

Factsheet

Rule of Law



Thematic Areas

- Governance and accountability.
- Judicial reform.
- Human rights and international human rights mechanisms.
- Legal aid and access to justice.
- Prevention and fight against crime and terrorism.
- Security Sector Reform.
- Civil society actors and SDGs.
- Media and SDGs.
- Institution building.



Our Services

- Training and facilitation.
- Coaching and mentoring.
- Training of Trainers (ToT).
- eLearning.
- Master degrees and postgraduates.
- Advisory.
- Advocacy.
- Learning support materials.



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – a specialized training agency of the United Nations – supports the (re-)establishment of peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG 16) by enabling individuals and organizations to contribute meaningfully to sustainable peace.

With over 60 years of experience in capacity building, we provide customised, creative and results-based learning solutions, carefully crafted for countries and communities emerging from conflict and facing specific development needs. At the core of our success is our specific methodology that allows for the creation of powerful and inspiring spaces, products and services (online and face-to-face) for high-quality learning and collaboration.

Our training programmes have mentoring and coaching as their key ingredients and promote participation, dialogue, local ownership and multiplication of knowledge for sustainable impact and behavioural change.



In 2023:

1.645

Malian Beneficiaries

17

Face-To-Face Training Events

Rule of law is a principle of governance in which all persons, institutions and entities, including the state itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated, and which are consistent with international human rights norms and standards.

UNITAR provides Member States and other stakeholders high-quality learning and capacity-building solutions designed to help them:

- Address root causes of conflicts.
- Ensure accountability for human rights.
- Prevent discrimination and ensure access to justice for all.
- Protect and assist members of vulnerable groups.
- Reinforce good governance within the justice sector.



Flagship projects

Strengthening the Capacity of the Judicial System and Promoting the Rule of Law in Mali

UNITAR has been supporting national stakeholders in a comprehensive reform of the judicial system as part of Mali's governmental transition. The project strengthened and modernised the Malian judicial system, particularly in its institutional desire to promote the rule of law and ensure efficient and accessible justice institutions.

UNITAR and its partner, the Institut National de Formation Judiciaire (INFJ) conducted a wide range of training courses targeting different groups of actors. In total 1.645 beneficiaries from the legal system, civil society and media benefitted from tailored training in their respective work areas.

UNITAR seeks to continue the successful cooperation with the INFJ in future projects.



Future projects

The success of the project in Mali became known in the region. UNITAR has started to develop rule-of-law and justice projects in West Africa. They serve to support reforms and efforts of governments in improving the functioning of the country's justice system. Targeted measures will contribute to ensuring that justice systems will gain in accessibility, legal certainty and legitimacy for the benefit of the population. They will also respond to the aspiration of legal actors to ensure a quality of work at the highest professional level.

Senegal:

UNITAR is developing a project aiming at strengthening the capacities of legal actors in cooperation with the *Centre de Formation Judiciaire* in Dakar.

Niger:

- **Fostering the rule of law and justice in Niger**

- A project strengthening the capacities of the various actors offering conflict resolution and legal advice outside the Nigerien formal justice system is being developed.
- In a separate project, UNITAR seeks to build the capacities of the *Ecole de Formation Judiciaire du Niger* by supporting training in various legal subject matters.



"This training was really beneficial because the method used is simple and pedagogical, which allows the participation and interaction between the trainers and the participants. The training gave us the opportunity to identify our limits in terms of judgement and criminal procedure. During the 5-days training, many notions were addressed. The exchanges allowed us to learn more on some key concepts".
- Noumady Kanté, Magistrate and president of the Military Court, Mali