

THE ASF FRANCE NEWSLETTER

Your quarterly appointment with Lawyers Without Borders France

New visual identity

ASF France has a new look!

With the help of the CREA2F agency, we have redesigned our image: new logo, new graphic charter, and a clearer, stronger style. But our missions remain unchanged: defending human rights and access to justice for all. Thank you to CREA2F for their support throughout this process.



FOCUS ON...

NIGERIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' COMMITMENT TO COMBATING CYBERBULLYING

As part of the e-RIGHTS project, ASF France launched a competition in more than 75 secondary schools across the country. The aim was to give young people a voice to talk about their digital rights and, above all, cyberbullying.

Working in teams, the students came up with and produced powerful videos inspired by their everyday lives. Creativity, realism and commitment were the order of the day!

A jury selected the best videos, then it was time to take to the stage: each team defended their project live, state by state. It was a real demonstration of talent, conviction and a desire to make a difference.

The added bonus: all the teams were mixed, to ensure gender equality.

The winning schools in the national inter-school competition:

- **Lagos:** Sonmori Comprehensive Secondary School
- **Imo:** Alvana Model College
- **Kano:** Government Girls Science and Technical College
- **Abuja (FCT):** Government Secondary School Wuse Zone 3

Next step: the National Grand Final in Abuja, where the four winning teams will compete.

What a great way to recognise young people's commitment to defending their rights online and empower them to become ambassadors for digital change!



Chinedu GBULIE

Communications Officer, ASF France in Nigeria

A WORD FROM...



OUMOU KHAÏRY DIALLO MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CLUB DES JEUNES FILLES LEADERS DE GUINÉE PARTNER OF ASF FRANCE AS PART OF THE LIBRE PROJECT

Through the LIBRE project, the Club des Jeunes Filles Leaders de Guinée (CJFLG), a partner of ASF France, organises meetings twice a month in Conakry, Mamou and Kankan to inform communities about violence against women and girls. The aim is **to help everyone better understand these situations, learn about women's rights, and encourage those who need it to assert their rights and seek justice independently.**

On International Women's Day on 8 March, we brought together 45 women from the village of Kobaya in Conakry to discuss the theme chosen by the United Nations: "Rights, equality and empowerment".

Some women explained that they were financially dependent on their husbands, while others, despite covering household expenses such as daily meals and children's schooling, had no decision-making power or influence in their households.

During this session, the CJFLG facilitators addressed the issue of rebalancing their influence and autonomy within society through empowerment, integration into the formal sector, vocational training and education for young girls.

These sessions are a space for dialogue and exchange that is highly appreciated by the women we met, and they will continue until the end of the project.



OUR PARTNERS BY OUR SIDE!

Special thanks



A big thank you to the **bar associations**, especially the one in Toulouse, as well as everyone who responded to our **call for exceptional support**, launched in response to the reduction in Official Development Assistance, which is affecting the association.

We would like to extend our special thanks to those who contributed after the speeches by Bar Presidents **Caroline Marty and Christine Maze** at the Conference of Bar Presidents of the Greater South-West, and Bar President **Pierre Dunac** at the National Conference of Bar Presidents. **Your support is essential.** It enables us to continue our human rights work and defend those who need it most, despite the ongoing uncertainty. To make a donation or renew your support, please click here.

Thank you, CREA2F!



ASF France would like to thank the communications agency CREA2F for its support in raising the association's profile. Their expertise has enabled us to rethink our communications strategy, adopt a new visual identity and modernise our graphic charter, including the creation of a new logo.

Would you like to mobilise your company, firm, association or bar association?

Contact us on **+33 (0)5 34 31 17 83** or at the following address : secretariat@avocatssansfrontieres-france.org.

ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

FRANCE

- [Lawyers Without Borders France pays tribute to Mr Hamadi Karem](#)
- [The Council of Europe adopts the Convention on the Protection of the Legal Profession](#)
- [The National Council for Development and International Solidarity celebrates its 10th anniversary!](#)
- [Lawyers Without Borders France leaves X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)

NIGERIA

- [Women's Digital Rights Video Competition: Combating GBV Online](#)
- [Cyberbullying awareness at Government Secondary School in Abuja](#)
- [Organisation of an inter-school video competition in Lagos on combating cyberbullying](#)
- [Training for judges and lawyers on digital rights in Abuja and Lagos](#)
- [Press release against plans to execute prisoners in Ogun State](#)

GUINEA

- [Training for judicial and medical personnel in Mamou and Kankan to strengthen the fight against GBV](#)
- [Training for supervisors and students in Kankan on combating gender-based violence](#)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTER

Webinar: Strengthening the fight against torture and impunity

On 30 January 2025, François Cantier, lawyer, President and Founder of ASF France, participated in a webinar entitled 'Universal jurisdiction over crimes of torture'. Alongside other legal experts and human rights defenders, he took part in discussions on current challenges and strategies to strengthen the fight against torture at the international level. The objective? To promote concrete mechanisms to ensure that crimes of torture do not go unpunished.



ISO 9001 renewed: quality confirmed

In keeping with this commitment to quality and responsibility, ASF France obtained the renewal of its ISO 9001 certification for three years in February 2025. Awarded since 2022, this recognition, which is rare in the NGO world, demonstrates our commitment to transparency and efficiency. It is a concrete way of assuring our partners, beneficiaries, members and donors of the quality of our work, both on a daily basis and internationally.



Human rights & sustainable development: ASF France shares its expertise

Louise Boulet, lawyer and volunteer expert, and Savyuth Ky, former representative of ASF France in Cambodia, participated in the development of the MOOC 'Human Rights and Sustainable Development', offered by the Campus of the French Development Agency. Free and accessible to all, this online training course clearly and engagingly addresses the link between human rights and development projects. The first session took place from 20 January to 14 March.



HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

We would like to thank the following people for their work and commitment:

- **Matthias COUGNAUD**, Development Officer (head office)
- **Eva GACHASSIN**, Project Coordination Assistant (head office)

And we would like to welcome:

- **Zélie ROCHE**, Project Coordination Assistant (head office)
- **Adèle IMMEDIATA & Mathilde WATZKI**, Caseworkers in Samos (Greece)

JOIN US!

By becoming a member, you are demonstrating your commitment to defending fundamental rights and taking concrete action to defend human rights! Membership is valid for the 2025 calendar year.

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