringing together various peace, security and women's rights stakeholders is held.

Mandate

To achieve its objectives, the Working Group on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa has developed an action plan comprising a set of activities in keeping with the following mandate consisting in:

1. Facilitating the harmonization and coordination of initiatives on women, peace and security in West Africa
2. Contributing to the integration of women and girls' specific needs by the states, political parties, ECOWAS and the United Nations in their policies, programs and reforms
3. Promoting policies, initiatives and actions for the eradication of all forms of discrimination, violence and rape against women and girls
4. Promoting policies, actions, initiatives and programs for political representativeness of women, their effective presence in all conflict prevention and peace management initiatives and bodies, and their full mainstreaming into the security sector
5. Contributing to their economic capacity building; providing them with protection and assistance adapted to their conditions whenever necessary
6. Monitoring the implementation of resolutions 1325, 1820 and others, international treaties and instruments intended to promote women's rights.

Contribute to the mainstreaming of women and young girls' needs in the reforms and programmes of political parties, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. Promote all policies and, initiatives aiming eradicating all forms of discriminations, violence against women and young girls Promote political, actions, initiatives and programmes involving women representation in political field, conflict prevention, management, and consolidation processes. Contribute to economical empowerment of women, and to provide them assistance.

