

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

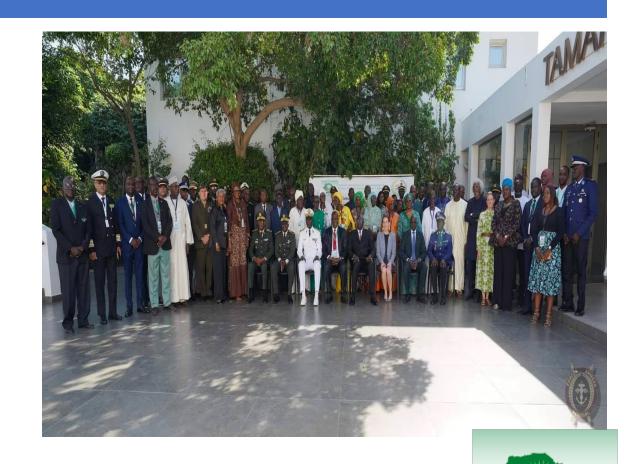
"Program Execution: Chapter Case Studies"

Community Chapter Leaders' Forum

26 March 2025

Plan

- 1. Key activities
- 2. Best practices
- 3. Lessons learned
- 4. ASCESA's challenges
- 5. Outlook



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)



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.





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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