

# Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Africa



## 1 Burkina Faso Group

WILPF Burkina Faso Group joined WILPF in 2018 with the aim of working for effective social transformation by promoting the actions of women and men who adhere to WILPF's mission and principles. Working around the priority areas of WILPF, the Group will focus its energy to encourage nonviolent innovative practices to end systems of exploitation.

## 2 Burundi Group

WILPF Burundi Group joined WILPF in May 2017. The group has emerged from the gathering of strong and motivated women united by the common aim of improving women's situation in Burundi. Their objective is that of contributing to positive change towards peace and stability in the country.

## 3 Cameroon

WILPF Cameroon became a section in 2015. The section proudly participated in the official publication of Cameroon's National Action Plan on UN Security Council resolution 1325. WILPF Cameroon has been a key contributor to the process and is working so that the implementation will substantially increase women's participation in peace processes in Cameroon.

## 4 CAR (Central African Rep.) Group

WILPF CAR Group is the newest Group to join WILPF. Since its creation in 2018, it has carried out actions to make WILPF's work known to national authorities and the wider public. WILPF CAR Group has conducted advocacy campaigns, and organised trainings on the importance of women's participation in the national effort to build sustainable peace.

## 5 Chad

WILPF Chad became a Section in August 2018. It works to increase the participation of its members in the work of the Section and strengthen the in-country network on UN Security Council resolution 1325. More specifically, the section organised a training with 25 women to create an advocacy strategy to deepen the engagement towards a National Action Plan.

## 6 DRC (Dem. Rep. of the Congo)

In December 2017, WILPF DRC celebrated ten years since it officially became part of WILPF. To mark the occasion, between 4-6 December 2017, WILPF DRC brought together women peacemakers for a conference titled '10 years of consolidation of peace in DRC by women, for women and for all', alongside hosting the second WILPF African Regional Meeting of the year.

## 7 Ghana

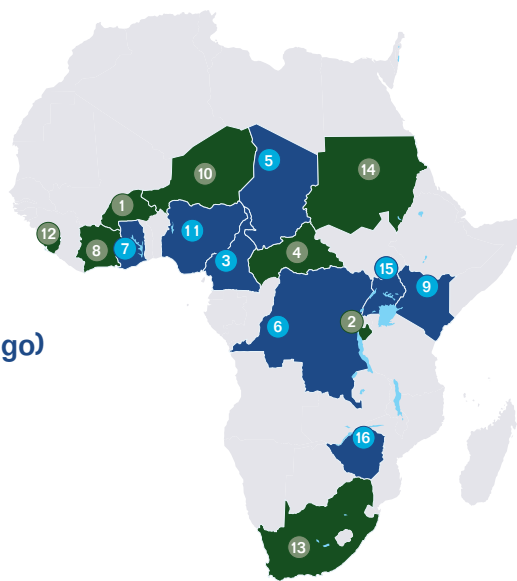
WILPF Ghana became a section in 2015. In 2017, they organised a two-day training programme and a one day workshop under the theme 'Enhancing WILPF end violence against women and girls campaign'. This capacity building and resource mobilisation aimed at training WILPF activists in the strategic planning and implementation of the campaign.

## 8 Ivory Coast Group

WILPF Ivory Coast Group decided to join WILPF in 2018 with the aim of gathering women's efforts on a national level and work towards the establishment of lasting peace. The Group is working on challenging gender injustice by analysing the root causes of violence at the local level. Since its foundation, it has promoted peaceful conflict resolution through peace education and reconciliation.

## 9 Kenya

WILPF Kenya became a Section in August 2018. It envisions a country free from violence and armed conflict, where human rights are protected and women and men are equally empowered and involved in positions of leadership at the local and national levels. The Section sees WILPF's approach to peace as an important tool that could be used in pursuit of long lasting peace in Kenya.



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## 10 Niger Group

One of the newest National Groups, WILPF Niger Group was founded in 2018 with the aim of promoting women's rights and enabling women to play an active role in conflict resolution. Over the past few months, WILPF Niger Group has educated girls and women, raising awareness on their roles, their responsibilities, and the essential contributions they can bring to peace mediation, and peacebuilding processes and negotiations.

## 11 Nigeria

WILPF Nigeria has been a Section since 2011. They are actively working on the implementation of a revised National Action Plan on UN Security Council resolution 1325 and related resolutions in Nigeria.

## 12 Sierra Leone Group

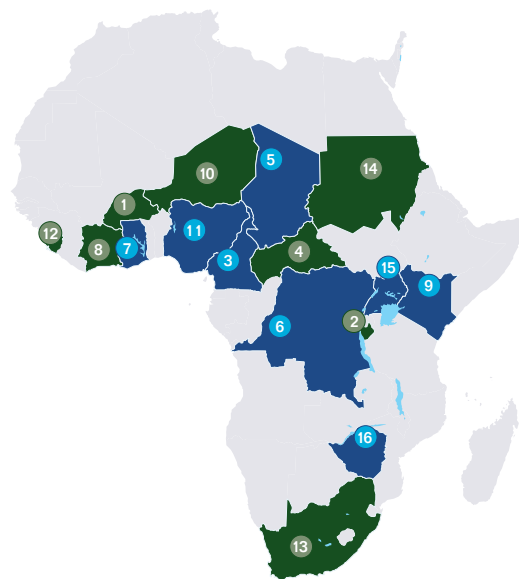
As a new National Group, WILPF Sierra Leone Group is organising itself to become an important civil society actor in the region. The Group has already been involved in several actions aimed at engaging women in sustainable economic activities to alleviate poverty. It has also worked with policymakers to stress the importance of women's rights, and offered training to women, providing them with tools to better advocate for their rights.

## 13 South Africa Group

WILPF South Africa Group has been active for some months and has established good contact with other WILPF Sections in the region. Notably, the Group participated in the African Regional meeting held in Kinshasa (DRC) in 2017. On a national level, the emerging group is organising itself to carry out activities for the promotion of women's rights and contribution towards a just and sustainable peace.

## 15 Uganda

WILPF Uganda became a Section in August 2018. It works to mobilise and sensitise grassroots women in the war-torn area of Luwero Triangle, Uganda. The activities aim at strengthening the Section's in-country presence, building visibility within the community, and enabling women to increase their participation and realise their roles in promoting peace and freedom.



## 14 Sudan Group

WILPF Sudan Group officially joined WILPF in 2018. Since then, the Group has been working on implementing projects and activities on peace education and advocating for better female representation within peace and security issues in the region.

## 16 Zimbabwe

WILPF Zimbabwe became a Section in August 2018. The Section is having a successful dialogue with traditional and political leaders in which they make them realise the importance of women participation in all spheres of life. In the planning, development and implementation of the dialogue, women are at the forefront of the project, focusing on how communities can build peace starting from the household level.