



AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES  
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# Activity Report 2015

*"Giving a voice to the defence"*

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# Message from the President



***2015 marked a turning point for our association.***

***Although until now all of our activities have been conducted abroad, the arrival en masse of refugees in France has revealed a serious deficit of legal assistance for these populations, who have fled violence and war and find themselves in a situation of extreme vulnerability.***

***This is why, since July, we have been determined to fill the void in accordance with our mission to provide justice to the most vulnerable. We set up a telephone platform for the organisations working in Calais as early as September and deployed all our efforts to mobilize members of legal profession to set up a system of access to justice in Calais and Grande-Synthe. This project should come to a successful conclusion in 2016.***

***We have also continued to carry out and extend our actions abroad, in Cameroon, Laos, Nigeria and Mali, and have set up two new projects in Cambodia and Chad.***

***Our projects are carried out by volunteers and our employees, both of whom are essential to the management of the logistics of our projects.***

***This is why we are in need of ongoing support to continue fulfilling our aim to provide justice for all.***



François CANTIER

President of Avocats Sans Frontières France

# Our Organisation

Created in 1998, *Avocats Sans Frontières France* is an organisation of international solidarity, which aims to contribute to ensuring that fundamental human rights are respected.

## ACTING IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM

As such, we defend pro-bono those whose fundamental rights have been threatened and who do not have access to an independent lawyer at no cost. Our mission is also to support lawyers and human rights activists threatened because of their professional activity.

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW

We intervene all over the world, whenever and wherever it is necessary, to support the rule of law, an independent judiciary and the right to a fair trial. Our primary goal is to empower, support and act alongside local lawyers and officers of justice.



## OUR STRATEGY

### DEFEND CITIZENS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

#### ACTIVISTS

ASF France provides emergency defence to anyone whose fundamental rights have been threatened and who does not have access to an independent lawyer. ASF France also intervenes when lawyers are facing intimidation due to their profession: threats, detentions, assassinations. His or her professional status aside, we consider that a lawyer is also a citizen who may be deprived of a right to defence and therefore access to justice.

### PROMOTE ACCESS TO JUSTICE

As the promotion of access to justice is one of our primary goals, we participate in establishing systems of legal and judicial assistance. In this regard, our aim is to provide legal assistance to the most vulnerable where it is not available: itinerant and permanent consultations; strengthening of judicial systems; and campaigns of awareness aimed at the general population and at local actors.

### EMPOWER LOCAL ACTORS

In order to empower local actors and reinforce their personal and professional skills, ASF France provides initial and continuing training to local actors, tailored to their needs and specific issues they may face.



# Our Projects

CAMBODIA

CAMEROON

LAOS

MALI

NIGERIA





## CAMBODIA

### « Battambang Province : Access to justice and Defence of the most destitute »

This programme aims to strengthen the rule of law and to promote access to law and justice for the citizens of the Battambang Province, in particular the most vulnerable. This is achieved by improving the position of defendants in criminal cases who are deprived of access to a lawyer due to a lack of resources. With \$75 000 allocated to legal assistance and 837 lawyers, principally located in Cambodia's capital, access to justice and legal aid remain a priority in the country, in particular in Battambang Province.



### ACHIEVEMENTS 2015

- Evaluation of local needs and set up of the project

In February 2015, within the framework of the outreach programme of the Midi-Pyrénées region, a project was set up in the capital, Phnom Penh, and in the Province of Battambang. ASF France participated in this project and conducted a preliminary assessment aimed at targeting the assistance that should be provided, and evaluating real needs in terms of access to justice in the Battambang region.

- Legal consultations at the Tribunal

To ensure access to justice, two Cambodian lawyers have provided, 4 half-days per week, free legal consultations, in particular for the most destitute and vulnerable, with the objective of informing citizens of their rights.

- Conducting criminal cases

The programme's lawyers have defended the most destitute in criminal cases, which require the mandatory presence of a lawyer. This enables the most destitute citizens to have the right to a proper defence and a judicial decision in a reasonable time.



## TESTIMONIES



### **Me Sary SUN, Lawyer enrolled in the programme:**

« I work for ASF France's programme because it enables me to assist the most destitute, who need to be provided with legal advice or to be represented in Court. I cannot accept that people who do not have sufficient resources should be without a defence in Court, when they are faced with a Prosecutor who will continue the case against them despite the lack of evidence. Citizens do not know and do not understand their rights when dealing with legal proceedings. »



### **Me Rithy BUN, Lawyer enrolled in the programme:**

« The programme consists of two activities: legal assistance and defence of those accused of crimes. The programme makes it possible to help these individuals because it enables the defence of persons who do not have access to a lawyer and who have not been granted legal aid. Without this programme, the defendants would remain in prison until a lawyer is appointed by the Cambodian bar association. The difficulty is that despite the fact that detention is limited by the law, a lot of people remain in prison because they do not have access to a lawyer. The programme decreases the time people spend in detention. The majority of the population gets little information about these issues or is illiterate; we try to explain to them in simple terms how to file a complaint and initiate judicial proceedings. »



## PERSPECTIVES FOR OUR ACTIVITIES 2016:

- Legal consultations provided every morning – from Monday to Friday – at Battambang court; free legal advice is offered to people in need. These consultations take place 4 mornings per week .
- Representation of defendants in criminal cases; each lawyer manages 10 to 12 criminal files per month. This activity will allow us to defend and represent between 400 and 500 persons in criminal cases during the programme.



