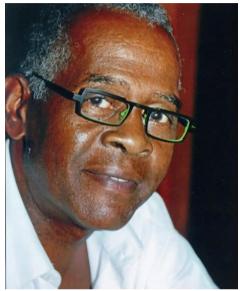


# Annual Activity Report 2017

#### Mr. Joseph Sainte-Luce

Founding member of Avocats Sans Frontières France



Our colleague and friend **Joseph Sainte-Luce** has passed away in this month of September 2017.

Everyone who knew him will keep in memory a distinguished man, humble and discreet and at the same time friendly and always welcoming.

Joseph Sainte-Luce was also a devoted lawyer, first at the French Union of Lawyers and soon after at Avocats Sans Frontières France, where he was among the first to lead a mission in Rwanda in 1997.

Born in Fort de France, he studied law at the University of Toulouse before being called to the Bar in 1975 and pursued his career there until

1982 when he finally joined the Bar of Fort de France.

He continued to be a member of our Association until his death and was a good friend of mine, so close due to his devotion and exceptional human qualities.

François Cantier, Honorary president of Avocats Sans Frontières France

#### **EDITORIAL**







E are happy to present the Avocats Sans Frontières France Activities Report for the year 2017.

This document will help you to witness once again the vivacity of actions of our organization which has celebrated its 20th anniversary on the 27th of April this year. Whether it be on behalf of the Human rights defenders in Ivory Coast, women and children deprived of access to Justice in Chad, or criminal law professionals in Mali, Avocats Sans Frontières France is at the cutting edge of promotion and defense of Human rights due to our constant and deep commitment.

Among the most particular actions of ASF France in 2017 was conducting, for the first time in its history, a project in metropolitan France, which consists of delivering legal assistance to individuals who suffered from ethnic, religious or political conflicts and who are in desperate need of legal aid to assert their basic rights. Beyond the humanist approach, our organization emphasizes in this urgent situation a new illustration of its particular mission — to engage the most experienced and highly-skilled law professionals to protect the basic human rights of the most vulnerable population.

Because it is crucial to continue to act « when defense is silent », this year again we count on support of each and everyone 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, but also in the essence of the conception of our present and future, undeniably liked to the ideas promoted by the most progressive men and women for more than 200 years.

Vincent FILLOLA and Julien POURQUIÉ KESSAS

Co-presidents Avocats Sans Frontières France

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# AN INTERNATIONAL NGO

# **AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES FRANCE**

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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.

1992	Creation of Avocats Sans Frontières Movement in Belgium
1998	Creation of Avocats Sans Frontières France (ASF France)
2004	ASF France is given the special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
2005	In April, the International Organisation of la Francophonie (OIF) gives ASF a consultative status as an acknowledgment of its actions in partnership with local actors of French-speaking countries.
	September, ASF France is elected to the presidency of the International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) « Human Rights » section within the OIF.
2008	ASF France celebrates its 10th anniversary and launches the International Observatory for Lawyers in cooperation with the National Council of Bars (CNB), the Paris Bar, le Consejo General de la Abogacía Española and Consiglio Nazionale Forense
2009	Launching of the Avocats Sans Frontières Network - www.asf-network.org
2012	ASF France is given the consultative status with the African Union
2014	ASF France is reelected to the presidency of the « Human Rights » section within the OIF
2016	Mr François Cantier, in his quality of president of ASF France, represents the civil society organizations of French-speaking countries at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of La Francophonie.
2017	Mr Vincent Fillola and Mr Julien Pourquié Kessas are elected as co-presidents; Mr François
2018	Cantier becomes honorary president of ASF France.

# **ASF FRANCE TEAM**

# The BOARD



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POURQUIE KESSAS
Co-President



Vincent FILLOLA
Co-President



Matthieu BAGARD
Secretary



Isabelle SCHOENACKER ROSSI Treasurer

#### **ASF FRANCE TEAM**

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Matthieu BAGARD (Attorney at law Paris Bar)
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# **HEADQUARTERS TEAM**

#### **Director Assistant:**

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Arutine MURADYAN (since Oct. 2017)

#### **General Coordinator:**

Anne-Elisa ATTOUCHE

Julie RAZONGLES (since Aug. 2017)

