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Security Sector Resource Management Assessment Restitution

As a priority item in their five-year action plan, the Defense and Security Commission (CDS) deputies included the establishment of a diagnostic report on the issue of security sector resource management, including recommendations for improving policy and legislative frameworks. These inclusions were based on the outcomes of the Bamako regional conference organized by DCAF in 2021 on the management of security sector resources. The restitution of this report on resource management and prospects for modernizing security sector governance, produced by a DCAF expert Oswald Padonou, was held on December 5 in Niamey in the presence of several security sector oversight institutions, civil society and members of the Defense and Security Forces (DSF). The session enabled the participants to familiarize themselves with the problems that constitute an obstacle to the good governance of security sector resources. They were also able to exchange good practices in terms of public procurement mechanisms and resource management. It is also expected that the participating institutions will be able to initiate a policy dialogue on the basis of the recommendations of the evaluation for more transparency.

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Media training on the Security Sector Reporting Guide

From December 5 to 7 a training session was organized at the Peacekeeping School in Bamako, aimed at familiarizing journalists with issues related to security sector governance, using DCAF's [Toolkit for Security Sector Reporting](#). The workshop was led by the expert Fairlie CHAPPUIS (author of the tool), supported by two local facilitators and brought together 22 representatives of local media, including 9 women. Given the enthusiasm and interest of local media, this training will continue with a new cohort in the coming months.



14th Edition of the National Symposium on Human Rights

The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) organized the 14th edition of the national symposium on human rights from December 7 to 8 in Bamako with support of DCAF. The objective was to take stock of the human rights situation in Mali, to share good practices and perspectives in a context of a security crisis, and to raise awareness among actors on the human rights situation in Mali. The Symposium brought together 151 people, including 51 women. Invited by DCAF, the expert from Benin Gal. Célestin GUIDIMEY moderated the panel on the military status of the police: "Opportunity and Challenges: Comparative analysis of Benin".



Support for the Espace d'Interpellation Démocratique (EID)

The Mediator of the Republic of Mali organized on December 10 the Espace d'Interpellation Démocratique (EID) with the support of DCAF. The EID is a dynamic forum, during which the government submits to the concerns of the citizens following the issues that they address to it, making it thus possible to get an idea of the state of democracy and human rights in the country. For the year 2022, the Tallying Committee retained 11 interpellations concerning the Ministry of Defense and Veterans Affairs and that of Security and Civil Protection during the forum.

DCAF was able to support the presence of a number of citizens from distant regions of the country which has contributed to ensuring voices and concerns from the periphery were heard.

Support for the 3rd Security Advisory Committee (CCS) meeting in Bamako

The 3rd meeting of the Security Advisory Committee (CCS) of the District of Bamako took place on December 14 at the Governorate of the District of Bamako under the Presidency of the Governor. The discussion focused on:

- The dangers linked to the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the District of Bamako;
- The implementation steps of the previous meeting recommendations;
- Presentation of the security situation in the District of Bamako;

This meeting brought together 88 actors including 23 women and 20% of the participants were young people (under 30 years old).



Institutional mediation and community mediation

On January 17 and 18 and in partnership with the Mediator of the Republic, DCAF organized a seminar on the overall restitution of the recommendations that emerged during the workshop on the role of traditional authorities in the prevention of local conflicts. The seminar aimed to bring institutional mediation and community mediation together to prevent conflicts and consolidate peace and security in Mali. The objectives were: (1) creating a framework for consultation and exchanges between the Mediator and the traditional Legitimacies, including other players in the prevention and management of conflicts (administrative and political authorities, civil society organizations), (2) initiating the dialogue between institutional mediation and traditional mediation while taking into account the principles of good governance, the rule of law, and good citizenship with a view of strengthening trust between DSF and the population and between the Administration and the populations. The seminar brought together 68 actors (Regional Delegates of the Mediator of the Republic, traditional mediators of the regions, representatives of civil society structures and collaborators from the Mediator headquarters) from different regions of the country, including 14 women.

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