Me Rithy BUN

With the financial support of Midi-Pyrénées région,  
DFDL and the *Cabinet du Premier Ministre*.



### LAOS

#### « Strengthening the role and skills of lawyers in Laos »

The objective of our project is to redefine lawyers' initial education through the National Judicial Training Institute and to train legal professionals (judges, prosecutors, lawyers).

#### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- Definition of the initial course curriculum for lawyers

The National Judicial Training Institute (NJTI), responsible for training judges, prosecutors and lawyers, is now responsible for the organisation of the course curriculum. A mission to define the initial course programme and a mission to evaluate it were conducted by the NJTI, in collaboration with the ENM (the French Judicial Training School).

- Development of a pool of trainers and co-training of young lawyers

Three trainers have been identified in the Lao Bar Association (LBA) to teach, at the NJTI, theoretical and practical courses about the lawyer's profession and role. In 2015, ASF France carried out a Level 1- training of trainers session and a Level 2- training of trainers session in order to assist these trainers in the development of their teaching materials and provide them with an appropriate methodological support.

- Reinforcement of the institutional support to the Lao Bar Association through an inter-bar associations exchange

Within the framework of a partnership created between the LBA and the Toulouse Bar Association, two bar association exchanges took place in 2015. A technical project was also organised to develop on-site coordination of actions. These projects have enabled the development of a plan of action and recommendations of ways in which lawyers can better develop their bar association.

- Organisation of a national seminars on the role of the lawyer in raising awareness among judicial professionals

This national seminar addressed 4 topics:

- The general role of the lawyer, with a focus on international law
- The role of the lawyer in informal proceedings (customary, widespread in Laos)
- The role of the lawyer at different stages of the proceedings:
  - \* the role of the lawyer at the preliminary stage;
  - \* the role of the lawyer during hearings.
- The role of the Lao Bar Association

## THE PROJECT IN FIGURES

- **32** participants attended the training of trainers sessions.
- **75** participants attended the seminar. It was a success since it has enabled the unprecedented meeting of a number of actors in the Lao judicial system.
- **2** bar association exchanges:
  - 2 lawyers from the Toulouse Bar Association went to Laos
  - 2 lawyers from the Lao Bar Association went to France
- **4** co-training sessions
- **2** missions for the definition and evaluation of the initial course curriculum.
- **2** training of trainers sessions.
- **2** technical missions organised to reinforce the



*Symposium, June 2015*



## TESTIMONY



### **Phoutong SOUTHISAN, Law Student in Laos:**

« For me. Exchanging lessons with French experts make me wide awareness about law firm, especially advocate careers. it made me know how to post or act when I am in the court, how to give opinion to judicial tribunal, that means the technique how to behave myself before and when I take court that I can not find myself if I won't be an advocate yet but experts explain their experience. Moreover, I can know more about the real case, real situation happened in France and France Law knowledge through explaining by French experts. One thing that I really love when I attended with them is they explained clearly, they gave us examples, explained the real case and taught us a technical how to be an excellent advocate in the future. It is so worth for any people who want to be advocates in the future. If there is a chance, I would be grateful to participate with them again. »



## PERSPECTIVES FOR OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2016

- 2 co-training missions are scheduled to take place in the first semester of 2016 to assist the LBA's (Lao Bar Association) trainers;
- Organisation of a two-day seminar to raise awareness of the role of the lawyer and access to justice;
- 2 inter-bar association exchanges between Laos and France to give institutional support to the LBA
- 1 monitoring and coordination mission;
- 1 training of trainers session on professional ethics;
- 1 mission to evaluate the initial course curriculum.



*Training for trainers*

Partners of the project : Lao Bar Association, Toulouse Bar Association, Lao Ministry of Justice; with the financial support of the French Embassy in Laos



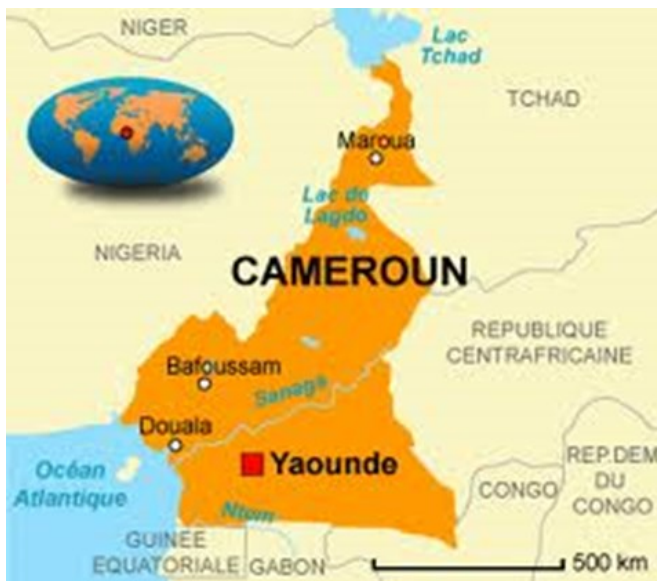
# PROJECTS IN AFRICA

## CAMEROON « [LUDOSIG](#) : Fight against discrimination Based on sexual orientation and Gender identity in Cameroon »

This project aims to help to improve the lives of LGBTI persons (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersexed) in Cameroon.

The objectives are:

- To combat all forms of discriminations against LGBTI persons, including harassment, marginalisation and assaults based on actual or alleged gender identity.
- To provide support and protection to LGBTI persons and their advocates while strengthening their role and legitimacy in Cameroon.



