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**PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE OF THE SECURITY SECTOR
IN BURKINA FASO, MALI AND NIGER**



COVID-19

The security sector will only succeed if it is trusted and respected, and if it operates under full democratic control

Across the Sahel, governments and communities are mobilising to face down the global health crisis caused by the spread of COVID-19, with stay-at-home measures, curfews, closed air and land borders, and the interdiction of all public and social gatherings... [\[read more\]](#)

BURKINA FASO



[COVID-19 IMPACT] Activities postponed due to the pandemic

Contingency measures introduced to combat the spread of the coronavirus have put on hold three DCAF events scheduled for March: in support of the National Assembly's Defence and Security Commission, with the National... [\[read more\]](#)



[ONLINE TRAINING] Assessment of an online capacity-building solution

To ensure partners can continue carrying out capacity-building activities, DCAF's SSAD division is currently assessing the possibility of a training proposal based on online content from the International Security Sector... [\[read more\]](#)

MALI



[GENDER TRAINING] Media network capacity building

On Thursday 3 March, DCAF helped to improve the capacity of journalists to address gender-based topics in the security sector by providing access to a training course entitled "Gender, media and governance of the (...)"... [\[read more\]](#)



[WOMEN'S DAY] Meeting between media & security forces 'gender' focal points

On 11 March, to commemorate International Women's Day, and following the Gender and Security training for the media network related to Security Sector Reform, national journalists and experts were invited to take part in... [\[read more\]](#)



[SSR] Steering Committee

The first meeting of the Mali project steering committee was held on Tuesday 10 March with leading national partners: the Security Sector Reform Commission, Mali's Security and Civil Protection Services Inspectorate and civil society organisations. Committee members...[\[read more\]](#)



[GUIDE] Official delivery of the Investigator's manual (EAPD)

As part of the support provided by DCAF to Mali's Security and Civil Protection Services Inspectorate, the Pre-Disciplinary Administrative Investigation manual was officially delivered on Thursday 12 March in the presence... [\[read more\]](#)

NIGER



[GENDARMERIE] Comprehensive audit of the various HR functions

One of the major issues of the defence component of the Niger programme relates to the general modernisation of the Human Resources department of the National Gendarmerie. The initial assessment carried out... [\[read more\]](#)



[GUIDE] Workshop for the production of the EAPD for the IGSS

The third workshop for the production of the Pre-Disciplinary Administrative Investigation manual for the Inspectorate General of Security Services (IGSS), scheduled to take place from 16-19 March, has been severely impacted... [\[read more\]](#)



[OBITUARY] Mr. Boubé Souley

It is with great sadness that DCAF has learnt of the passing of the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Boubé Souley, who died on Wednesday 18 March. A highly-valued member of our programme, the IG devoted his life to the good governance of the security sector in Niger. We would like to offer our deepest and most sincere condolences to his family, friends and loved ones.

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