



Senegalese Chapter of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ASCESA)

“Program Execution: Chapter Case Studies”



Community Chapter Leaders' Forum

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Plan

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Key activities carried out ¹

With ACSS's support

- General assembly in 2022 and 2024
- Alumni database update

In collaboration with state institutions

- Working lunch
- Webinar
- Scientific exchange



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Key activities carried out ²

- Signing agreements with CHEDS and IDS



- Development of communication tools: institutional email address for archives and communications
- Creation of ASCESA's logo and social media pages (Facebook and Twitter)

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Best practices ¹

- **Creation of two WhatsApp groups: one for the current board and the other extended to former board members;**
- **Regular board meetings held at the Officers' Mess Circle;**
- **Regular organization of scientific activities in collaboration with state institutions and the ACSS;**
- **Courtesy visits to Senegalese authorities: MFA, CEMGA, CHEDS Director, IDS Director.**



Best practices ²

- **Signing of a collaboration agreement with the CHEDS and the IDS**
- **Meetings with the Defense Attaché of the United States Embassy**
- **Collaboration with the ACSS and the CHEDS to discuss our action plan**
- **Participation in the CCLF and implementation of recommendations/ lessons learned**



Lessons learned

- **Courtesy visit to authorities: technical and financial support from the MFA, CEMGA, CHEDS, and IDS**
- **Strategic partnership with ACSS, MFA, CHEDS, and IDS: success of the conference**
- **Relevant choice of themes: working lunch, webinar, conference**
- **Reawakened sense of belonging: scientific activities piqued the interest of alumni.**



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Challenges

- **Mobilization of financial resources to implement the action plan's activities;**
- **Limited resources prevented us from inviting representatives from other ACSS associations to the conference;**
- **Exploitation of the existing database to better leverage existing skills and expertise;**
- **Low member involvement (alumni fees)**
- **Strategy for implementing activities that involve alumni (outside the office) and leverage diverse expertise**

Outlook

- **Mobilization of human and technical resources: leveraging alumni expertise (knowledge generation, technical skills, resource mobilization, etc.)**
- **Mobilization of financial resources: identifying niche opportunities in collaboration with the US Embassy and ACSS (National Center for Scientific and Technical Studies)**
- **Scientific and technical contribution to Senegal**
- **Social activities**





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Thank you for your kind attention



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