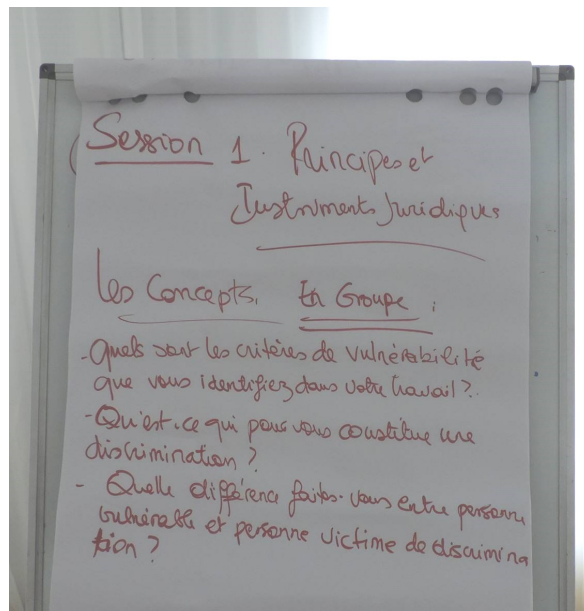
### ACHIEVEMENTS 2015

- Organisation of 4 workshops on LGBTI related issues:
  - « Submissions in Defence: methods and mechanisms for human rights advocates »
  - « Human rights and the protection of the vulnerable »
  - « Dissemination of the African Commission for Human Rights and People (CADHP)'s resolution 275 to those working in the field of human rights in Cameroon »
  - « Non-governmental and governmental agents in relation to human rights and the protection of the vulnerable »



## IN FIGURES

- The **4** workshops have enabled us to raise the 119 participants' awareness on LGBTI issues
- **2 missions conducted by ASF France:**
  - A co-training session on "Human rights and the protection of the vulnerable"
  - A mission coordinated with local actors consisting of a workshop on « Non-governmental and governmental agents in relation to human rights and the protection of the vulnerable ».



Workshop november 2015

## TESTIMONY



**Amélie CLARIGO, Programme Coordinator - Cameroun:**

« The different workshops carried out in the framework of the project "fighting against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Cameroon" have been, in my opinion, a success. The issue being quite sensitive in Cameroon, it has been very interesting and productive to work with local actors, and to be able to create interaction between the different professions that deal with violations of LGBTI persons' rights as well as to work together on each actor's role in promoting and protecting their rights. »



Workshop « Non-governmental and governmental agent in relation to human Rights and the protection of the vulnerable », November 2015



Partners of the project: Alternatives Cameroun, Réseau des Défenseurs des Droits Humains en Afrique Centrale (REDHAC), Avocats Sans Frontières Suisse

With the financial support of: World Justice Project, Un monde par Tous



# PROJECTS IN AFRICA

## MALI

### « Dignity: Respect of detainees' rights »

Project conducted from September 2013 to September 2015

Launched in September 2013, the project focuses its activities on the cities of Bamako, Kati and Kayes. It is the result of assessments and analyses carried out by ASF France and ASF Mali on the large number of violations of detainees' rights.

The project's objective is, in a concrete way, to increase respect for and knowledge of the rights and legal guarantees that each detained person should benefit from, and therefore to contribute to the reinforcement of the Malian legal system and the rule of law.



#### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- Free legal consultations in prisons and legal assistance

Each visit, lasting 2 days, was carried out by a group of 5 lawyers who are members of ASF Mali and 2 lawyers or judges from ASF France. During the visits, the lawyers distributed a guide describing the main detainees' rights. Priority was given to vulnerable people.

- Training sessions for judicial actors

Immediately after the legal consultations in prisons and for two days, training sessions were organised for judicial actors involved in the prison system (lawyers, judges, officers of the criminal police, penitentiary and registry staff). The training sessions focused on the respect for detention regulations in compliance with the international commitments ratified by Mali to ensure the respect of human rights.

- Roundtable with judiciary authorities

Tools of dialogue and consultation: during this roundtable, problematic issues related to legal proceedings were discussed as such issues can result in the violation of detainees' rights.

## THE PROJECT IN FIGURES

- **10** consultation and training projects were carried out by ASF France in Bamako and Kati.
- **1,040** free legal consultations were provided.
- **130** detainees benefited from a legal consultation.
- **208** detainees received free legal assistance, including 33 minors and **37** women.



*Mission to Bamako, april 2015*



## TESTIMONIES



### **Me Massama BAGAYOKO, Lawyer and member of the Malian Bar Association :**

« The training session reinforced working relationships between the different participants in the criminal justice system in the city. Both with investigation teams, who perceived us as trouble-makers, and with judges, we have from now on, very good relationships ».

### **Mr Abdoula TRAORÉ, Teacher, accused of terrorism :**

« I have been accused of being a terrorist; this is untrue as I explained to the lawyers of Avocats Sans Frontières. They understood my situation and spared no effort to defend me from the false accusations. I have suffered all the pains of the world. All the pains...Animosity, inhumanity, criminality... everything except respect for my rights! In prison, we were not really considered as human beings. We did not live as normal human beings. There was torture, there were food issues but worst than that, we did not have the right to visits of relatives. Thanks to Avocats Sans Frontières, we were able to speak ! »



Partners of the project: ASF Mali

With the financial support of the Bordeaux Bar Association, the Foundation of the Paris Bar Association and the European Union.