#### **Communication manager:**

Charlotte PARREAU

Geoffrey CONTARINI (since Sept. 2017)

#### Financial manager:

Alexandre CROIZIERS DE LACVIVIER

#### **Project coordinators:**

Amélie CLARIGO

Agathe DUVIGNAU

Manon MANANA-LASU

# **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# **IVORY COAST**

PRODEF: « Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Defenders »

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In the current post-conflict period, with the level of insecurity remaining high, the human rights defenders in Ivory Coast are often victims of threats and intimidations. To address this issue, Ivory Coast has adopted, on the 20th of June 2014, the Law n°2014-388 aiming to protect and strengthen the capacities of the human rights NGOs, and especially the human rights defenders.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: November 2016 End of project: May 2018

Area of action: Abidjan, Guiglo, Man, San-Pedro, Korhogo, Bouaké, Bondoukou, Boundiali, Abengourou et Daloa.

Project coordinator : CLARIGO Amélie

Field team: AFFOUÉ Kouao, TOURE Ano, DEGROU Rogatienne et GADOU Elysée

Expertize group: DURAND Isabelle, DJAMMEN NZEPA Ferdinand

**Project participants**: VILLAGEON Amélie, LOAS Colette, ASCIONE LE DREAU Constance, ZOGO Désirée, NAYRAL DE PUYBUSQUE Henri, BOUM Hermine, SCHOENACKER ROSSI Isabelle, KOUA Jeanne, GRANDCLEMENT Joêlle, BONHER Julie, LATAPIE Laurent, SECCI Marilyne, BAGARD Matthieu, LABORDE Michèle, GOLDBERG Nathalie, BARANGER Nicolas, TCHATAT Pélerine, DEUGOUE Raphaël, MARVILLE Thierry

**Project funders**: USAID, Fondation Un Monde Par Tous, Crédit Agricole

Partners and associates: AFJCI, CIDDH, Barreau de Côte d'Ivoire, ASF Côte d'Ivoire



#### **GOALS**

- Allow the local NGOs to better understand their field of activity, as well as their limits and their legal framework
- Ensure closer cooperation between local human rights
   NGOs for a better strategy of action
- Train the staff of local NGOs and associations to protect the vulnerable persons
- Provide legal aid for the human rights defenders who are victims of violation of their rights

- Free legal assistance to the HR defenders victims of rights violations
- Rising awarness among the local actors about protection of HR defenders
- Trainings for HR defenders aiming to reinforce their capacities to protect the vulnerable population
- · Connecting the HR defenders through a professionnal network and creation of an emergency plan
- Setting up a system of alerts in case of violation of the rights of HR defenders



#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- 184 participants in 6 training and information courses related to the adopted law on protection and promotion of HR defenders.
- 189 persons took part in at least 1 awarness raising workshop designed for the actors committed to the protection of HR defenders, namely the judicial police officers, magistrates and lawyers.
- 150 participants in 6 training courses designed for the HR defenders on international instruments and mechanisms of their protection.
- Several awarness raising campaigns among more than
   51 public officials on the necessity to collaborate with the HR defenders.
- 80 programs of which 78 radio et 2 TV have been aired to promote the project and broadcast the alert number

#### PROSPECTS IN 2018

- Creating workshops for the HR defenders on international instruments and mechanisms of their protection.
- Strenthenig the capacities of the HR defenders related to their role in defending the vulnerable population.
- Setting up of permanent regional working groups in order to create a synergy of action
- Participation in radio and TV programs and meeting with the authorities to promote the project.



#### **PARTNERS**

Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI), Barreau de Côte d'Ivoire, Avocats Sans Frontières Côte d'Ivoire, with the financial support of USAID, Fondation Un Monde Par Tous, les coups de pouce solidaires du Crédit Agricole and logistical support of Cabinet Allen & Overy









# **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# MALI

#### « Training of lawyers and human rights defenders in Mali »

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In the course of the post-conflict period, the national reconciliation and democracy building require a solid consolidation of the civil society capacities and experiences of its actors. This project aims to form a branch of experimental legal trainers, with strong legal expertise in the field of international legal instruments of HR protection and their usage, with an ultimate goal of transfering this knowledge to the future trainers.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: April 2017 End of Project: October 2017

