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Dear friends,

The year 2019 will be marked by the continuation of ongoing projects, particularly in behalf of women and children deprived of access to justice in Chad, women victims of gender-based violence in Cambodia, actors of the "criminal chain' and vulnerable litigants subjected to ill-treatment and torture in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, as you can read in the pages that follow, 2019 is also a year of reinforcement of the projects that we are carrying out to help those who suffered from ethnic, religious or political conflicts and who are in desperate need of legal aid to assert their basic rights. Whether it be the renewal of free weekly consultations at the City Council of the 10th district of Paris or the establishment of a Legal Center on the island of Samos, this year again, Avocats Sans Frontières France is at the cutting edge of promotion and defense of Human rights due to our constant and deep commitment.

Because it is crucial to continue to act « *when defense is silent* », we count on support of each and everyone and primarily of legal professionals in order to pursue the work of those who, just like us, place defense and promotion of human rights above any differences and political debates.

We want to express our deep gratitude to all those who show their support for our actions and commitments.

Vincent FILLOLA et Julien POURQUIÉ KESSAS Co-Présidents Avocats Sans Frontières France



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AN INTERNATIONAL NGO

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AVOCATS SANS FRONTIÈRES FRANCE is an association of international solidarity, set up under the French Law of 1901. It has for mission to:

- Contribute to the efficient application of internationally recognized human rights, by ensuring the defense of all persons deprived of free and independent legal counseling.

- Participate, where it may be necessary, in establishing and strengthening of the rule of law, judiciary institutions and, particularly, of the right to a fair trial and an effective and efficient defense. - Defend the lawyers and human rights defenders, who are victims of all kinds of threats and agressions due to their professionnal duties.

For these purposes, it uses all means and tools at its disposal and can seize all national and international institutions or jurisdictions, intervene in specific cases and act as a party in judicial proceedings.

1998	Creation of Avocats Sans Frontières France (ASF France) by François Cantier, attorney at law. Its members participated in the founding project of Avocats sans Frontières France in partnership with ASF Belgium: « Justice for All » in Rwanda: defending the accused and the victims of Rwandan genocide in the courts of this country. In 1999 ASF France has launched a similar project in Burundi.
1999- 2002	A new project was carried out in Kosovo aiming at defending Kosovars, Albanians or Serbs, prosecuted for crimes against humanity or war crimes, and at training lawyers, judges and prosecutors to use the new international legal instruments and finally to promote access to justice through a system of legal advice.
1999- 200 9	ASF France intervene in Colombia to handle the cases of lawyers threatened or murdered because of their professional practice.
2004	ASF France comes to Nigeria and implements two projects: « Fight against the death penalty » and « Fight against torture in custodies ». More than 700 torture cases have been handled in 10 years.
2008	ASF France celebrates its 10th anniversary and launches the International Observatory of Endangered Lawyers.
2006-2009	ASF France has implemented a project on acces to justice by setting up a lawyer network all over Cambodia. The project was renewed between 2010 and 2012.
Since 2008	ASF France and ASF Mali set up a project on access to justice and the defense of arbitrary detained persons, accompanied by training courses on the international legal instruments for criminal law professionnals.
2009-2012	In French-speaking Africa, ASF France has set up technical and pedagogical training for lawyers and human rights defenders from 15 different countries.
2009-2016	In Laos, ASF France provides training for student lawyers on the international legal instruments and professionnal preacticies.

2010-2013	Training of judiciary professionnals on the international legal instruments, access of citizens to justice, and defense of the victims of Khmer regime before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Since 2017, ASF France has been running two projects on the access the Justice for the most vulnerable population and on the fight against gender-based violence.
2010-2014	ASF France and ASF Cameroon have implemented a project to defend vulnerable persons, including prisoners, accompanied by training of lawyers and judicial personnel. A similar project was implemented in Mali between 2013 and 2015, in partnership with ASF Mali.
2014-2016	ASF France has conducted a project against Homophobia in Cameroon to both sensi- tize and / or train the media, religious authorities, criminal actors, civil society orga- nizations to the protection of LGBTI rights, while defending the latter in the national courts.
2015	Defending the rights of migrants in Calais, France and in Greece.
2016	ASF France launched a project on the defense of women and minors victims of ill- treatment in Chad. At the end of 2016, ASF France is engaged in a project to support Ivorian human rights defenders, threatened for the reason of their professionnal duties.
2017	Mr Vincent Fillola and Mr Julien Pourquié Kessas are elected as co-presidents; Mr François Cantier becomes honorary president of ASF France.
2018	ASF France celebrates its 20th anniversary and decides to strenghten its support to the local partners in Ivory Coast, Mali, Nigeria, Chad and Cambodia.
2019	ASF France starts new projects among which the fight against extrajudicial executions and arbitrary detentions in Nigeria.