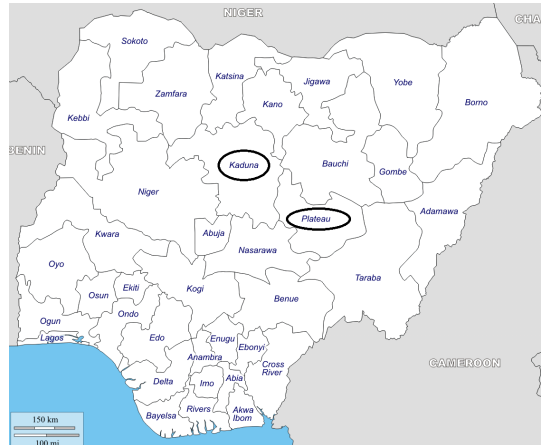
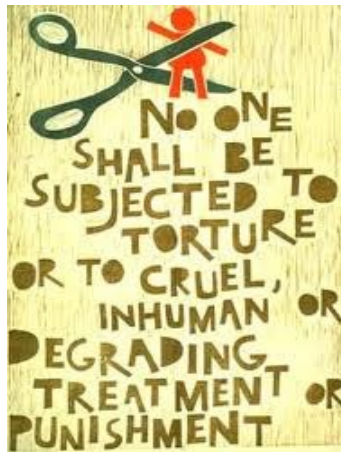




# PROJECTS IN AFRICA

## NIGERIA « Legal assistance to the victims of torture in Nigeria (ProCAT) »

The project's main objective is to contribute to the reduction of acts of torture in the legal system, by mobilising legal professionals and raising awareness among the population. An additional aim is to defend victims of torture.



### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- Free legal assistance provided to persons who have been victims of acts of torture or ill-treatment at various stages of legal proceedings (in the States of Kaduna and Enugu)

- Identification of cases of acts of torture or ill-treatment perpetrated against detainees;
- Recourse to judicial or administrative proceedings against the authors of acts of torture;
- Follow-up of cases before national and regional courts.

Under the supervision of a lead counsel, legal assistance service is provided by a lawyer in each State in which the organisation conducts its activities.

- Training on the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT) organised for legal professionals

- Training sessions for local lawyers participating in the project;
- Training sessions for juridical actors on the principles of the UNCAT and existing national and regional rights of recourse.

- Awareness campaigns

Radio programmes were broadcast to raise awareness amongst the population on the issue of torture. Communication tools were also produced to strengthen the visibility of ASF France's activities.

## THE PROJECT IN FIGURES

- The cases of **60** victims of torture were followed up by a lawyer
- **10** lawyers were trained on the principles of the UNCAT and legal assistance
- **2** training sessions were organised for legal professionals, on the UNCAT principles



*Training session Enugu, March 2015*

## TESTIMONY



**Me Meshach CHAIWOLAMOKE AJOKU, lawyer – ASF France representative in Kaduna State in Nigeria:**

« In the framework of ASF France's projects in Nigeria, I participated in workshops and training sessions. In addition, I identified victims of torture, both in prison and in custody, collected their testimonies, medical certificates, pictures and sometimes built up cases and brought them before the court.

For all these reasons, I am proud of working with ASF France. My role has meaning when I see the smiles on their faces after I announce to them that their complaint has been submitted to the court. »



## PERSPECTIVES FOR OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2016

- Free legal assistance to be provided to 50 victims of acts of torture or ill-treatment at different stages of legal proceedings, in the States of Kaduna and Enugu;
- Training sessions about the principles of the UNCAT for professionals working in the field of torture prevention (lawyers, medical staff, civil society organisations and media);
- Awareness campaigns in relation to the principles of the UNCAT;
- Establishment of a network of lawyers in the States of Kaduna and Enugu.



Partners of the project: Access to Justice, the National Human Rights Commission and the Nigeria Bar Association

With the financial support of the Allen & Overy Foundation, *Cabinet du Premier Ministre*, Betto Seraglini Law Firm, FCVNUVT, Australian Aid



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# PROJECTS IN AFRICA

## NIGERIA

« Fight against the death penalty »

(Saving Lives-SALI)

The project aims at strengthening access to justice for people sentenced to death and reducing the number of persons under threat of a death penalty during their trial. Another objective is to contribute to the legislative and institutional changes necessary to decrease the number of death sentences in Nigeria, particularly through the mobilisation of the main legal and political actors, at national and local levels, as well as civil society.



### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- Free legal assistance

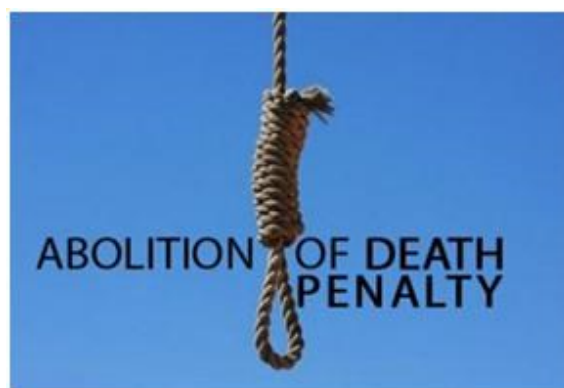
Legal assistance was provided to people sentenced to death. This also involved the identification of cases (visits of detention centres). Under the supervision of a Legal Manager, legal consultations were provided by a Support Lawyer in every State in which the organisation conducts its activities.

