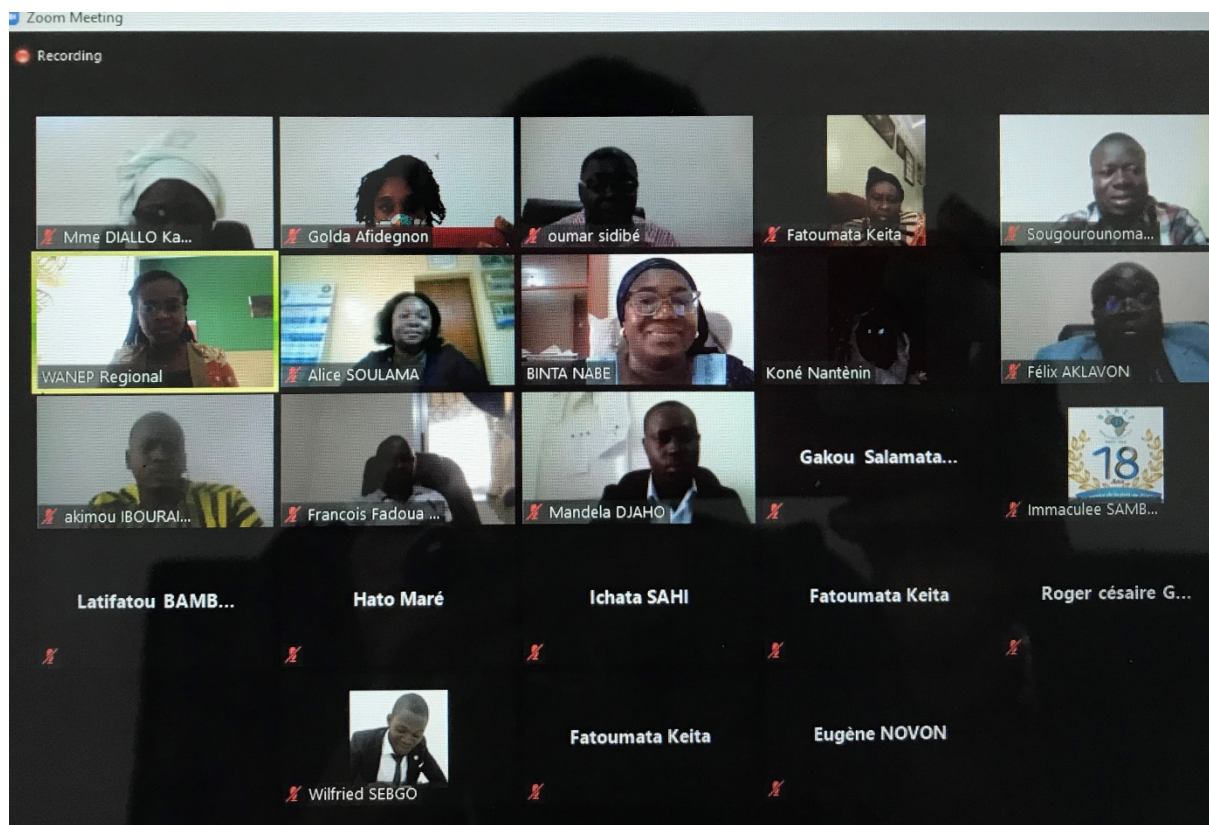




**REPORT OF THE VIDEOCONFERENCE ON THE THEME: UNSC R1325 @ 20 years:
ENGAGEMENT WITH MEN TO ADVANCE THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA
November 2, 2020**



Picture of the participants

1- Introduction

The second series of discussions on Gender "Gender talk" was held online on November 2, 2020 and brought together about twenty-three participants, both women and men. The main purpose of the discussion was to discuss opportunities for engagement with men in advancing the Women, Peace, Security (WPS) agenda, twenty years after the adoption of United Nations Council resolution 1325.

2- Progress of the work

In her opening remarks, the moderator of the meeting, Ms. Josiane Sombo, noted that despite the progress achieved with the normative frameworks, women are still facing some challenges regarding their participation in peace processes, which compromises the full realization of the objectives of the

UNSCR 1325. Ms. Sombo hoped that the speakers could identify some of those challenges as well as the opportunities for men's engagement for an effective implementation of the R1325.

Mr. Félix Kokou Aklavon, Director of Programs of the Center for Research and Study on Security and Development (CRESED) - Togo

In his presentation, Mr. Aklavon noted that the limited participation of men is due, among other things, to the lack of male involvement in the process of developing the UNSCR 1325. Mr. Aklavon ended by saying that men are also beneficiaries of 1325 and do no favors to women, "we have to put both genders on an equal footing," he recommended.

Ms. Binta Nabe, President of the National Coalition of Guinea for the Defense of Women's Rights and Citizenship (CONAG / DCF)- Guinea

Ms. Nabe, for her part, shared the achievements of R1325 in Guinea. The most notable include the appointment of a woman to the rank of General of the Army and the integration of gender and GBV in the training program of the security and defense forces.

As solutions to ensure gender parity, she proposed advocacy actions with the authorities for a gender sensitive management of conflicts as well as the awareness of men on the content of R1325.

"Men and women must be partners," she concluded.

Mr. Sougourounoma Henri KABORE, Peacebuilding Advisor at Oxfam in Burkina Faso

Mr. Kabore took stock of activities carried out by Oxfam in Burkina Faso in connection with the WPS agenda. This includes, capacity building for women, the promotion of community dialogue frameworks for women and support for women's organizations.

As lessons learned and best practices, the speaker recommended, among others:

- 1- Giving more confidence to women and consideration to their specific needs is fundamental to achieve gender equality;
- 2- Emphasizing the role of educator that women play to boys and girls for positive masculinity.

Ms. keita fatoumata, Former National Director for women's promotion in Mali

Ms. Keita addressed the problem of the social norms that exist in Malian society that prevent women from fully participating in conflict management in their country. For the speaker, strengthening social cohesion would be one of the strategies for continued engagement with men and would enable men and women to work in synergy. She also stressed the need to involve traditional leaders for behavioral change.

Conclusion

Closely linked to the objective of the Gender Talk series, this session was rich in substance and very interactive. Ms. Sombo thanked the speakers and reminded them that this is not a competition between the two sexes but rather a complementarity of the sexes.