Area of action: Bamako

Project coordinator: DUVIGNAU Agathe

Field team: DAO Youssouf

**Expertize group:** BASTIEN-RABNER Françoise, NICOD Jean-Claude, ROGER François

Project participants: CANTIER Marie-José, BAREGUWERA Julien, GOUZENNE Pierre, GRANDCLEMENT Joëlle,

ROUCHY Noëlie, RABESANDRATANA Elisabeth, BOUDOU Mathilde **Project funders :** National Bar Council CNB), French Embassy in Mali

Partners: Avocats Sans Frontières Mali, National Bar Council, Bar Association of Mali



#### **GOALS**

- Ensure the effective implementation, by lawyers, of the main principles of HR protection in order to consolidate the Rule of Law, Peace and Democracy;
- Train lawyers on the usage of the instruments of HR protection in favour of vulnerable population, on the procedures of international courts and tribunals and on pedagogical techniques.

#### **ACTIONS IN 2017**

• 3 training missions accomplished by the experts and volunteers in close cooperation with the trainers from ASF Mali and the National Bar Council.



#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- 3 training sessions: « Workshop on motivation and involvment», « Practical workshops: strengthening and deepening of skills », « Actions developed by trainees under the supervision of trainers»;
- 13 participants have successfully put in practice the acquired skills and have been promoted to trainers.





#### **PARTNERS**

Avocats Sans Frontières Mali, National Bar Council, with the financial support of the French Embassy in Mali







#### **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# MALI

#### **PROCAMANO:**

« Program on strengthening the capacities of Magistrates in Northern Mali »

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Mali had suffered a multidimensional crisis in 2012-2013 which led to the dysfunction of jurisdictions in the north of the country. The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre assigned a mission to ASF France to implement a project aiming to fight the problem of impunity and restore the public services in Northern Mali. While attention should be given to all criminal law preofessionals, Magistrates are the central actors of the criminal procedure. In the context of insecurity and lack of professional staff, a continuing action of profesional trainings at regional scale is essential to guarantee a better quality of judicial institutions.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: April 2017 End of Project: July 2018

Area of action: Bamako

Project coordinator: DUVIGNAU Agathe

Field team: DAO Youssouf

Expertize group: BASTIEN-RABNER Françoise, NICOD Jean-Claude, ROGER François

Project participants: GOUZENNE Pierre, GRANDCLEMENT Joëlle, BAREGUWERA Julien, LEMONDE Marcel,

HUYETTE Michel, ROUCHY Noëlie, BOUDOU Mathilde, RABESANDRATANA Elisabeth

**Project funders:** Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)

Partners: Avocats Sans Frontières Mali, Institut National de Formation Judiciaire du Mali



#### **PROJECT GOALS**

- Contribute to the perfection of the criminal justice in Mali
- Strenghten the operational and transversal capacities of the magistrates of the Court of Appeal of Mopti

- 1 launching and 1 monitoring missions of the project allowed to gather the technical anf financial partners of international cooperation in Mali.
- 3 training missions carried out by the volunteer experts in cooperation with the trainers from ASF Mali and Institut National de Formation Judiciaire of Mali (INFJ)





#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- 4 training sessions have been carried out:

   « Criminal justice for juveniles and vulnerable persons »,
   « General oranization of a jurisdiction»,
   « Criminal process, theory and practice » and « The duties of the investigating judge and the
   Office of the Prosecutor »
  - 3 members of the INFJ have acquired the training methods and joined the group of magistrates trainers
- All members of the Court of Appeals of Mopti have participated in training sessions.

#### **PROSPECTS IN 2018**

- 3 training sessions will be offered:
- « Professional deontology and code of ethics of Magistrate» (february 2018), « les International legal instruments » (april 2018) and « The international crimes and victims' rights» (june 2018)
- The closing of the Mission will take place in June 2018





#### **PARTNERS**

Avocats Sans Frontières Mali, INFJ with the financial support of the French Embassy in Mali







## **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# NIGERIA

**PROCAT: « Fight Against Torture»** 

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Even though Nigeria ratified the UN Convention against Torture (UNCAT) in 2001 and adopted a law prohibiting the acts of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the end of 2017, there are still many obstacles for an effective application of these measures. The torture is widespread all across Nigeria and is systematically used by police staff during the inquiries. This conituing practice becomes possible for namely two reasons: the limited access to justice on the one hand, and insufficient compensation for the victims on the other . The police violence, arbitrary and abusive detentions, cruel and heavy judgements are not contested neither by lawyers, nor by the population, which lacks information on its rights, legal protection from the authorities and is sceptical towards the judicial system.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: January 2017 End of Project: December 2017

Area of action : Kaduna, Enugu, Lagos

Project coordinator : CLARIGO Amélie

Field team: UWANDU Angela

Expertize group: -

Project participants : -

Project funders: UNVFVT, German, French and Dutch Embassies.