- Specific case:

ASF France also dealt with a blasphemy case in Kano State. An expert in Sharia law was hired to appeal the victims' death sentences. An investigation was conducted including meeting the victims' families and the chief of their community. Thanks to the information collected during these interviews, an intervention strategy was decided.

## THE PROJECT IN FIGURES

- **11** persons sentenced to death were assisted by a lawyer
- ASF France was involved in an emblematic case involving death sentences (of **4** persons) for blasphemy in the State of Kano
- Advocacy actions targeting local authorities



## TESTIMONY



**Angela UWANDU, Officer in charge of the SALI field mission:**

« My experience of providing legal aid to persons sentenced to death alongside the project's lawyers is the one of hope. The victims of death sentences and their families are often hoping for a miracle from us. We are considered to be their savior from imminent death or what is perceived to be an unfair system. This is the toughest part of the legal assistance provided to people who have been sentenced to death. »



Partners of the project: Access to Justice, National Human Rights Commission, Nigeria Bar Association

With the financial support of the *Agence Française de Développement* (2015) and the Swiss Confederation.



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# CALAIS PROJECT

## « Legal assistance to migrants »

France and Europe experienced, in 2015, an influx of migrants coming mostly from countries at war. The universal declaration of Human Rights, our constitution and our international commitments, notably the Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951 on refugees, oblige us to welcome these people, as well as to respect their fundamental rights even before the determination of their status as refugees. This is our duty as human beings, as well as being required for the respect of both national and international law. The Commission Nationale consultative des Droits de l'Homme (the French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights), the Défenseur des Droits (Defender of Rights) and charitable organisations have denounced the violation of these rights and confirmed the need to provide these people with legal assistance. Avocats Sans Frontières France contacted humanitarian organisations working with Calais' refugees as early as July 2015.



### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

- Campaign actions

As early as July 2015 and following visits of its president to Calais, ASF France conducted campaign operations to mobilise different actors, in particular in the legal profession and its representative organisations. Starting in September 2015, ASF France proposed a project to send lawyers to Calais in order to provide legal assistance to migrants and humanitarian organisations. The Nord-Pas-De-Calais regional Conference of Presidents of the Bars (Conférence Régionale des Bâtonniers du Nord-Pas-De-Calais) together with the bar associations of Boulogne-Sur-Mer and Grande Synthe welcome this project, which is seeking funding.

ASF France has put in place a project to provide free legal assistance.

- Setting up a telephone platform

Since October 2015, pending financing for the project described above, ASF France set up a telephone platform with a phone number for humanitarian and charitable organisations working onsite in Calais for a temporary 6 month period (from Monday to Friday) to respond to their queries.



**THE ASF NETWORK**  
ASF FRANCE AND LA FRANCOPHONIE  
**PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUED TRAININGS**  
EVENTS IN 2015  
**JOIN ACTIONS WITH THE CDAD**  
PARTNERSHIPS & FINANCE  
**THE MEN AND WOMEN OF ASF FRANCE**



# THE ASF NETWORK

Created in 1992, the movement Avocats Sans Frontières has since developed and gained in strength due to networking, since 2009, by many of its members.

Its main objective is to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, drawing on the skills and dedication of its members who are principally lawyers but also judges, legal professionals or citizens who would like to contribute to our actions.

These volunteers are part of the community of Human Rights defenders along with civil society activists, unionists, journalists and persons who have become spokespersons of the oppressed.

Because of their actions, they are often harassed, sued or prosecuted, detained and sometimes murdered. This is why their defence is a priority for the ASF Network.

Present in Africa, America, Asia and Europe, the 20 member organisations are well placed to fulfil this task, in close collaboration with other Human Rights organisations.

## MEMBERS OF THE ASF NETWORK

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|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| • ASF Bénin    | • Ivory Coast | • ASF Mauritania                     | • ASF Senegal     |
| • ASF Brazil   | • ASF France  | • ASF Netherlands                    | • ASF Sweden      |
| • ASF Cameroon | • ASF Guinea  | • ASF Peru                           | • ASF Switzerland |
| • ASF Comoroes | • ASF Italy   | • ASF DRC                            | • ASF Togo        |
| • ASF Congo    | • ASF Mali    | • ASF Central African Republic (CAR) | • ASF Tunisia     |

## DÉVELOPING THE ASF NETWORK

The ASF Network, founded in 2009, is now composed of 20 national organisations with several others in the course of being formed.

Lawyers who are members of the Network have received both technical and practical training, particularly in the use of international legal tools to protect Human Rights, in the organisation and functioning of an association as well as the training of trainers.

The lawyers in these organisations are well placed, both in their countries and abroad, to ensure an effective defence, with - whenever necessary - the support of one or two organisations that are part of the Network.

The Network's objective is to ensure the empowerment of each of its members together with solidarity between its different components.

Several projects and actions have been conducted as a result of the relationships developed within the Network; for instance, the project concerning the respect of detainees' rights in Mali, presented on pages 12 and 13.

Moreover, the organisations that are members of the Network have carried out, in their respective countries, defence and access to justice projects.

***François Cantier, founder and President of ASF France***



# ASF FRANCE AND *LA FRANCOPHONIE*

The OIF Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (International Organisation of French-speaking countries) wanted to engage in partnerships with civil society and its organisations.

As a result, a number of international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), including ASF France, have been granted an advisory status within the OIF.

These organisations are divided into 4 groups:

- Language
- Education
- Peace, Democracy, Human Rights
- Development

The group "Peace, Democracy and Human Rights", which includes ASF France, consists of 24 INGOs.

