



**MAURITANIAN
PRESIDENCY OF THE
G5 SAHEL**



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Highly positive results in the fight against terrorism

- the G-5 Sahel Joint Force receives substantial EU support (cumulative financial support of 238 million Euros initiated in 2020 by the only EU Trust Fund), which is embodied in equipment of command posts and battalions, in command post infrastructures in each zone and in financial support for the benefit of some 320 officers deployed in multinational CPs.
- the creation of Rapid Action Groups for Surveillance and Intervention in the Sahel (GARSIS) currently comprising some 650 Gendarmes, the first units of which have been deployed since 2018, severely tested, allowed, among other things, the neutralization of 113 terrorists and the arrest of 1,635 suspects.
- the result of the fight against terrorist groups from a strictly military point of view remains very positive in 2020 and a favorable balance of power is now clearly imposed on terrorist groups.

Encouraging results for the implementation of the Emergency Development Program

- The postponement of the debt service moratorium at the end of the year granted by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the G20 remains crucial in the health context of COVID-19, but remains insufficient without treatment, in the medium and long term, of this burden. Thus, the G-5 Sahel continued over the whole year and on all occasions its advocacy for the full cancellation of the external debt.
- The CAPI Emergency Plan, amounting to approximately 70 million euros, still requires the mobilization of resources to complete its financing.
- The Integrated Territorial Development Project (PATI) in the Center zone is well underway with funding of € 16 million from UEMOA and the G-5 Sahel.
- IFAD financing of \$ 180 million for the benefit of the G-5 Sahel countries and Senegal for the "Emergency and Rural Development in the Sahel" project aimed at improving the livelihoods of rural producers with a focus on the most vulnerable groups is starting up.
- The G5 Sahel continued in 2020 the implementation of its development programs with the support of the Sahel Alliance, with which dialogue was maintained very regularly. The results are encouraging regarding the implementation of the Emergency Development Program for which 18 programs out of 21 have actually started and 2 of which have been completed. The disbursement rate, however, remains below expectations.



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Creating and consolidating constructive partnerships



- The G5 Sahel supported the launch of the Coalition for the Sahel.
- The G5 Sahel has capitalized on a political commitment framework now established and consensual and on the implementation of its programmatic plans (PIP, PDU, CAPI).
- The process of organizational reform of the G-5 Sahel Executive Secretariat has been carried out.
- The COVID-19 pandemic, two presidential elections, in Burkina-Faso and Niger, as well as a military coup in Mali have marked the second half of 2020 without affecting the course of the presidency of the G-5 Sahel which had held several meetings at the level of Heads of State and more than ten ministerial meetings of international level.
- The G-5 Sahel strongly consolidated its partnership with the European Union in 2020.
- The G-5 Sahel was able to attract attention and engage international technical and financial partners.
- The G-5 Sahel with the Coalition for the Sahel constitutes a new partnership and a lever for overcoming the challenges of security and sustainable development.

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Progress on governance

- The G-5 Sahel States are working to improve the business climate, and particularly the fight against corruption in a spirit of sound management of public finances and accountability..



- Following Mauritania in 2019, it is a pleasure to note that Burkina Faso and Niger held transparent and democratic presidential elections.
- Regarding the political crisis in Mali, the current presidency of the G-5 Sahel has contributed to the return of constitutional order by dispatching to the military authorities a joint mission composed of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Executive Secretary of the G-5 Sahel.
- In the context of the West African sub-region, it is appropriate to welcome and highlight the progress underway on governance.



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Promotion of social cohesion



Two (2) actions aimed at promoting social cohesion and preventing terrorism have been initiated and will be continued in 2021 in Mauritania and are intended to be carried out subsequently in the other G-5 Sahel countries.

They are relating to:

- An education and awareness-raising program on the prevention of terrorism for the benefit of young people. .
- The organization of the 4th conference on building confidence between the defense and security forces and the populations in the Sahel space.

Strengthening the organizational and institutional framework



Strengthening the organizational and institutional framework of the G-5 Sahel was carried out through:

- Reform of the Executive Secretariat;
- The implementation of monitoring tools.

In addition, the Mauritanian presidency of the G5 Sahel has adopted a monitoring mechanism which includes:

- An inter-ministerial committee;
- A technical cell that works in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the G-5 Sahel, the National Coordination Committees of the G-5 countries and the technical and financial partners.

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