Partners: NHRC, Access to Justice



#### PROJECT GOALS

- Contribute to the diminishment of the acts of torture on all levels of judicial system through a large involvment of judicial professionals and the awarness rising campaings in Nigéria.
- Facilitate the access to Justice for the victims of torture
- Strenghten the skills and capacities, of the governmental, medical and media actors of the Civil Society organizations in terms of respect of human rights principles and the anti-torture legislation.

- Free legal defense of the victims of torture or inhuman treatment at different stages of court proceedings (in the states of Kaduna and Enugu)
- Trainings designed for legal and medical professionals committed in the fight against torture on their role in obtaining evidence to file the cases.
- Trainings designed for the security agencies, governmental authorities, CSO and medias on their role in the fight
  against torture.
- Communication actions and information on the acts of torture in order to reduce them.





#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- 78 victims of torture, including 4 minors et 4 women, have gained access to Justice through the project
- 6 victims of the acts of torture in the previous years have gained access to Justice
- Two judgments have made possible an immediate and unconditional release of the victims, recognizing their detention being illegal
- Two training sessions provided for the judicial actors in the States of Enugu and Kaduna
- Two training sessions provided for the legal and medical professionals in the states of Enugu and Kaduna
- 40 judicial actors including judges, magistrates, prison officials, police agents, prosecutors, CSO and media representatives have been trained on the principles of the UN Convention against Torture
- 36 judicial and medical actors have been trained on the premises of Istanbul Protocol (anti-torture law)
- 4 radio talk-shows broadcasted in the States of Enugu et and Kaduna in oder to rise awarness about the act of torture.

#### **PROSPECTS IN 2018**

- Free legal aid will be provided to the victims of torture and inhuhman treatment at different stages of court proceedings
- Trainings will be offered for the legal and medical professionals committed in the fight against torture, on their role in obtaining evidence to file cases.
- Trainings will be designed for the security agents, governmental authorities, CSO and medias on their role in the fight against torture
- Communication actions and media coverage of the acts of torture will be performed
- Meeting with the public authorities will be held in order to increase their awarness about the acts of torture and inhuman treatment.



#### **PARTNERS**

◆ The National Human Rights Commission of Nigeria (NHRC), with the financial support of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture - OHCHR





# **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# CHAD

#### PADEF:

« Program on Assistance and Access to Justice of Women and Children »

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In Chad, the detention centers are overpopulated by prison population, a big number of detained persons who are waiting for their proceedings to start, do not have defenders and sometimes don't even posses their criminal files. The general state of the prison system, ignorance by detainees of their rights, lack of training of the judicial actors and the culure of impunity deteriorate already vulnerable conditions of women and children, who regularly become victims of violations of their rights. Outside prisons, they become victims of discrimination and violence. The absence of psychological accompaniment, social, economic or judicial support make these women and children totally silent about the violences and injustices that they suffer.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: December 2015 End of Project: December 2018

**Area of action :** Ndjamena, Abéché, Koumra **Project coordinator :** DUVIGNAU Agathe

Field team: NDJANDJO Patricia, MOGGAHOU Ngarodjilo

Expertize group: LEPRETRE Thérèse, LATAPIE Laurent, Jérôme BENSUSSAN

Project participants : Nathalie GOLDBERG, Fabienne TRUSSES, Marilyne SECCI, Hélène DIRIBARNE, Constance

ASCIONE LE DREAU, Jean Pierre GETTI, Aurélie PUJO, Aude BREJON

Project funders: European Union Delegation to Chad, Agence Française de développement

Partners : Association des Femmes Juristes au Tchad, Association Tchadienne de Promotion et de Défense des

Droits de l'Homme



#### PROJECT GOALS

- Contribute to the strengthening of the Rule of Law and of the judicial system in Chad
- Contribute to a better treatment of detained women and children.
- Contribute to the diminishment of violence towards women and children and a better protection of their rights.