ASF France, in the person of François Cantier, has been elected to the Presidency of the group's INGO .



In 2015, the **World Social Summit** took place in Tunis, at the Farhat Hached El Manar campus, from 24 to 29 March 2015.

The Conference also organised a round table dedicated to: « **Civil society in the democratisation of African French-speaking countries** ».

Facilitated by Roger Ferrari, president of the INGO Conference, this round table was composed of four panelists; Souhair Belhassen, honorary president of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Tunisia; Safiatou Lopez-Zongo, president of the Association for Democracy and Popular Participation (APDC), Burkina Faso; Paul Nsapu, president of the Electors' League, Democratic Republic of Congo and François Cantier, president of Avocats Sans Frontières France.



## PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUED TRAININGS

In addition to its status as an international solidarity organisation, ASF France is recognised as a training organisation by the Direction Régionale des entreprises, de la concurrence, de la consommation, du travail et de l'emploi (Regional Directorate of companies, competition, consumption, work and employment).

**ASF France is convinced that training is essential to strengthen practitioners' capacities.**

The association carries out two types of training:

- For local legal professionals: these actions are an integral part of programmes conducted in each country and promote the empowerment of local activists.
- For professionals taking part in ASF France's actions: all ASF France participants follow a training before becoming involved in a project, including practical and technical courses on various legal issues.

ASF France's training courses can count for the Droit Individuel à la Formation (DIF – Individual Right to be trained), are accredited by the National Bar Association (Conseil National des Barreaux) and can be covered by the FIFPL (Fonds Interprofessionnel de Formation des Professionnels Libéraux) for lawyers working in France.

### TRAINING SESSIONS COMPLETED IN 2015

**'International criminal defence'** - 13 to 14 March in Paris

By Jessica LESCO and Natacha FAUVEAU IVANOVIC

**'Training for trainers' (fundamentals)** - 18 to 21 March in Toulouse

By Marie José CANTIER-HERRMANN

**'Training for trainers' (reinforcement)** - 15 to 17 April in Toulouse

By Marie José CANTIER-HERRMANN

**'Emergency defence'** - 18 to 20 June in Paris

By Christine MARTINEAU

**'Regional systems of protection of Human Rights'** - 8 to 10 October in Paris

By Fabienne TRUSSES and Jean Michel PAULUS

**'International criminal defence' (reinforcement)** - 6 to 7 November in Paris

By Jessica LESCO and Natacha FAUVEAU IVANOVIC

**'International legal tools'** - 19 to 21 November in Paris

By Natacha FAUVEAU IVANOVIC and Christine MARTINEAU

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MODULES

6

TRAINERS

72

PARTICIPANTS

# TRAINING SESSIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2016



## «Training for trainers - Fundamentals »

9 to 12 March 2016 in Toulouse

## «International legal tools»

17 to 19 March 2016 in Paris

## «International criminal defence»

8 to 9 April 2016 in Paris

## «Emergency defence»

3 to 4 June 2016 in Toulouse

## «Regional systems of protection of Human Rights»

6 to 8 October 2016 in Paris

## «International criminal defence - Reinforcement»

14 to 15 October 2016 in Paris

## «Formation de formateurs - Renforcement»

17 to 19 November 2016 in Toulouse

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

In order to register, please fill in and send the registration form to:

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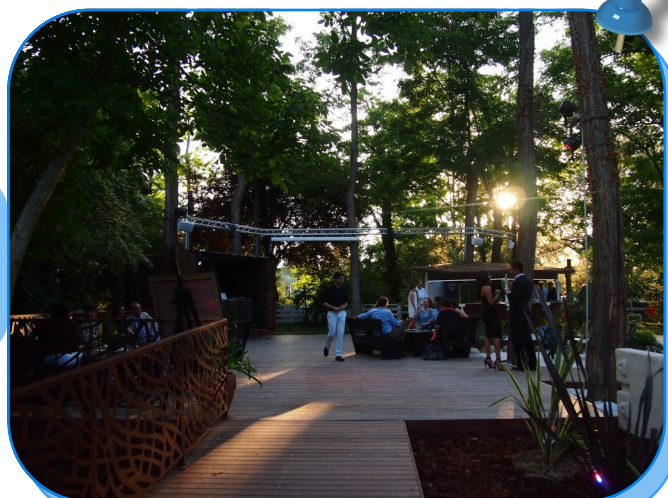
Conference-public debate  
Part of the Human Rights-Spring  
Festival

« *Women and children in armed conflict* »