In addition to these projects, ASF France also intervened in particular cases:

- 2002: ASF France participates in the defense of Amina Lawal, a young Nigerian woman sentenced to death by lapidation for adultery; she was acquitted in September 2003.
- **2005-2007** : Defense of Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor in Libya.
- 2010 : participation in the trial of the assassins of Floribert Chebeya, Human rights defender in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- **2012** : ASF France supports and works with Pakistani lawyers in the case of Asia Bibi, a young woman sentenced to death for blasphemy. At the end of 2018, following the acquittal and release of Asia Bibi ASF France engaged in the defense of her lawyer threatened with death and forced to flee the country.
- **2018:** ASF France took part in the observation mission of the "Moria 35" trial, 35 exiles arbitrarily arrested in 2017 in the Moria camp in Greece.

Several statutes recognize the importance of our action: consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (2004), with the African Union (2012), and with the International Organization of La Francophonie (2005). In 2018, ASF France was elected to the Chair of the « Human Rights » section and Vice-Chair at the International NGOs Conference within the OIF.

NIGERIA

PROCAT: Fight Against Torture

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The torture and ill-treatment is a widespread practice all across Nigeria. Police staff systematically uses torture during the inquiries as a main method to obtain confessions from suspects. This crimes remain, most of the time, unpunished despite the ratification by Nigeria of the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT) in 2001 and adoption of a law in december 2017, prohibiting the acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The first Project on the fight Against Torture started in 2009 and lasted untill december 2012. ASF France has then relaunched actions in 2014 to pursue and extend the positive results, and doing so, has filed more than 700 cases of torture in 10 years.

The year 2019 marks the beginning of a new project and by consequence, of new challenges, among which extension of the project on two new states : Imo et Edo.



ACTIONS IN 2019

- Free legal, technical and financial support to the lawyers participating in the project in order to provide legal consultations to arbitrary detained or severely condemned individuals;
- Identification of the cases of torture and ill-treatment against detainees;
- Legal aid service provided by the volunteer lawyers in each State of the project;
- Commitment to bring before justice and prosecute the authors of torture;
- Recording all filed cases in order to provide statistical data on the cases of torture, lawsuits bought to the courts and the decisions rendered by the courts;
- Communication actions aiming at better visibility of the acts of torture in order to reduce them;
- Meeting with public authorities with the aim of raising awarness about the acts of torture.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 84 cases of torture and inhuman treatment will be identified and brought before National and Regional Courts (CEDEAO);
- The victims of torture and ill-treatment will benefit from legal aid and judicial assistance. A particular attention will be drawn to detained women and children, who represent perticularly vulnerable populaton;
- Sanctions will be applied to the authors of other acts of torture and ill-treatment;
- The population is informed on their rights and know how to report the cases of torture;



OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to reducing of the acts of torture within the whole criminal chain
- Improve the acces to justice and the legal service for the victims of torture
- Strenghten the knowledge and qualifications of the judicial authorities
- Promote the better knowledge and application of the principles of the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)

PARTNERS

The National Commission on Human Rights (NHRC) and the Nigerian Bar (NBA) with the financial support of The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) which support the project since 2014.







NIGERIA

SAFE : STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF NATIONAL ACTORS AND ADVOCACY TO END SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Torture, ill-treatment, arbitrary detention and extrajudicial killings are widespread practicies used by police all across Nigeria. Police staff systematically enforce summary executions, uses torture as a main method to obtain confessions from suspects and almost always recur to bribery and extortion. Moreover, public security agents also practice arbitrary detention , justified by the necessity to combat the groups of Boko Haram and which are also used against the human rights defenders, the leading members of civil society organizations or journalists, - in flagrant breach of the national legislation on the freedom of information.

The torture practiced by police staff and other state security agents also represents a major problem: "torture cells", chambers used for interrogational torture, have been reported in the police stations of numerous States. Absence of punishment for such acts translates into lack of confidence among the nigerians towards the police, because of its rising reputation of the enemy of the people.