- 2 volunteer missions in N'Djamena et Abéché (February and March)
- 2 missions of financial and operational monitoring of the project (January and September)
- Call for proposals made among the Chadian associations for financing of 3 local actions





#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- 218 legal consultations for women and children in detention centers.
- 148 legal service sessions, 132 medical service sessions et 37 psychological service sessions provided to women and childres victims of HR violations.
- 130 cases of women and children abuses filed by the lawyers engaged in the project
- 42 criminal law professonals received trainings on the principles of defense of detained women and children and victims of HR violations
- 6 sessions of educational exchanges, 5 radio programs, 13 cinema conferences et 6 theatrical performances organized in order to rise awarness among the Chad's population.
- 3 panel discussions gathered 26 criminal law professionals in order to discuss the possible mesures to adopt in the system of protection of women and children in Chad.
- 3 Chadian associations received financial support to implement 3 projects in N'Djaména, Abéché and Koumra.

#### PROSPECTS IN 2018

- Legal consultations will take place every month in all 3 cities of the project, medical, psychological and legal consultations will also be provided to women and children victims of HR violations.
- Women and children deprived of liberty and/or victims of violence will receive, if necessary, legal support by the lawyers of the project
- Radio programs, cinema conferences, theatrical performances and educational talks will be offered to Chad's authorities and population in order to rise their awarness on the issues of human rights
- 5 training sessions as well as trainings of the criminal law professionnals will be organized, 5 panel discussion will gather state, religious and judicial authorities, as well as members of the civil society organizations to elaborate a charter of good practices
- 3 projects designed by the local organizations will be implemented in each city of the project



#### **PARTNERS**

Association des Femmes Juristes du Tchad (AFJT), Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion des Droits de l'Homme (ATPDH) with the financial support of the European Union and Agence Française de Développement (AFD).









## **ASF FRANCE PROJECTS**

# CAMBODIA

#### « Battambang Province:

Access to Justice for all and Defense of the Most Vulnerable Persons »

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In Cambodia and especially in Battambang province, improving the access to Justice and the judiciary system is an absolute priority. Neither the jurisdictions in the Province, nor in Phnom Penh, the capital of the country, do not provide any legal aid for the most vulnerable litigants. It should be added that many of those proceedings concern criminal cases, which always require a defense attorney. A small number of lawyers in the Province inevitably leads to the prolongation of criminal proceedings and therefore of temporary detentions, and endangers the legal process.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: October 2015 End of Project: December 2017

Area of action: Battambang Province, Cambodia

Project coordinator: DUVIGNAU Agathe

Field team: DOISY Magali, BRETON-ZIADA Romane, SUN Sary et BUN Rithy

**Expertize group:** ROGER François

Project participants : DIRIBARNE Hélène

Project funders: Occitanie Region, French Prime Minister's Office, DFDL international law firm, Ordre des

avocats au Conseil d'État et à la Cour de Cassation, Betto Seraglini law firm



#### **PROJECT GOALS**

- Strenghten the Rule of Law and provide a better access to Justice for the most vulnerable litigants in the Battambang province
- Improve the defense of litigants deprived of legal council in criminal cases due to the lack of ressources.

- One monitoring mission and one end of Project mission
- Supplementary activities to the Project
- Developpement of a new Project in support of women and girls victims of gender-based violence in the province of Battambang.





#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- Legal aid service at the Tribunal has been put in place 4 times a week – with a total number of 77 citizens, incuding 40 women, benefited from the personalized legal support;
- Filing of criminal law cases two project lawyers have offered free legal counseling to 318 accused persons within 219 criminal cases;
- Training sessions designed for the members of CSO: two training sessions have enabled 50 professionals to strengthen their professional capacities and skills.
- Awareness-raising campaigns on human rights: 545 vulnerable litigants from Battambang province, over one third of which women, have participated in 18 sessions.