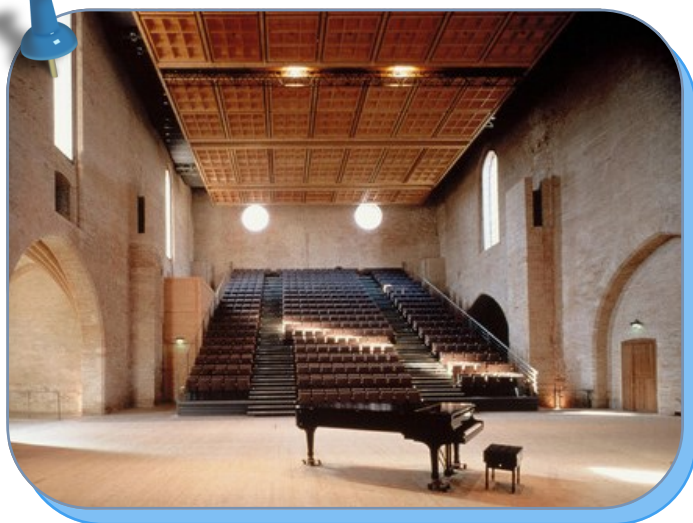
**21 May 2015**

Gala evening

**5 June 2015**



*The Restaurant, Les Jardins de l'Olympe, in Toulouse*



*Saint-Pierre des Cuisines Auditorium in Toulouse*

Musiko Klasika Concert

**30 November 2015**



## JOIN ACTIONS WITH THE CDAD

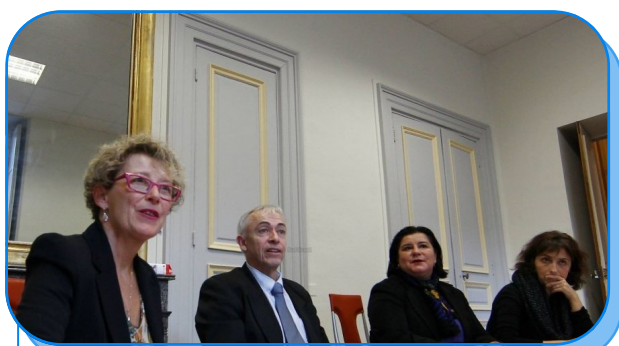
In France, the CDAD, Conseils Départementaux de l'Accès au Droit (Departmental Councils for Access to Justice) provide free legal consultations to the most vulnerable, thereby giving them access to a lawyer. The idea of pooling efforts was born: each free consultation in France could enable ASF France to increase its operations for the most destitute in other parts of the world. Therefore, for a given period, lawyers providing free legal consultations are able to donate to ASF France their remuneration usually granted by the CDAD.

This one-time action is open to all volunteer lawyers, whether or not registered on the list of lawyers who usually participate in the framework of the CDAD. The operation will end with a ceremony during which the sums of money collected are remitted. This event also allows ASF France to gather and thank all the stakeholders and invite local media to promote the action.

In 2015, lawyers from the Toulouse Bar Association offered their skills and abilities to the most destitute in France and worldwide by organising a week of legal consultations, supported by the Haute-Garonne CDAD. These lawyers agreed to donate their remuneration to ASF France.



*Mr François Cantier, founder of Avocats Sans Frontières France, receives the donation by Toulouse's lawyers from Madame Anne Fauré, President of the Toulouse Bar Association and Mr François Roger, member of ASF France.*



*Mme Fabienne Trusses-Naprous, of ASF France, M. Marc Jean-Talon, founder of Pau TGI and CDAD 64, and Mme Emmanuèle Legrand-Bogdan, President of the Pau Bar Association.*

Lawyers of the Bar Association of Pau also mobilised for the defence of the most destitute. In December 2015, ten lawyers from this Bar Association participated in a solidarity fund-raising by providing more than 60 legal consultations. These same lawyers agreed to donate their remuneration to ASF France; 1,500 € have been remitted to ASF France.