ACTIONS IN 2019

- Training of police staff and other state security services on the good practicies of the respect of Human rigths.
- Strengthening the capacities of the Civil society organizations operating in the area of Human rights and of journalists on the use of non-judicial mecanisms, documenation of cases, advocacy, communication and legal follow-up.
- Legal assistance provided by experienced criminal lawyers, before national and regional tribunals, the cases of severe Human rights violations perpetrated by the State security services.
- Petitions to international Human rights organizations highlighting the emblematic cases of severe Human rights abuses.
- Round tables with the State security agents, civil society organizations, Ministers involved in the matter and the National Human Rights Commission(CNDH) to exchange about the best practicies, formulate recommandations and suggest solutions to combat severe Human rights violations.
- Establishement of consultation forums between police and civil society organizations to define the strategies to improve the respect of Human rights by the National police.
- Advicacy campaigns towards the chief staff of the State security services and key actors of the judiciary on the national and State levels.
- Rising awarness of the population on issue of Severe Human rights violations perpetrated by the State security agents, the fight against impunity and the situation in which remain the victims of such violations.

OBJECTIVES

- Improve the promotion respect of Human rights in Nigeria in the most vulnerable situations by t protecting their human dignity.
- Contribute to put an end to the severe ciolations of Human rights (torture, ill-treatment, arbitrary detention and extrajudicial executions) perpetrated with impunity by the security agents if the States of Lagos and Enugu.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Strengthening the capacities of the national • actors in terms of prevention, investigation, persecution and sanctioning of the most flagrant Human rights violations by the State security services.
- The State security agents are held accountable for severe Human rights abuses, developement of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) pro-bono program ensure just compensations to the victims.
- Advocacy campaigns aiming at producing an impact on public policies, social attitudes and political actions concerning the severe Human rights violations by the State security services are fully implemented.



PARTNERS

National Bar Association - NBA and Carmelite Prisoners Interests' Organization (CAPIO) with the financial support of the European Union.

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Prisoners' Organization



CHAD

PADEF : PROGRAM ON ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (PADEF)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The current situation in the Justice system of Chad is caracterized by the ignorance of the rights of detainees, dysfunctioning of the criminal chain, lack of capacities among the justice professionnals, poor acces to Justice, inefficient mecanisms of legal assistance and finally and the culture of impunity. All these factors endanger women and children whose rights are continuously violated and who do not trust the Justice system anymore. In addition to the carceral conditions, they are victims of numerous violatins and discriminations.

The launching of PADEF project has turned over this situation by providing legal assistance to 1 247 women and children, with 227 cases filed in 2016, psychological and medical assistance provided respectively to 325 and 161 persons.



ACTIONS IN 2019

- Free legal and information assistance for women and children in custody
- Free judicial assistance for women and children in custody in targeted cities
- Training courses for legal professionnals, prison sfaff and law-enforcement agents
- Legal, medical and psychological services for women and children victims of HR violations
- Raising awarness among population about the women and children rights issues
- Holding roundtable meetings with the judicial authorities and elaboration of a manual on good practicies
- Strengthening the capacities of the local civil society organizations to conduct social reintegration initiatives for women and children
- This year, the final external evoluation of the project will take place in order to ensure an objective information on the right use of funds allocated for the study of the effects and impact of the project on final beneficiaries, for the purpose of drawing useful lessons and promoting a deepen dialog with the project partners.

PADEF - TCHAD EIMERAUSSMOT2SECTO MOIN PROGRAMME D'ASSISTANCE ET D'ACCES AU DROIT POUR S ENNIS ET LES FEMMES Atclier sur « la Protection de droit des enfants et des femmes privés de Mirtés ou victimes de violences Abéché, 26-27 Juin 2018, au Centre de Connaissance

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Women and children will receive all relevant legal, medical and psychological support from the lawyers of the project
- Chadian population as well as the criminal chain actors are sensitized on the issues of women and children rights.
- The capacities of actors of the criminal chain and civil society organization are improved.



OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to the diminishment of violence towards women and children and a better protection of their rights.
- Contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law and of the judicial system in Chad
- Contribute to awarness raising and strengthening the capacities of the actors involved in the project
- Allow the support and complete follow-up of files of the targeted women and children.

PARTNERS

Association of Female lawyers of Chad (AFJT), Chadian Association for Promotion of Human Rights (ATPDH) with the financial support of the European Union and the French Developpment Agency (AFD).