#### **PARTNERS**

Occitania Region, Office of the Premier Ministre, International law firm DFDL, Bar Councils of the Council of State and Court of cassation, Betto Seraglini law firm











## **ASF France PROJECTS**

# FRANCE

#### Free Legal Advice service for refugees and asylum seekers

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A group of lawyers—members of Avocats Sans Frontières France decided to set up a Free legal advice service for refugees and asylum seekers to provide them with the necessary aid. Acces to Justice, Professional assistance and Legal information are three central pillars to guarantee the protection of fundamental human rights of these persons.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Project starting date: September 2017 End of Project : -

Area of action: Paris

Proiect coordinator : CLARIGO Amélie

Field team: -

Expertize group: METTON Ingrid, RIMALHO Aude

Project participants: MENARD Carole, BAGARD Matthieu, NORMA Julien, FILLOLA Vincent, MAUPEU Julie, NICOLET Domitille, PAGEAUT ZERMATI Karine, LAGRUE Marianne, MARTINEAU Christine, CLÉMENT Solène, RIVIÈRE

Mélisande

Project funders: -

Partners: City Council of the 10th district of Paris



# REGARDS SUR LES QUESTIONS MIGRATOIRES

Solidarité en Méditerranée - Approche juridique - Géopolitique européenne

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#### **PROJECT GOALS**

- 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

- Setting up a Free legal advice service allowing refugees and asylum seekers to get all necessary assistance for transmission of the case files to authorities.
- Conferences and Talks
- Legal advice to SOS Méditerranée
- Cooperation within ASF Network and setting up a working group on migrants victims of modern-day slavery and torture in Lybia..



## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- Conferences and talks on the issue of migration
- Legal advise to SOS Méditerranée
- Free legal advice service for refugees and asylum seekers has provided assistance to hundreds of individuals since its béginning in september 2017 thanks to the volunteer engagement of ASF lawyers.

#### **PERSPECTIVES IN 2018**

- Free legal advice service will be maintained in the City Council of the 10th district of Paris.
- Organization of public events (International Refugee Day, International Human Rights Day, etc.)
- Organization of conferences in Universities and public debates on the issue of migration and its managment.



#### **PARTNERS**

The city Council of the 10th district of Paris and SOS Méditerranée





#### **ASF NETWORK**



#### « Strengthening and developing Avocats Sans Frontières Network »

Since its creation in 2009, Avocats Sans Frontières Network aims at development and strengthening of ASF organization around the world by sharing experience, coordination of actions and a better visibility of activities for the benefit of the most vulnerable population.

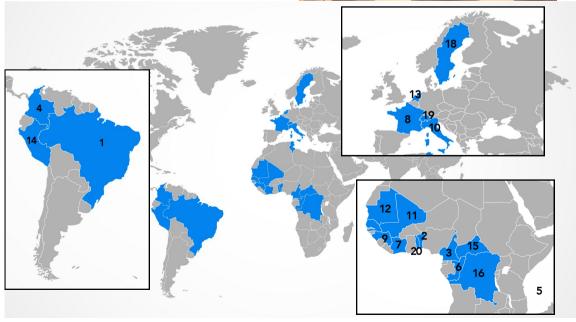
#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE**

Today ASF Network includes 21 national organizations:

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), Netherlands (13), Peru (14), Central African Republic (15), Democratic Republic of the Congo (16), Senegal (17), Sweden (18), Switzerland (19), Togo (20) et Tunisia (21).

- Continue our efforts on defending lawyers and human rights defenders.
- Develop more projects in cooperation with other members of ASF Network
- Strenghten the capacities of national organizations





# **ASF FRANCE & LA 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.

#### **ACTIONS IN 2017**

- 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 group.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Participation in the working panel on relation between the CSO and La Francophonie
- Participation in the 10th conference of Francophone organizations, which took place in Antananarivo, Madagascar on 2 and 4 November 2016. ASF France moderated the roundtable « Francophone civil society at the time of migration ».
- 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 TRAININGS**

Besides its status of an international NGO, ASF France is registered as a training body by the French Ministry of Justice.

ASF France is convinced of the vital role of educational trainings as an instrument for building capacities of legal professionals.

In this respect the association leads two main type of activities:

- For the local legal professionals: trainings make part of the projects implemented in various countries, aiming at empowerment of local actors.
- Other actors participating in the activities of ASF France : all ASF volunteers follow a methodological and technical training course on different subject of law.