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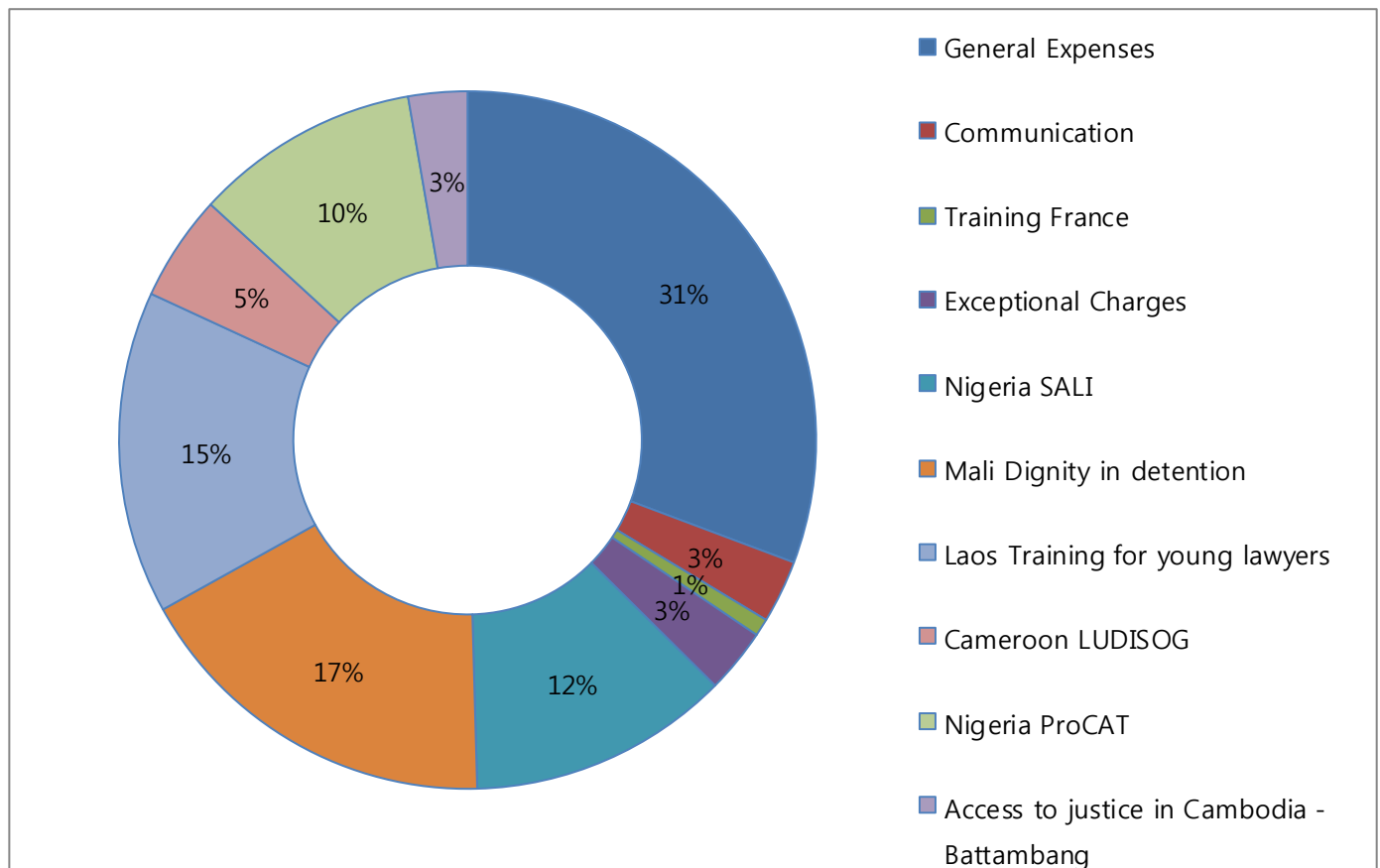
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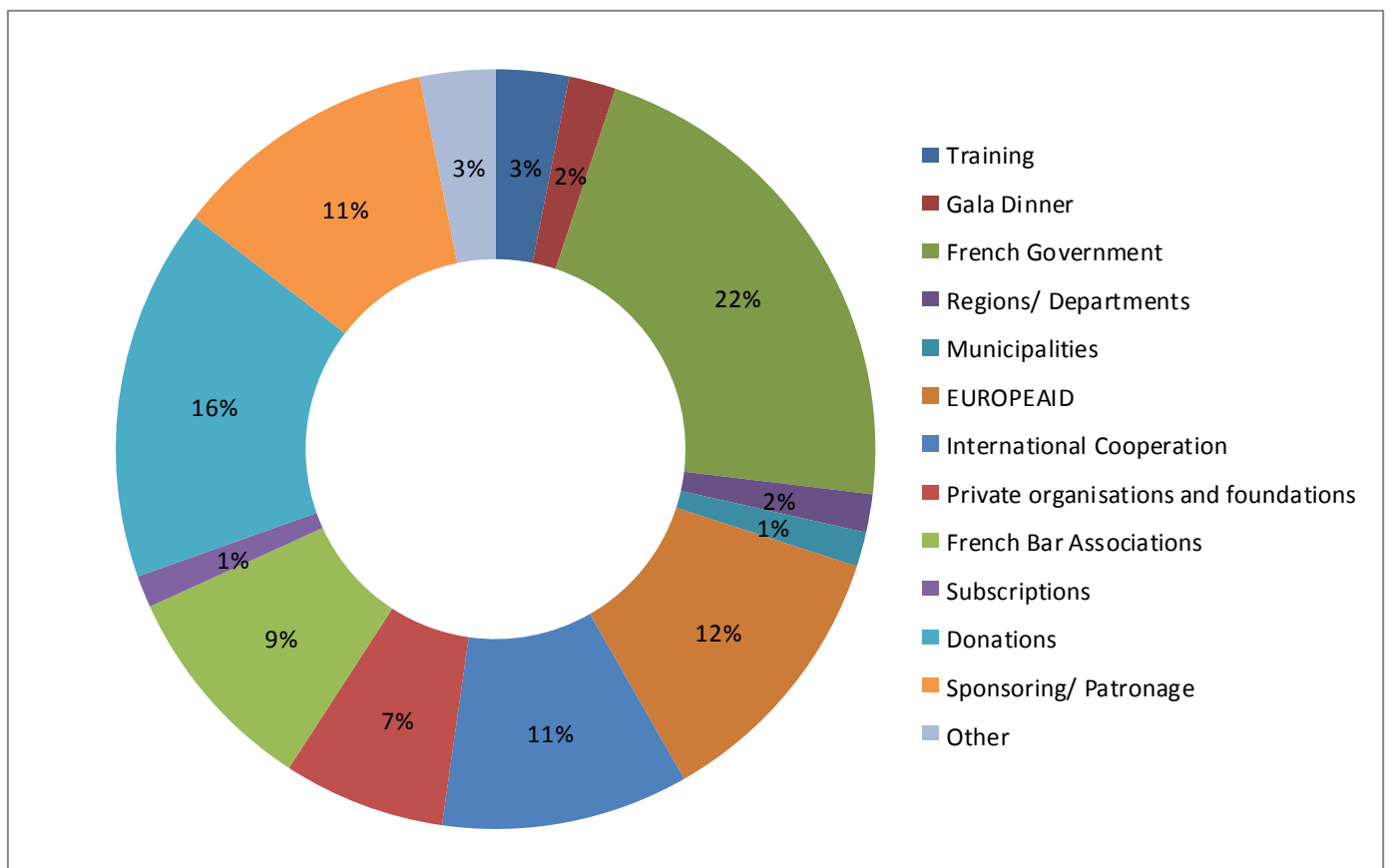
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## Distribution of Charges - 2015



## Sleeping partners and financial support - 2015





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