CAMBODIA

MAJC : MOBILIZATION OF ACTORS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CAMBODIAN WOMEN

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

In Cambodia, women and girls are victims of gender-based violence (GBV) in their daily lives and have little access to justice. The latter is thwarted by the persistence of gender-based prejudices and failures of the justice system. Reports from international organizations indicate the small number of prosecutions and convictions, due to the high level of corruption and the use of traditional mediation. Women have very limited knowledge of their basic rights and the justice system, and most of them lack the financial means to initiate legal proceedings. To overcome these shortcomings, ASF France has developed a new project, implemented in partnership with a local organization Banteay Srei and the Department of Women's Affairs of the Province of Battambang.

ACTIONS IN 2019

- Judicial assistance for women and girls.
- Capacity building of civil society organizations, the criminal justice system and civil and administrative authorities: implementation of 18 training sessions.
- Holding roundtables on access to justice for women and girls
- Awareness-raising activities on the rights of women and girls (18 radio programs, 25 community workshops)

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Women and girls victims of violations of their rights and / or GBV receive adequate care and access to justice (84 cases already filed by lawyers)
- The community is sensitized and mobilized to protect women's rights, including access to justice and to eradicate gender-based violence



OBJECTIVES

- The rule of law in Cambodia is improved
 - Women and girls who are victims of violations of their rights and / or GBV receive all necessary support

PARTNERS

Cambodian organization **Banteay Srei** and the Department of Women's Affairs of the Province of Battambang, with support of **Occit**ania Region, **Raja-Marcovici Foundation**, **Bar Councils of the Council of State at the Court of Cassation**.









FRANCE

FREE LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICE FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

A group of lawyers, members of Avocats Sans Frontières France, has decided to open a free legal support service for asylum seekers, qui bénéficient ainsi des conseils d'avocats et de juristes spécialistes du droit d'asile.

Access to justice, to legal information and counseling remains a strong pillar for protection of fundamental Human rights of this vulnerable population.

ACTIONS IN 2019

Setting up a Free legal advice service allowing refugees and asylum seekers to get all necessary assistance for transmission of the case files to the French authorities.

OBJECTIVES

- **Provide** a free legal advice service
- Contribute to the respect of fundamental Human rights of individuals by providing assistance to asylum seekers and refugees
- **Create** conditions for a better acces to Justice for asylum seekers
- Sensitize the general public about the issues of migration

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Access to Justice guaranteed to everyone
- Fundamental rights and freedoms are better respected
- Asulum seekers obtain all necessary legal informaition and support
- The capacities of civil society organization are strenghtened in terms of the protection of Human rights



City Council of the 10th district of Paris





GREECE : SAMOS LEGAL CENTER

Since 2015, Europe has been experiencing an unprecedented migratory phenomenon, both in number and in nature: thousands of people are fleeing wars and persecutions, asking European countries for international protection.

For the reason of its geographical position and the rules of the so-called "Dublin" regulations (requiring that the examination of asylum applications should be the responsibility of the first country of entry), Greece has been at the forefront in terms of arrivals and responsibility for examining asylum applications. Since 2016, the political agreement concluded between the European Union and Turkey, aimed at controlling migratory flows, has led to the appearance of "hotspots": the centers of selective sorting and identification of migrants who arrive in Europe via the Greek islands. The living conditions in these camps are extremely difficult (overcrowding, violence, hygiene problems, limited access to water, etc.)

In fact, the asylum seekers are subjected to the geographical restriction whereby they are prohibited from leaving the island of arrival until the examination of their applications. The need for legal assistance on these islands is both dense and multiple: preparation for interviews prior to granting refugee status, accompaniment in complex procedures, assistance in judicial appeals, assistance in the recognition of the status of vulnerable person giving entitlement to special protection, etc.

The support and assistance of specialized lawyers is a key factor to ensure the effectiveness of the fundamental right of asylum. This is why ASF France decided to open a legal assistance center for migrants and asylum seekers on the island of Samos. Indeed, this island has the second largest number of migrants (more than 4,150 people in early January 2019), while the camp in Vathy (the main city of the island) can accommodate up to 648 people. All persons present in the hotspot are asylum seekers. However, unlike the situation on Lesbos the presence of legal actors on Samos is not sufficient.

Two exploratory missions in June and September 2018 led to the setting up of a 3-month pilot project implemented between January and March 2019. ASF France is currently seeking additional funding to pursue the action during the next 12 months.

General objective : Provide legal access and legal assistance to asylum seekers from the Greek island of Samos to guarantee their fundamental rights.