ASF trainings can be recognized under the DIF criteria, are certified by the National Bar Council and can be licenced by the Interprofessional fund of the liberal professions. (FIFPL) for lawyers practicing in France.

#### **TRAININGS IN 2017**

#### **Training for trainers - Fundamentals**

8 - 11 March and 15—18 November

#### **International Legal Instruments**

6 - 8 April

#### **Training for trainers - Reinforcement**

21 - 23 September

#### **Defense in International Criminal Justice**

22 - 23 September

#### **Regional Mechanisms of Protection of Human Rights**

5 - 7 October

#### Place of Victims in the ICC trial

1-2 December





# 7 sessions, 9 trainers, 56 participants

#### **TRAINERS GROUP**

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# **ASF France EVENTS**

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## 24 April: Performance of theatrical troup Les Micycles

In 2017, Association Les Micycles decided to support ASF France through a theater performance, with all profits donated to ASF France. Thanks to this event ASF France could promote its image and acquired notoriety among barrister students.



# 20 June: International Day of Refugees





14 associations, incuding ASF France, participated in the **International Day of Refugees**, which takes place every year in Toulouse on the 20th of June. All persons concerned by the issue of migration were invited to join this event.

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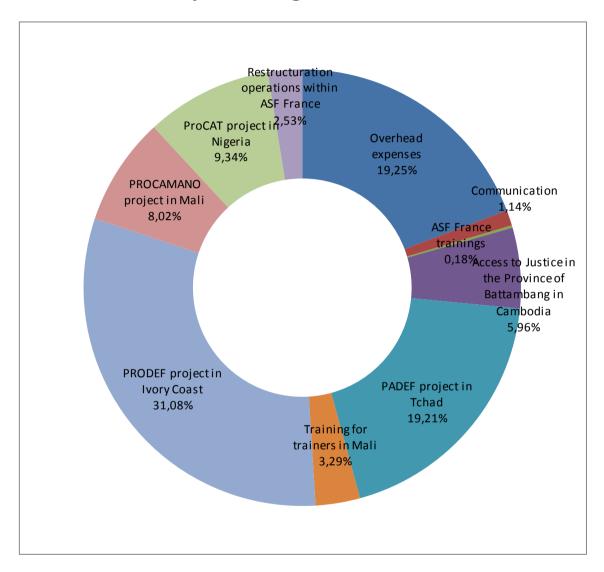
# **18 October : National Convention of Lawyers**

The National Convention of Lawvers Convention Nationale Avo-(La des cats) gathered more than 6000 participants from 18 to 21 October 2018 in Bordeaux with the main theme of discussions being « Digital economy and territory : new strategies for lawyers ». During this event, ASF France has officially signed a partnership agreement with BPCE bank group which creates on this occasion a special offer: for each new account opening by a lawyer, an 80€ is transferred by Bank to ASF France.

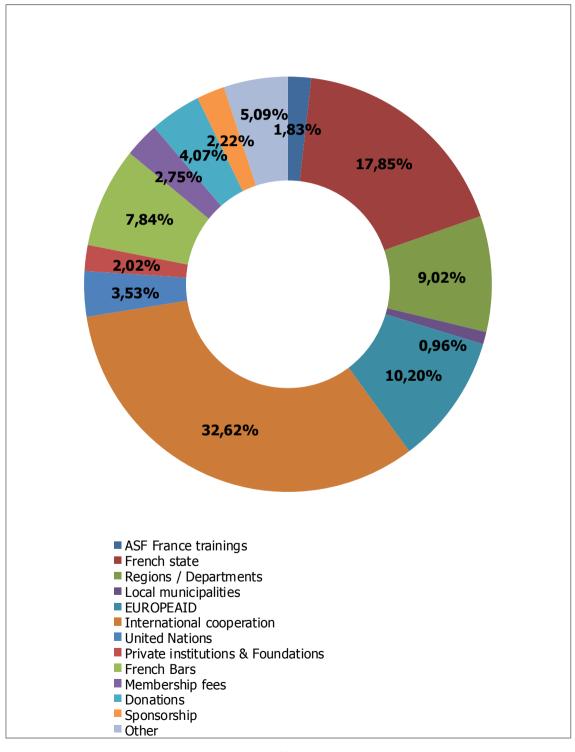


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