



Burkina Faso

Participation at the 6th Annual Assembly of WAEMU Mediators

On June 6, DCAF participated in the 6th General Assembly of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), presided by the Mediator of Niger. All mediators from the eight countries of the WAEMU zone were present, with the exception of Côte d'Ivoire, represented by his chief of staff. About 300 participants took part in the discussions aiming to evaluate the effectiveness of community norms related to education, conflict management and free movement of people and goods within the WAEMU and thus to identify the potential contributions and responsibilities of mediators in building sustainable peace. The discussions, facilitated by panels of academicians, former ministers or parliamentarians, addressed the issue of conflict prevention, management and resolution and the specific role of mediators at community level.

Participation in the validation workshop of National Strategy of the action plan for National Reconciliation

On June 16, DCAF participated in the presentation of the draft national strategy for national reconciliation. This was the first official presentation of this strategic document to different stakeholders of the drafting process before it will be submitted for examination and validation by the National Commission in charge of public policies. This workshop was an opportunity to strengthen ties of collaboration with the Cabinet and the General Secretariat of the Ministry of social cohesion and national reconciliation as well as to discuss potential future DCAF contributions in the implementation of the sectoral strategy.

Niger



Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Governance and Security Sector Reform in Niger

On June 15 in Niamey, DCAF organized the 3rd meeting of the Advisory Committee on Governance and Security Sector Reform (G/SSR), which includes all national partner institutions. The meeting aimed to discuss the results achieved through DCAF's support over the past two years and to enrich the design of new projects for the 2023-2024 period. Conducted through an interactive and participatory approach, the exchanges enabled national partners to share their strategic priorities and challenges related to the governance of the security sector. These discussions have validated the relevance of the theory of change proposed by DCAF and enriched the next programming through identifying specific activities to support the development of political, strategic and legal frameworks, to strengthen external and internal control of the security sector, as well as to contribute to the professionalization of the defence and security forces. During the second part of the meeting, DCAF also benefited from the presence of a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, whose members followed the group work and listened to the feedbacks of national partners on the support provided by DCAF to their institutions and on the achieved results.



Workshop on transparency and fight against corruption for external oversight institutions in partnership with the HALCIA

From June 14 to 15, DCAF and the High Authority for the Fight against Corruption and Similar Offenses (HALCIA) organized a workshop on transparency and the fight against corruption within the security sector. The activity brought together journalists and representatives from civil society organizations in order to provide them with tools

regarding prevention and fight against corruption, as well as to strengthen their capacities on their roles and responsibilities in the fight against corruption. This activity is part of DCAF's support for the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS), its communication strategy and its related action plans. The NACS highlighted the fact that corrupt practices have become a societal phenomenon which affects all sectors of Niger's socio-economic development. According to the participants, these practices are quite diverse in nature and the most widespread are influence peddling, favouritism, fraud, commissions, bribes and extortion.



Parliamentary oversight and accountability missions in the Diffa and Maradi regions

DCAF's continues to support the implementation of the 2021-2025 action plan of the Defence and Security Commission (CDS) of the National Assembly of Niger. As part of this support, six members of Parliament and two parliamentary officials, accompanied by the local public press and a member of the DCAF team, conducted two oversight and accountability missions were conducted in the Diffa and Maradi regions (May and June). These missions have a twofold objective: i) to inquire about the living and working conditions of the defence and security forces, and ii) to report to the population on the activities carried out by the National Assembly since the installation of the new legislature in 2021, in particular with regard to the oversight of resources allocated to the ministries in charge of defence and security. CDS members also met with administrative authorities, local elected officials, as well as customary authorities of the two regions.

Mali

Training of new inspectors in administrative and pre-disciplinary investigation

In order to strengthen the technical capacities of the Inspectorate of Security and Civil Protection Services, DCAF organized a seven-day training workshop for twelve (12) inspectors in order to provide them with practical tools to conduct administrative and pre-disciplinary investigations (EAPD). The training specifically focused on the knowledge and use of the various national, regional and international legal frameworks as well as the EAPD manual. At the end of the training, 75% of the participants affirmed that they have acquired knowledge which will directly facilitate the implementation of their daily tasks. This training responds to the needs expressed by the Inspectorate to reinforce its

administrative investigation missions, to establish precise responsibilities and to formulate specific recommendations.

Sahel/Regional



DCAF's Sub-Saharan Africa Division worked on the development of a E-learning module entitled "Introduction to Security Sector Governance, the cases of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger". The activity, which was part of the Sahel regional project funded by the Kingdom of Denmark and Norway, was completed in June 2022. Its objective was to create an innovative training module on Governance and Security Sector Reform (G/SR), partly dedicated to the ECOWAS G/SR policy framework and focused on the experiences of the three Sahelian countries, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, where the project is implemented. The module has been presented and tested in the three countries with our main partners. The first sequence of the module is intended to be general, presenting the key principles of security sector governance and reform through introducing innovative and attractive teaching materials, in particular through words of experts and other multimedia formats (animated videos). The second sequence is dedicated to ECOWAS and highlighted practical cases of the Sahelian countries, animated by our different national partners. **[The learning module can be accessed here.](#)**



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