Expected results

Asylum seekers have access to justice and receive adequate care:

- Accompany asylum seekers and guide them in the legal procedure
- Ensure the effectiveness of their rights
- Legal assistance is ensured by qualified Greek lawyers

MALI: ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN VICTIMS OF BRUTAL HR VIOLATION IN NOR-THERN MALI AND INVOLVEMENT OF MALI'S ACTORS THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING

Mali suffered a multidimensional crisis that significantly affected the rule of law, Human rights and the democratic process in the country in 2012 - 2013. During this period and despite the peace agreement, and the recapture of the northern territories, women became the often victims of attacks perpetrated by armed groups. Massive and serious violations of women's rights are alarming and dangerous tendencies for the already fragile Malian society. A survey of victims of armed conflict reveals that "rape and other forms of sexual violence are the most reported Human rights violations". Sexual violence has been described by victims as a "true weapon of war", used by armed groups "as a manifestation of their power".

Now entering the post-conflict period, Mali opens a new page of national reconciliation, the fight against impunity and reparation. To achieve this, the local actors are facing many challenges, including upgrading the status of women and reevaluating of their rights.

The first step in this process is the recognition by the judicial authorities of the crime of sexual violence against women during the conflict. This recognition is an essential step to garantee the respect of victims' rights, restoration of the rule of law, putting an end to impunity, but also the prevention of new crimes. Since the beginning of the crisis, no cases related to sexual violence have been brought before the courts due to the obstacles and difficulties encountered by the judiciary. To these considerations, it should be added that the Malian legal framework is not efficient in terms of treatment of sexual crimes, despite the adoption of a bill on gender-based violence including specific provisions for the protection of victims of sexual violence. In addition, despite the signing of the peace agreement, Mali has suffered a serious deterioration of the security situation characterized by a significant increase in serious Human rights violations by the various parties to the conflict: an upsurge of acts of terrorism and banditism, including sexual violence in the northern and central regions. However, only the former Islamic Commissioner of Gao City was brought to justice and sentenced on August 18, 2017 to 10 years of imprisonment, No other significant judicial advances have followed to date.

In this context, ASF France and ASF Mali want to implement a project of access to justice for women victims of abuses in northern Mali.

General objective: Promote access to justice for women victims of violence and abuse in northern Mali during and after the conflict

Expected results:

- Actors of the penal chain and traditional authorities are sensitized to the issues of gender-based and sexual violence
- Actors in the criminal justice system in northern Mali are able to adequately deal with cases of victims of violence and abuse committed against women during and after the conflict
- The competence of the anti-terrorist judiciary body has been extended to war crimes, crimes of torture, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

CAR: STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF LAWYERS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

The ongoing events that have been taken place in the CAR since 2003 have led to very significant and repeated human rights violations by the various parties to the conflict, including serious violations of the rights of particularly vulnerable populations, such as women and children (sexual or gender-based violence, recruitment of child soldiers by armed groups, etc.).

Within the process of reestablishing justice and redeploying the administration in the former conflict zones, the President of the Republic Faustin-Archange Touadéra launched a process of national reconciliation in order to render justice to the victims of civil wars, mostly displaced inside and outside the country.

Today, the security situation remains precarious, especially in the center of the country, but also in the capital, and the living conditions of the population have seriously deteriorated in every aspect. Many Human rights violations have not still reached the justice system because of the significant obstacles and difficulties (mistrust of the justice system, distance from the courts, stigmatization and social exclusion of women victims of sexual violence, etc.)

Against this backdrop of repeated violations of fundamental Human rights, and the recognition of dysfunctions and structural weaknesses affecting the development of the Central African Bar Association the main actor in responding to the demand for justice, the strengthening of initial training and continuous advocacy is essential in the face of current training challenges (lack of a school or initial training center, lack of appropriate training in home practices, almost non-existent continuing education, very low number of skilled lawyers, etc.). This project aims to strengthen the capacity of Central African lawyers, particularly in the area of criminal defense, while providing for the possibility of exchanges with other actors of the Central African criminal justice system, such as magistrates during modules on the code of ethics, so that they are fully able to assist the Central African State in restoring effective and efficient justice throughout the national territory.

General objective: Contribute to the strengthening of justice and the rule of law in the Central African Republic by improving the capacities of Central African lawyers.

