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**COVID-19: PARLIAMENTS IN THE SAHEL**

Though the COVID-19 crisis has undoubtedly brought into focus the work undertaken by parliaments, it has also hindered their capacity to discharge essential oversight, law-making and representation duties. This trend has become particularly apparent in the Sahel region, where the pandemic has broken out in the midst of a security crisis... [\[Read more\]](#)

#### BURKINA FASO



**[COVID-19] Parliament**

Parliamentarians have an important role to play in tackling the scourge of pandemic-related disinformation in the Sahel region. However, reliable, fact-based information is still not necessarily available to the general public... See our [Sahel situation report](#) to find out more



**[Strategic support] Assisting in the organisation of an ASCE-LC workshop**

In accordance with Organic Law No. 082/CNT/2015, the Higher State Supervision and Anti-Corruption Authority is the supreme body responsible for conducting internal administrative audits and tackling corruption in... [\[read more\]](#)



**[Private security] Conducting a study in Burkina Faso**

The importance and influence of private security companies have grown considerably in recent years throughout Africa, including in Burkina Faso. The Business and Security Division of DCAF and the Private Security... [\[read more\]](#)

#### MALI



**[COVID-19] Parliament**

The wide range of health measures adopted during the March/April 2020 legislative elections, which went ahead despite the pandemic and security crisis, seriously affected the work and campaigns of parliamentarians... See our [Sahel situation report](#) to find out more.



**[COVID-19] Missions of the Security and Civil Protection Services Inspectorate**

In light of the health crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the government of Mali imposed a curfew throughout the national territory under an emergency decree. In order to enforce the curfew, Domestic Security Forces... [\[read more\]](#)



**[Investigations] Human rights violations & Covid-19**

In view of the recent spike in allegations of human rights violations, DCAF has worked alongside the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) to carry out fact-finding missions in the regions of Kayes... [\[read more\]](#)

#### NIGER



**[COVID-19] Parliament**

During the health crisis, parliaments are key to ensuring the balance of powers. They make sure the emergency powers of the government and SDF are kept in check and monitor any situations where human rights come under serious threat... See our [Sahel situation report](#) here



**[Defence and Security Commission] End-of-term review of parliamentarians**

As Nigerien representatives officially come to the end of their term in 2020, they would like to pave the way for incoming members of the future commission to pick up where they have left off. To this end, DCAF is helping them... [\[read more\]](#)



**[Police services] Covid-19 inspection report issued by IGSS**

Following inspections from 27 April to 02 May of the services and mechanisms implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Niger, the Inspectorate-General for Security Services (IGSS) has liaised with DCAF... [\[read more\]](#)



**[Ethics] Radio programme on police ethics and conduct**

In partnership with network of Nigerien radios, Studio Kalangou, DCAF has produced a programme on police ethics and conduct, which will be broadcast in 5 languages across 40 radio stations throughout Niger... [\[read more\]](#)

#### NEW POLICY BRIEFS



**Inspectorates-general (IG) and the promotion of good security governance**

DCAF works with the IGs in Niger, Mali and Madagascar to strengthen their oversight and monitoring capacities. Our initiatives are geared towards internal procedures, professionalism and staff's areas of responsibility. It is hoped they will have a lasting impact on good security governance. Find out more [here](#)



**[Ombuds] What role do military mediation institutions play?**

In the Sahel region, the idea of an armed forces mediator has attracted considerable interest - it would enhance the protection of the rights of military personnel, and create greater cohesion within military institutions while improving relations with civilians. Find out more [here](#)

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