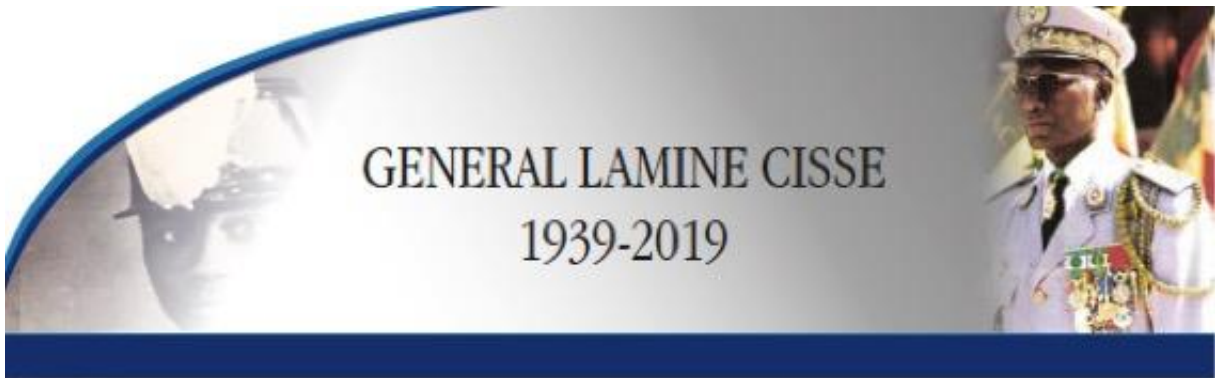


# General Lamine CISSÉ Fellowship



*“Women, Peace & Security” Research Fellowship*

**Rules and Regulations**



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## **Article 1. Background**

### **“GENERAL LAMINE CISSÉ” DAYS – APRIL 17-18, 2020, DAKAR, SENEGAL TRIBUTES, REFLECTIONS AND SYNERGIES FOR PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PATH LAID OUT BY AN EXEMPLARY MAN**

April 19, 2020 will mark the first anniversary of the death of General Lamine Cissé, a personality renowned both in West Africa and internationally, for his commitment and the wide scope of the actions accomplished as part of his successive missions and functions in the pursuit of peace and security, particularly in Senegal and elsewhere in Africa.

Partners West Africa – Senegal (PWA-Senegal) is holding on April 17-18, 2020, two days of tribute and reflection on the work and values of General Lamine Cissé to honor his memory, report on his great career and disseminate his thoughts, which influenced political and military leaders and inspired practitioners and researchers involved in security sector governance, conflict management and resolution and the protection of populations.

Held in collaboration with Senegal’s Ministry of Armed Forces with the support of the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) and the Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) respectively, these events will be structured around three main components:

- 1- A recognition and testimony ceremony;
- 2- A symposium on the theme “Integrity, ethics and good governance for peace and security”.
- 3- An exhibition on General Lamine Cissé’s career.

## **Article 2. Contribution of Partners Network (PartnersGlobal and the two African Centers)**

**PartnersGlobal and Partners West Africa – Nigeria (PWA-N)** will partner with **Partners West Africa – Senegal (PWA-S)** in holding the symposium on “Integrity, Ethics and Good Governance for Peace and Security” through the creation of **two Excellence Fellowships** for targeting **young African women researchers** (doctoral students or young doctors) **and practitioners** working in the field of development/civil society. The fellow will receive a grant equivalent of 1,500,000 CFA (West African franc) to fund her research project. fellowship. **Please note that** the theme of the research fellowships is: **“Women, Peace & Security”**.

This fellowship magnifies General Lamine Cissé’s commitment, through the NGO Partners West Africa – Senegal, to promoting women’s leadership, particularly “Women, Peace and Security” resolutions. General Lamine Cissé has always been interested in the people and their relationship with security stakeholders. By advocating an honest leadership, General Cissé has been the champion of strong and credible security institutions. Their legitimacy in delivering peace and stability was for him one of the major challenges for future African leaders.

### **Article 3. Selected Themes**

This Fellowship is intended to honor the memory of General Lamine Cissé, who died on April 19, 2019. Its purpose is to support African research through the development of innovative work which focuses on issues related to “Women, Peace and Security”, a priority area for the Partners Network.

Indeed, the Security Council has recognized that women, men, boys and girls experience different circumstances in conflict situations. However, while women and girls are hard hit by the destruction of communities and are the targets of particular forms of violence, their participation, needs and priorities are given little consideration in peacebuilding activities.

The United Nations has recognized that the participation of women in peace processes is essential to the establishment and maintenance of peace in the world. Excluding women from these processes has important consequences for the way in which issues of concern to them are addressed, such as issues of violence against women, vulnerable groups and/or children, their citizenship rights, etc.

The United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, on the **roles of women in political decision-making, conflict prevention and resolution**, calls on Member States to ensure the full and equal participation of women in all efforts to maintain and promote peace and security and urges **all actors to increase women’s participation and to mainstream a gender perspective in all areas of peacebuilding**.

This resolution is “very difficult to implement” because of the demands it places on governments, but also on civil society and development partners.