Expected results:

- The capacities of Central African lawyers are strengthened (on the use of legal mechanisms) and they are able to work with citizens accused of serious crimes related to conflicts (crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide, sexual or gender-basedviolence, enlisting child soldiers, etc.)
- Judicial proceedings aimed at ending impunity and ensuring respect for the fundamental rights of citizens are implemented effectively and equitably.
- The exercise of the rights of the defense is guaranteed and the fight against impunity is carried out in fair trials respecting the principle of equity and equality of arms.
- The rule of law in the Central African Republic is improved.

ASF NETWORK



« Strengthening and developing Avocats Sans Frontières organisations »

Created in 2009, the Avocats Sans Frontières Network aims to develop and strengthen ASF associations by sharing tools and experiences, coordinating interventions and increasing visibility of ASF actions for the benefit of the most vulnerable population.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Today, 21 national associations are part of the ASF Network,:

Brazil (1), Benin (2), Cameroon (3), Colombia (4), Comoros (5), Congo (6), Ivory Coast (7), France (8), Guinea (9), Italy (10), Mali (11), Mauritania(12), the Netherlands (13), Peru (14), Central African Republic (15), Democratic Republic of Congo (6), Senegal (17), Sweden (18), Switzerland (19), Togo (20) and Tunisia (21).

2019 PROSPECTS

- Continue our support to lawyers and Human rights defenders
- Develop projects in partnership with ASF Network
- Strengthen the capacities of the local organizations





ASF France TRAINING COURSES

Calendar of training sessions in 2019

RAINING COURSES OPEN TO OUR ME	MBERS
Sommières	8 - 11 May 2019
RAINING FOR TRAINGERS - REINFORCEMENT	November 2019
PLACE OF VICTIMS BEFORE THE ICC - FUNDAME Paris	
Paris AsyLUM/ ALIENS LAW	7 and 8 June 201
Paris	7 and 8 June 201 4 and 5 October 201
Paris Asylum/ Aliens Law Paris CRIMINAL DEFENSE IN THE COMMON LAW	

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ASF France TRAINING COURSES

Training fees in 2019



ASF FRANCE & The FRANCOPHONIE



La francophonie, is first of all, all the men and women who share the common language — French. Starting from the first decades of the XX century, French speakers become aware of the shared linguistic space and eager to participate in mutual enrichment and exchanges. They have since established themselves as notable organizations and associations with an ultimate goal of promoting francophonia all over the world.

2019 PROSPECTS

- Deepen relations between the civil societies of the francophone nations.
- Work on common projects in the area of freedom, security and justice

L'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) wanted the CSO and NGOs to become its partners.

For that reason, it granted consultative status to numerous NGOs, both domestic and international, ASF France among the latter.

All those organizations are classified in 4 groups :

- A. French language, cultural and linguistic diversity
- B. Peace, Democracy, Human Rights
- C. Education, higher education and research
- D. Economic cooperation, sustainable development and solidarity. The group B Peace, Democracy, Human Rights, where ASF France plays a key role, counts 24 organizations. M François Cantier , the honorary president of ASF France was elected as chairman of this

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Participation in the working panel on the relations between the CSO and La Francophonie which took place in Yerevan, Armenia on 12 - 14 September 2018
- Participation in the XVIe Summit of la Francophonie, with M Cantier representing the Conference of NGOs, during the Summit of the chiefs of states and governments and ministrial conference of la Francophonie



ASF France EVENTS

All year round

The Departmental Access to Law Councils (CDAD) provide a free legal advice service hosted by lawyers who inform citizens about their rights and obligations and guide them in their legal procedures. The participating lawyers are welcomed to transfer all or part of the remuneration received for the CDAD consultations to ASF France.

March 26 - February 1st: The World Congress against the Death Penalty

ASF France will be present at the 7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, held in Brussels from February 26th to March 1st. This is the first global abolitionist event by its scale and political ambition.

April 29 - May 2: World Justice Forum VI

Held in The Hague under the theme "Achieving Justice for All", the World Justice Forum VI will showcase effective solutions that perform the justice systems and strengthen the rule of law, foster multi-sectoral collaboration, and mobilize commitments to improve access to justice.

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June 20: International Refugee Day

On this day of universal solidarity, ASF France joins forces with other associations, such as La Cimade and Amnesty International. An event will be organized in the streets of Toulouse to raise awareness of the challenges that refugees are facing.

December: CIB Congress

The 34th Congress of the International Bar Conference (CIB) will take place in December 2019 in N'Djamena, Chad

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