Thus, the Partners Network in Sub-Saharan Africa (**PartnersGlobal, PWAS, and PWAN**) decided to **support two research projects on women-peace-security. One grant will be dedicated a woman in the Defense and Security Forces and the other to a woman practitioner involved in the development sector particularly from civil society.** these two fellowships aim to promote the leadership and promotion of women in the sector of prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa and **in the implementation UN Resolution 1325.**

While promoting innovative methodologies, the work presented should highlight the analysis of the following themes:

- **For the Women in the Defense and Security Forces Fellowship:**
  - An assessment of gender mainstreaming in Defense and Security Forces in Sub-Saharan Africa;
  - An assessment of the obstacles to increase women’s participation and active deployment in UN peacekeeping operations;
  - An assessment of the representation and quality of advancement of women FDS within their corps;

- Diagnosis of the Gender Sectoral Strategy implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa and in specific countries;
- **For the Women in Civil Society Fellowship:**
  - An assessment of African policies which associate all society stakeholders, especially women, in a way that allow them to play an important role as agents of change in the security sector;
  - A study of the factors favoring and/or hindering **women’s efficient involvement in political decision-making processes, conflict prevention and resolution;**
  - An analysis of initiatives integrating women for the consolidation of peace and/or the promotion of social cohesion.
  - An analysis of national and international laws and policies on Women, Peace and Security and their implications for women’s participation and representation in peacekeeping processes and spheres at the national and local levels.

## **Article 4. Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

**Only future or ongoing research projects are eligible for the Fellowship.** The selection criteria applied for the project appraisal are:

1. Applicant’s capacity to carry out quality research (level of education, professional experience, published work, academic support);
2. Relevance and originality of the issue in relation to current security and gender issues;
3. Link to the themes selected for the Fellowship, as specified in Article 3;
4. Methodology and structuring of the work;
5. Analytical development of the project narrative and the planned fieldwork;
6. Interest of the results and the practical impact of contributions.

## **Article 5. Terms and Conditions of Submission**

The Fellowships are intended for the following:

- **For the First Fellowship:** preferentially to women in Defense and Security Forces who wish to pursue their doctoral studies, or are enrolled in a Master’s degree, whose work focuses on African contexts and is related to “Women, Peace and Security”; or who, as part of their professional activities want to explore a field of analysis or research to inform national and institutional defense and security force policies.

- **For the Second Fellowship:** to African Masters or doctoral students or young researchers (who defended their doctoral thesis less than 3 years ago), whose work focuses on African contexts and/or is related to “Women, Peace and Security”; or to practitioners working in the field of

development and civil society who have a research/analysis theme related to Women, Peace and Security to inform institutional and national policies.

## **Article 6. Amount of the Fellowship**

Both Fellowships are worth three thousand US dollars (US \$3,000) or one million five hundred thousand CFA francs (CFA F 1,500,000) each.

In addition to the Fellowship, the research project will be publicized by the organizers of the “GENERAL LAMINE CISSE” DAYS and the Partners Network, which is financing the prize. Selected applicants will work in collaboration with the Partners Network (**Partners**Global, PWA-S, and PWA-N). If necessary, to support the research project, the winner could be admitted to one of the Partners Network Centers in Senegal or Nigeria for a six-month internship.

## **Article 7. Fellowship Panel**

The Fellowship Panel consists of members of the “Integrity, Ethics and Good Governance for Peace and Security” Symposium Scientific Committee, including representatives of the Senegal National Armed Forces, Partners West Africa-Senegal (PWAS), academics, representatives of **Partners**Global, Partners West Africa-Nigeria (PWAN), DCAF, ACSS and CHEDS and well-known personalities in the fields of peace and security, but also in women’s empowerment.

General Mohamadou KÉITA is the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. This body determines, in compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the title of the Fellowship presented as well as the conditions related thereto.

The Fellowship is presented by name to the winner.

After the selection of the fellows, during the April 17-18, 2020 Symposium, the Scientific Committee issues minutes under these Rules & Regulations, making public the fellowships, its title, its amount, the name of the winner as well as payment arrangements for the grant. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee.

## **Article 8. Application Process**

Applicants shall comply with the following:

- Submit the complete application file electronically to PWA-Senegal at: [info@partnerswestafrica.org](mailto:info@partnerswestafrica.org);
- Application Closing Date: **March 15, 2020 at 23:59 GMT**

The application must contain the following files:

- 1 Resume/CV (contact details including home address and possibly institutional address, training, career path and professional project, photograph);
- 1 transcript of the Master's degree and/or the doctoral research proposal approved by the committee members/ or a transcript of the doctoral/PhD diploma;
- 1 Letter of recommendation;
- 1 Copy of a research work already carried out (thesis chapter, scientific article, etc.);
- 1 research proposal for the General Lamine Cissé Fellowship (10 pages) including the following sections, in .doc or .docx format:
  - o Aim/goal of the research;
  - o Research problem;
  - o Research methodology;
- In the appendix of the research project:
  - o Indicative references;
  - o Research timeline;
  - o Estimated research budget.

Incomplete applications or those arriving after the Closing Date will not be considered.

**NOTE: Applications submitted and processed may not be retrieve.**

## **Article 9. Conditions of Fellowship Presentation to the Winner**

As per the minutes provided for in Article 7 hereunder, the winner shall to comply with the conditions for submission of the Fellowship and thus to forward, in addition to the work under the project to the Panel no later than twelve (12) months after the Fellowship presentation and to [info@partnerswestafrica.org](mailto:info@partnerswestafrica.org):

- A 10,000-word article related to the theme of the funded research;
- A proposal of an oral contribution, which can be presented during the 2021 Symposium held by Partners West Africa-Senegal or during a scientific event in collaboration with the Partners Network.

## **Article 10. Fellowship Timeline**

February 10, 2020:	Advertisement of the fellowship
March 15, 2020:	Applications Closing Date
March 27, 2020:	Scientific Committee Meeting and Screening of Submissions
April 18, 2020:	Presentation of the <b>General Lamine Cissé Excellence Fellowship</b>
April 2021:	Submission of Requested Scientific Work